# **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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): September 15, 2010

# **ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-32740 (Commission File Number)

30-0108820 (IRS Employer **Identification Number)** 

3738 Oak Lawn Dallas, Texas 75219

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(214) 981-0700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

#### **Revolving Credit Facility**

On September 20, 2010, Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. ("ETE") entered into a \$200 million five-year senior secured revolving credit facility (the "Credit Agreement") with Credit Suisse AG, as administrative agent and collateral agent, the other lenders party thereto and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as sole lead arranger and sole bookrunner. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement mature on September 20, 2015 and are available for general business purposes.

Under the Credit Agreement, the obligations of ETE are secured by all tangible and intangible assets of ETE and certain of its subsidiaries, including (i) the 50,226,967 common units of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. ("ETP") held by ETE; (ii) ETE's 100% equity interest in the general partner entities of ETP, through which ETE holds the incentive distribution rights in ETP; (iii) the 26,266,791 common units of Regency Energy Partners LP ("Regency"); (iv) ETE's 100% membership interest in ETE GP Acquirer LLC ("ETE Acquirer"); and (v) ETE Acquirer's 100% equity interest in the general partner entities of Regency.

Borrowings under the revolving credit facility bear interest, at ETE's option, at either the Eurodollar rate plus the applicable margin or the base rate plus the applicable margin. The applicable margins are based upon ETE's leverage ratio and range from 2.75% to 3.75% for Eurodollar loans and from 1.75% to 2.75% for base rate loans.

The Credit Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants, including financial covenants regarding a maximum leverage ratio, a maximum consolidated leverage ratio, a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and a minimum loan to value ratio. In addition, the Credit Agreement contains customary events of default, including, but not limited to, (i) default for failure to pay the principal on any Loan or any reimbursement obligation with respect to any letter of credit when due and payable, (ii) failure to duly observe, perform or comply with certain specified covenants, (iii) a representation or warranty made in connection with any loan document proves to have been false or incorrect in any material respect on any date on or as of which made, and (iv) the occurrence of a change of control.

In connection with the Credit Agreement, ETE and certain of its subsidiaries entered into a Pledge and Security Agreement (the "Security Agreement") with Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as collateral agent (the "Collateral Agent"). The Security Agreement secures all of ETE's obligations under the Credit Agreement and grants to the Collateral Agent a continuing first priority lien on, and security interest in, all of ETE's and the other grantors' tangible and intangible assets.

The foregoing description of the Credit Agreement and the Security Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Credit Agreement and the Security Agreement, copies of which are filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and Exhibit 10.2, respectively, and incorporated by reference herein.

#### 7.500% Senior Notes due 2020

**Underwriting Agreement** 

On September 15, 2010, ETE entered into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Banc of America Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and UBS Securities LLC, each acting on behalf of itself and collectively as the representatives of the several underwriters, with respect to the public offering (the "Offering") of \$1,800,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 7.500% senior notes due 2020 (the "Notes"). The Offering was made pursuant to ETE's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-164414) which became effective upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on January 20, 2010.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements by ETE, and customary conditions to closing, indemnification obligations of ETE and the underwriters, including for liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, other obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by

reference to the full text of the Underwriting Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Notes, Indenture and Supplemental Indenture

On September 20, 2010, ETE completed the Offering. ETE expects to receive net proceeds of approximately \$1.77 billion from the Offering, after deducting the underwriters' discount and estimated offering expenses, and intends to use approximately \$142.1 million of the net proceeds to repay all of the indebtedness outstanding under its existing \$500 million revolving credit facility and approximately \$1.45 billion to repay all of the indebtedness outstanding under its term loan facility. In addition, ETE intends to use approximately \$168.6 million of the net proceeds to fund the estimated cost to terminate interest rate swap agreements relating to those outstanding borrowings and the remaining amount of net proceeds for general partnership purposes.

The terms of the Notes are governed by an Indenture dated September 20, 2010 (the "Original Indenture"), as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated September 20, 2010 (the "First Supplemental Indenture" and, together with the Original Indenture, the "Indenture"), between ETE and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee").

Interest on the Notes is payable semi-annually on April 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing April 15, 2011, and the Notes will mature on October 15, 2020. ETE may redeem some or all of the Notes at any time at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes plus a make-whole premium and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. Since the indebtedness under our term loan facility was discharged concurrently with the closing of the Offering, the Notes will be unsecured when issued. Additionally, the Notes initially will not be guaranteed by an of ETE's subsidiaries. The Notes are ETE's senior obligations, ranking equally in right of payment with our other existing and future unsubordinated debt and senior to any of its future subordinated debt.

The Indenture contains customary events of default (each an "Event of Default"). Under the Indenture, Events of Default include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on the Notes;
- (2) default in the payment of principal or premium, if any, on the Notes when due at their stated maturity, upon redemption, upon declaration or otherwise;
- (3) failure by ETE to comply with any of its agreements or covenants relating to merger, consolidation or sale of assets, or in respect of its obligations to make or consummate a change of control offer;
- (4) failure by ETE to comply with its other covenants or agreements in the Indenture applicable to the Notes for 60 days after written notice of default given by the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes;
- (5) default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any indebtedness for money borrowed by ETE or any of its subsidiaries (or the payment of which is guaranteed by ETE or any of its subsidiaries) whether the indebtedness or guarantee now exists, or is created after the issue date of the Notes, if that default both (A) is caused by a failure to pay principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on the indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in the indebtedness on the date of the default (a "Payment Default") and (B) results in the acceleration of the indebtedness prior to its express maturity, and, in each case, the principal amount of any the indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$25.0 million or more; and
- (6) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of ETE or any of its significant subsidiaries or any group of ETE's subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a significant subsidiary.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes may declare the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on all the Notes to be due and payable. Upon such a declaration, such principal and accrued and unpaid interest on all of the Notes will be due and payable immediately. If an Event of Default relating to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization with respect to ETE occurs and is continuing, the principal of, and accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes will become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration of acceleration, notice or other

act on the part of the Trustee or any holders of the Notes. Under certain circumstances, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes may rescind any such acceleration with respect to the Notes and its consequences.

The foregoing description of the Indenture does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Original Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture, copies of which are filed herewith as Exhibit 4.1 and Exhibit 4.2, respectively, and incorporated by reference herein.

#### Relationships

In the ordinary course of their respective businesses, the underwriters and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in commercial banking and/or investment banking transactions with ETE and its affiliates for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

#### Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements of a Registrant.

The information provided in Item 1.01 is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by the exhibits incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Description of the Exhibit

# (d) Exhibits. Exhibit Number

1.1	Underwriting Agreement dated as of September 15, 2010 among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Banc of America Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and UBS Securities LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters.
4.1	Indenture dated September 20, 2010 between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.2	First Supplemental Indenture dated September 20, 2010 between Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (including form of the Notes).
5.1	Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP regarding legality of the Notes.
10.1	Credit Agreement dated as of September 20, 2010 among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., Credit Suisse AG, as administrative agent and collateral agent, the other lenders party thereto and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as sole lead arranger and sole bookrunner.
10.2	Pledge and Security Agreement dated September 20, 2010 among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., the other grantors named therein and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as collateral agent.
23.1	Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).

### **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.

Date: September 20, 2010

**Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.** 

By: LE GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds

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President and Chief Financial Officer

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#### UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

September 15, 2010

CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC
MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED
WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC
BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC
CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.
UBS SECURITIES LLC,
AS Representatives of the
several Underwriters (the "Representatives"),

c/o Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC ("Credit Suisse") Eleven Madison Avenue New York. New York 10010-3629

#### Dear Sirs:

1. *Introductory.* Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"), agrees with the several Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto (the "Underwriters") to issue and sell to the several Underwriters \$1,800,000,000 principal amount of its 7.500% Senior Notes due 2020 ("2020 Notes" or the "Offered Securities"), to be issued under an indenture, to be dated on or around September 20, 2010, between the Partnership and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented through the Closing Date (the "Indenture"). The general partner of the Partnership is LE GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "General Partner" and, together with the Partnership, the "Partnership Entities"); the Partnership Entities, Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("ETP GP LLC"), Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("ETP"), ETE GP Acquirer LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("ETE GP Acquirer"), ETE Services Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Regency GP LLC"), Regency GP LLC, a Delaware limited partnership, and Regency Energy Partners LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Regency"), are hereinafter collectively sometimes referred to as the "Energy Transfer Entities."

The Partnership hereby agrees with the several Underwriters as follows:

- 2. Representations and Warranties of the Partnership. The Partnership represents and warrants to, and agrees with, the several Underwriters that:
- (a) Filing and Effectiveness of Registration Statement; Certain Defined Terms. The Partnership has filed with the Commission an "automatic shelf registration statement" (as defined in Rule 405) on Form S-3 (No. 333-164414), including a related prospectus or prospectuses, covering the registration of the offer and sale of the Offered Securities under the Securities Act, which became effective upon filing with the Commission. "Registration Statement" at any particular time means such registration statement in the form then filed with the Commission, including any amendment thereto, any document incorporated by reference therein and all 430B Information and all 430C Information with respect to such registration statement, that in any case has not been superseded or modified. "Registration Statement" without reference to a time means the Registration Statement as of the Effective Date. For purposes of this definition, 430B

Information shall be considered to be included in the Registration Statement as of the time specified in Rule 430B.

For purposes of this Agreement:

- **"430B Information"** means information included in a prospectus then deemed to be a part of the Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 430B(e) or retroactively deemed to be a part of the Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 430B(f).
  - "430C Information" means information included in a prospectus then deemed to be a part of the Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 430C.
  - "Applicable Time" means 3:30 p.m. (Eastern time) on the date of this Agreement.
  - "Closing Date" has the meaning defined in Section 3 hereof.
  - "Commission" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
- "Effective Date" of the Registration Statement relating to the Offered Securities means the most recent date on which the Registration Statement became effective.
  - "Exchange Act" means the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- **"Final Prospectus**" means the Statutory Prospectus that discloses the public offering price, other 430B Information and other final terms of the Offered Securities and otherwise satisfies Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.
- "General Use Issuer Free Writing Prospectus" means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is intended for general distribution to prospective investors, as evidenced by its being so specified in <u>Schedule B</u> to this Agreement.
- "Issuer Free Writing Prospectus" means any "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, relating to the Offered Securities in the form filed or required to be filed with the Commission or, if not required to be filed, in the form retained in the Partnership's records pursuant to Rule 433(g).
  - "Limited Use Issuer Free Writing Prospectus" means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not a General Use Issuer Free Writing Prospectus.
  - "Rules and Regulations" means the rules and regulations of the Commission.
  - "Securities Act" means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- "Securities Laws" means, collectively, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ("Sarbanes-Oxley"), the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, the Trust Indenture Act, the Rules and Regulations, the auditing principles, rules, standards and practices applicable to auditors of "issuers" (as defined in Sarbanes-Oxley) promulgated or approved by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and, as applicable, the rules of the New York Stock Exchange and the NASDAQ Stock Market ("Exchange Rules").
- "Statutory Prospectus" with reference to any particular time means the prospectus relating to the Offered Securities that is included in the Registration Statement immediately prior to that time, including all 430B Information and all 430C Information with respect to the Registration Statement. For purposes of the foregoing definition, 430B Information shall be considered to be included in the Statutory Prospectus only as of the actual time that form of prospectus (including a prospectus supplement) is filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) and not retroactively.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the United States Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

Any reference to the Registration Statement, any Statutory Prospectus, any preliminary prospectus, the Final Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents, if any, incorporated by reference, or deemed to be incorporated by reference, therein, including, unless the context otherwise requires, the documents, if any, filed as exhibits to such incorporated documents. Any reference herein to the terms "amend," "amendment" or "supplement," with respect to the Registration Statement, any Statutory Prospectus, any preliminary prospectus, the Final Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing of any document under the Exchange Act on or after the initial effective date of the Registration Statement, or the date of such Statutory Prospectus, such preliminary prospectus, the Final Prospectus or such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as the case may be, and deemed to be incorporated therein by reference. Any reference herein to financial statements and schedules and other information that is "contained," "included" or "stated" (or other references of like import) in the General Disclosure Package (as defined herein), including the preliminary prospectus supplement) or Final Prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information that are incorporated by reference in the General Disclosure Package or Final Prospectus, as the case may be. Unless otherwise specified, a reference to a "Rule" is to the indicated rule under the Securities Act..

- (b) Compliance with Securities Act Requirements. (i) (A) On the Effective Date, (B) at the Applicable Time relating to the Offered Securities and (C) on the Closing Date, the Registration Statement conformed and will conform in all respects to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Trust Indenture Act and the Rules and Regulations and did not and will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and (ii) (A) on its date, (B) at the time of filing the Final Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) and (C) on the Closing Date, the Final Prospectus will conform in all respects to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Trust Indenture Act and the Rules and Regulations, and will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The preceding sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from any such document based upon written information furnished to the Partnership by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information is that described as such in Section 8(b) hereof.
- (c) *Ineligible Issuer Status; Well-Known Seasoned Issuer.* (i) At the earliest time after the filing of the Registration Statement that the Partnership or another offering participant made a bona fide offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2)) of the Offered Securities and (ii) at the date of this Agreement, the Partnership was not and is not an "ineligible issuer," as defined in Rule 405, including (x) the Partnership or any subsidiary of the Partnership in the preceding three years not having been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or having been made the subject of a judicial or administrative decree or order as described in Rule 405 and (y) the Partnership in the preceding three years not having been the subject of a bankruptcy petition or insolvency or similar proceeding, not having had a registration statement be the subject of a proceeding under Section 8 of the Securities Act and not being the subject of a proceeding under Section 8A of the Securities Act in connection with the offering of the Offered Securities, all as described in Rule 405. The Partnership has been since the time of the initial filing of the Registration Statement, and continues to be, a "well-known seasoned issuer" as defined in Rule 405, including not having been an "ineligible issuer" as defined in Rule 405 at any such time or date.
- (d) *General Disclosure Package*. As of the Applicable Time, neither (i) the General Use Issuer Free Writing Prospectus(es) issued at or prior to the Applicable Time, the preliminary prospectus supplement, dated September 15, 2010, including the base prospectus, dated January 20, 2010 (which is the most recent Statutory Prospectus distributed to investors generally), and the other information, if any, stated in <u>Schedule B</u> to this Agreement to be included in the General Disclosure Package, all considered together (collectively, the "General Disclosure Package"), nor (ii) any individual Limited Use Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, when considered together with

the General Disclosure Package, included any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The preceding sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from any Statutory Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Partnership by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 8(b) hereof.

- (e) *Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses*. Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as of its issue date and at all subsequent times through the completion of the public offer and sale of the Offered Securities or until any earlier date that the Partnership notified or notifies the Representatives as described in the next sentence, did not, does not and will not include any information that conflicted, conflicts or will conflict with the information then contained in the Registration Statement. If at any time following issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicted or would conflict with the information then contained in the Registration Statement or as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, if republished immediately following such event or development, would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, (i) the Partnership has promptly notified or will promptly notify the Representatives and (ii) the Partnership has promptly amended or will promptly amended or will promptly amended or supplement such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to eliminate or correct such conflict, untrue statement or omission.
- (f) Capitalization. As of the date of this Agreement, the Partnership has an authorized and outstanding equity capitalization as set forth in the section of the preliminary prospectus supplement entitled "Capitalization" (including any similar sections or information, if any, contained in any free writing prospectus), and, as of the Closing Date, the Partnership shall have an authorized and outstanding capitalization as set forth in the section of the Final Prospectus entitled "Capitalization" (including any similar sections or information, if any contained in any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus). All of the issued and outstanding general partner interests, incentive distribution rights, limited partner interests, limited liability company interests and other securities of the Energy Transfer Entities have been duly authorized and are validly issued and are fully paid (to the extent of such entity's limited liability company or limited partnership agreement) and non-assessable (except as such nonassessability may be affected by the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (the "Delaware LLC Act") or the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (the "Delaware LP Act")), have been issued in compliance with all applicable Securities Laws and were not issued in violation of any preemptive right, resale right, right of first refusal or similar right. No further approval or authority of the security holders of the Board of Directors of the General Partner are required for the offering and sale of the Offered Securities. The Partnership's Certificate of Limited Partnership and the Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, as mended by Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 to such agreement, each as incorporated by reference as exhibits to the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, as further amended by Amendment No. 3 to such agreement, as incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commissio
- (g) Formation and Qualification of the Energy Transfer Entities. Each of the Energy Transfer Entities has been duly formed and is validly existing and in good standing as a limited partnership or limited liability company, as the case may be, under the laws of its respective jurisdiction of formation, with full partnership or limited liability company power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package and (i) in the case of the General Partner, to act as the general partner of the

Partnership, (ii) in the case of ETP GP LLC, to act as the general partner of ETP GP LP, (iii) in the case of ETP GP LP, to act as the general partner of ETP, (iv) in the case of Regency GP LP, to act as the general partner of Regency GP LP, (v) in the case of Regency GP LP, to act as the general partner of Regency Energy Partners LP, and (vi) in the case of the Partnership, to issue and deliver the Offered Securities in accordance with and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Indenture, and to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture and the Offered Securities.

- (h) Foreign Qualification and Registration. Each of the Energy Transfer Entities is duly registered or qualified to do business as a foreign limited partnership or limited liability company, as the case may be, and is in good standing in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or the conduct of its business requires such registration or qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. A "Material Adverse Effect" means (i) a material adverse effect on the condition (financial or other), business, properties, results of operations or prospects of the Energy Transfer Entities taken as a whole, (ii) prevent or materially interfere with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Indenture or the Offered Securities, including the offering, on a timely basis; or (iii) subject the limited partners of the Partnership, ETP or Regency to any material liability or disability; insofar as the foregoing representation relates to the registration or qualification of each Energy Transfer Entity, the applicable jurisdictions are set forth on Schedule C hereto.
- (i) Corporate Structure. The entities listed on Schedule D hereto are the only wholly owned subsidiaries, direct or indirect, of the Partnership, ETP or Regency; other than these subsidiaries, the Partnership, ETP and Regency do not own, directly or indirectly, any shares of stock or any other equity interests or long-term debt securities of any corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, association or other entity other than a 49.9% and .1% member interest held indirectly by Regency and ETP, respectively, in Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("MEP"), a 50% member interest held indirectly by ETP in Fayetteville Express Pipeline LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("FEP"), a 50% member interest held indirectly by ETP in Energy Transfer Water Solutions JV, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Water Solutions"), a 50% interest held indirectly by ETP in Fermaca Pipeline Anahauc, S. del R.L. de C.V., a Mexico limited liability company (sociedad responsabilidad de capital variable) ("Fermaca"), a 60% member interest held indirectly by Regency in Edwards Lime Gathering LLC, a Texas limited liability company ("Edwards Lime"), a 49.99% interest held indirectly by Regency in RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co., a Delaware partnership ("RIGS Haynesville"), a 49.99% member interest held indirectly by Regency in RIGS GP LLC, a Delaware limited partnership ("RIGS GP"), and a 49.99% partnership interest held indirectly by Regency in Rigs GP LLC, a Delaware limited partnership ("Regency Intrastate"); complete and correct copies of the formation and governing documents of each of the Energy Transfer Entities and all amendments thereto have been delivered to the Underwriters, and, no changes thereto will be made on or after the date hereof, through and including the Closing Date; and each of the Energy Transfer Entities is in compliance with the laws, orders, rules, regulations and directives issued or administered by such applicable jurisdictions, except where the failure to b
- (j) *Agreement*. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and validly delivered by the Partnership and conforms in all material respects to the information in the General Disclosure Package and the description of this Agreement in the Final Prospectus.
- (k) *No Finder's Fee.* Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Partnership and any person that would give rise to a valid claim against the Partnership or any Underwriter for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or other like payment.

- (l) *Indenture*; *Offered Securities*. The Indenture has been duly authorized by the Partnership; and when the Offered Securities are delivered and paid for pursuant to this Agreement on the Closing Date, the Indenture will have been duly executed and delivered and will conform in all material respects to both the information in the General Disclosure Package and the description of the Indenture in the Final Prospectus, the Offered Securities will have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered, and will conform to both the information in the General Disclosure Package and the description of the Offered Securities contained in the Final Prospectus, and the Indenture and the Offered Securities will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Partnership, with the Offered Securities entitled to the benefits and security provided by the Indenture and both the Indenture and Offered Securities will be enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.
- (m) *No Registration Rights*. Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Partnership Entities and any person granting such person the right to require the Partnership to file a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any securities of the Partnership or to require the Partnership to include such securities with the securities registered pursuant to any registration statement.
- (n) Absence of Existing Defaults and Conflicts. None of the Energy Transfer Entities is (i) in violation of its respective formation, governing or any other organizational documents ("Organizational Documents"), (ii) in breach or violation of any statute, judgment, decree, order, rule or regulation applicable to it or any of its properties or assets, except such breaches or violations that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect or materially impair the ability of the applicable Energy Transfer Entities to perform their obligations under this Agreement, Indenture and the Offered Securities, or (iii) in breach of, default under or violation of (nor has any event occurred that with notice, lapse of time or both would result in any breach of, default under or violation of or give the holder of any indebtedness (or a person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or any part of such indebtedness under) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement or other evidence of indebtedness, or any license, lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which any of them is a party or by which any of them is bound or to which any of the properties of any of them is subject (collectively, "Agreements and Instruments"), except such breaches, defaults or violations that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (o) Absence of Defaults and Conflicts Resulting from Transaction. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Offered Securities by each of the applicable Energy Transfer Entities and the issuance and sale of the Offered Securities and compliance with the terms and provisions thereof does not and will not (i) violate the Organizational Documents of the applicable Energy Transfer Entities or (ii) result in a breach or violation of or constitute a default under, nor has any event occurred that with notice, lapse of time or both would result in any breach or violation of or constitute a default under, or a Debt Repayment Triggering Event (as defined below) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any Lien upon any property or assets of any of the Energy Transfer Entities pursuant to the Organizational Documents, any statute, rule, regulation or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the applicable Energy Transfer Entity or any of their properties, or any Agreements and Instruments, except for breaches, defaults or violations that would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect. A "Debt Repayment Triggering Event" means any event or condition that gives, or with the giving of notice or lapse of time would give, the holder of any note, debenture, or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase,

redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the applicable Energy Transfer Entity or any of its subsidiaries.

- (p) Absence of Further Requirements. No consent, approval, authorization, qualification, or order of, or filing or registration with, any person (including any governmental or regulatory authority, agency or other body or any court with jurisdiction over any of the Energy Transfer Entities or any of the assets or property of any of the Energy Transfer Entities, as well as the security holders of the Partnership Entities) is required for the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Offered Securities by the Partnership, or for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Indenture and the Offered Securities in connection with the offering, issuance and sale of the Offered Securities by the Partnership in the manner contemplated herein and in the General Disclosure Package, except for (i) such consent, approval, authorization, qualification, order, filing or registration as may be required under any applicable state securities or "Blue Sky" laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Offered Securities by the Underwriters, (ii) such consent, approval, authorization, qualification, order, filing or registration that have been, or prior to the Closing Date will be, obtained, and (iii) such consent, approval, authorization, qualification, order, filing or registration, which if not obtained, would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (q) *Title to Property*. Each of the Energy Transfer Entities has good and marketable title to all real property and good title to all personal property described in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus as being owned or to be owned by it, free and clear of any perfected security interest or any other liens, encumbrances, security interests, equities, charges or claims (collectively, "Encumbrances") except (i) as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, (ii) as provided in the Security Agreement dated June 28, 1996, among Heritage Holdings, Inc., Heritage Operating, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("HOLP"), and Wilmington Trust Company (the "Security Agreement"), (iii) as provided in the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement of HOLP, dated August 31, 2006, as amended, and (iv) as do not materially interfere with the use of such properties, taken as a whole, as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, including Encumbrances pursuant to mortgage and/or security agreements given as security for certain non-compete agreements with the prior owners of certain businesses previously acquired by the Energy Transfer Entities.
- (r) *Rights-of-Way*. Each of the Energy Transfer Entities has such consents, easements, rights-of-way or licenses from any person ("**rights-of-way**") as are necessary to enable it to use its pipelines as they have been used in the past and as they are expected to be used in the future as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, subject to such qualifications as may be set forth in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, and except for such rights-of-way the lack of which would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect; and, except as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, or as would not interfere with the operations of the Energy Transfer Entities as conducted on the date hereof to such a material extent that Credit Suisse could reasonably conclude that proceeding with the issuance and sale of the Offered Securities would be inadvisable, none of such rights-of-way contains any restriction that is materially burdensome to the Energy Transfer Entities, taken as a whole.
- (s) *Possession of Intellectual Property*. Each of the Energy Transfer Entities owns, possesses, licenses or can acquire on reasonable terms, adequate trademarks, trade names and other rights to inventions, know-how, patents, copyrights, confidential information and other intellectual property (collectively, "**intellectual property rights**") necessary to conduct the business now operated by them, or presently employed by them, and has not received any notice of infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any intellectual property rights that, if determined adversely to any of the Energy Transfer Entities would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (t) Possession of Licenses and Permits. Each of the Energy Transfer Entities has all necessary licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals (each, a "Permit") and has made all necessary filings required under any applicable law, regulation or rule, and has obtained all necessary Permits from other persons, in order to conduct its business, except for such permits that, if not obtained, would not have a Material Adverse Effect; none of the Energy Transfer Entities is in violation of, or in default under, or has received notice of any proceedings relating to revocation or modification of, any such Permit or any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule or any decree, order or judgment applicable to any of the Energy Transfer Entities, except where such violation, default, revocation or modification would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (u) *Absence of Labor Dispute*. No labor disputes, strikes or work stoppages with or by the employees that are engaged in the businesses of the Energy Transfer Entities exist or, to the knowledge of the Partnership, is imminent or threatened that would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. To the Partnership's knowledge after due inquiry, there has been no violation of any federal, state, local or foreign law relating to discrimination in the hiring, promotion or pay of employees or any applicable wage or hour laws.
- (v) Environmental Laws. Except as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, each of the Energy Transfer Entities and their subsidiaries (i) are in compliance with any and all applicable laws and regulations relating to the protection of human health and safety, the environment or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants ("environmental laws"), (ii) have received and are in compliance with all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable environmental laws to conduct their respective businesses as they are currently being conducted, (iii) have not received written notice of any, and to the knowledge of the Partnership after due inquiry, there are no, pending events or circumstances that could reasonably be expected to form the basis for any actual or potential liability for the investigation or remediation of any disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants, and (iv) are not subject to any pending or, to the knowledge of the Partnership after due inquiry, threatened actions, suits, demands, orders or proceedings relating to any environmental laws against the Energy Transfer Entities (collectively, "Proceedings"), except where such non-compliance with environmental laws, failure to receive required permits, licenses or other approvals, actual or potential liability or Proceedings could not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Except as set forth in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, and except for the Newmark Groundwater Contamination Superfund site (as to which an affiliate of the Partnership received a request for information under Section 104(2) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA") in May 2001), none of the Energy Transfer Entities nor any of their subsidiaries is currently named as a "potentially responsible party" under CERCLA.
- (w) *Accurate Disclosure*. There is no agreement, contract or other document of a character required to be described in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, or to be filed as an exhibit to any documents incorporated therein by reference, which is not described or filed as required; and the statements in (i) the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus under the headings "Description of Debt Securities," "Description of Other Indebtedness," "Description of Notes," "Risk Factors Risks Related to the Business of ETP and Regency ETP is exposed to claims by third parties related to the claims that were previously brought against ETP by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC," and "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations," and (ii) the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 under the captions "Business Natural Gas Operations Segments Regulation," "Business Environmental Matters," "Risk Factors Risks Related to Energy Transfer Partners' Business ETP is exposed to claims by third parties related to the claims that were previously brought against us and ETP by the FERC" and "Legal Proceedings," in each case, insofar as such statements summarize legal matters, agreements,

documents or proceedings discussed therein, are accurate and fair summaries of such legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings as of the date of each such document.

- (x) *Absence of Manipulation*. None of the Partnership Entities nor any of their affiliates has, either alone or with one or more other persons, taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or that would constitute or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Partnership to facilitate the sale or resale of the Offered Securities.
- (y) Statistical and Market-Related Data. All statistical or market-related data included or incorporated by reference in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Partnership believes to be reliable and accurate in all material respects, and the Partnership has obtained the written consent to the use of such data from such sources to the extent required pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Commission.
- (z) *Internal Controls*. Each of the Partnership Entities maintains a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain accountability for assets, (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.
- (aa) Disclosure Controls and Procedures and Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley. Each of the Partnership Entities has established and maintains and evaluates "disclosure controls and procedures" and "internal control over financial reporting" (as such terms are defined in Rule 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act); such disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that material information required to be disclosed by the Partnership Entities in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported to the President and Chief Financial Officer, in the case of the Partnership, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, in the case of ETP, and the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, in the case of Regency, and such disclosure controls and procedures are effective to perform the functions for which they were established; the Partnership's, ETP's and Regency's auditors and the Audit Committees of the Board of Directors of the General Partner, the Board of Directors of ETP GP LLC and the Board of Directors of Regency GP LLC have not been advised of: (A) any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls that could adversely affect the Partnership's, ETP's or Regency's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data; (B) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a role in the Partnership's, ETP's or Regency's internal controls; and (C) any material weaknesses in internal controls that have been identified for the Partnership's, ETP's or Regency's auditors; since the date of the most recent evaluation of such disclosure controls and procedures, there have been no significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses; the principal executive officers (or their equivalents) and principal financial officers (or their equivalents) of the Partnership, ETP and Regency have made all certifications required by Sarbanes-Oxley and any related rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission, and the statements contained in any such certification are complete and correct; and each of the Partnership Entities and the directors and officers of each of the General Partner, ETP GP LLC and Regency GP LLC are in compliance in all material respects with all applicable effective provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission and the NYSE, in the case of each of the General Partner and ETP GP LLC, and The Nasdaq Global Select Market, in the case of Regency, promulgated thereunder.

- (bb) Litigation. Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, there are no actions, suits, claims, investigations or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Partnership after due inquiry, threatened or contemplated to which any of the Energy Transfer Entities or any of their respective directors or officers is or would be a party or of which any of their respective properties is or would be subject at law or in equity, before or by any federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory commission, board, body, authority or agency, or before or by any self-regulatory organization or other non-governmental regulatory authority (including, without limitation, the rules and regulations of the NYSE), except any such action, suit, claim, investigation or proceeding which, if determined adversely to any of the Energy Transfer Entities, would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (cc) *Financial Statements*. The public accountants whose reports are included in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus are independent within the meaning of the Securities Act and by the rules of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). The historical financial statements included in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, together with the related notes and schedules, present fairly in all material respects the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the entities purported to be shown thereby on the basis stated therein as of the respective dates or for the respective periods indicated and have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Securities Act, Exchange Act and the Rules and Regulations thereunder and have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved, except to the extent expressly disclosed therein; and the other financial and statistical data set forth in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus are accurately and fairly presented and prepared on a basis consistent with the financial statements and books and records of the Energy Transfer Entities. No other financial statements are required to be included in the Registration Statement and the General Disclosure Package pursuant to the applicable accounting requirements of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and the Rules and Regulations thereunder.
- (dd) No Material Adverse Change in Business. Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the General Disclosure Package, there has not been (i) any material adverse change, or any development involving, singly or in the aggregate, a prospective material adverse change, in the business, properties, management, financial condition, prospects, net worth or results of operations of the Partnership Entities (individually or in the aggregate), on the one hand, and/or the Energy Transfer Entities (taken as a whole), on the other hand, (ii) any transaction that is material to the Partnership Entities (individually or in the aggregate), on the one hand, and/or the Energy Transfer Entities (taken as a whole), on the other hand, (iii) any obligation or liability, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations), incurred by any of the Energy Transfer Entities that is material to the Partnership Entities (individually or in the aggregate), on the one hand, and/or the Energy Transfer Entities (taken as a whole), on the other hand, (iv) any material change in the capitalization, ownership or outstanding indebtedness of any of the Energy Transfer Entities or (v) any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made on the security interests of any of the Energy Transfer Entities, in each case whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business.
- (ee) *Investment Company Act*. None of the Energy Transfer Entities is now, an "investment company" that is or is required to be registered under Section 8 of the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "**Investment Company Act**"); and none of the Energy Transfer Entities, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Offered Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, will be an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company," as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act.
- (ff) *Regulation X*. None of the Energy Transfer Entities nor any agent thereof acting on their behalf has taken, and none of them will take, any action that might cause this Agreement, the issuance, sale or delivery of the Offered Securities or the application of the proceeds thereof by the Partnership as described in each of the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus to

violate Regulation X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or any other regulation of such Board of Governors.

- (gg) *Ratings*. No "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g) as in effect July 20, 2010, has imposed (or has informed the Partnership Entities that it is considering imposing) any condition (financial or otherwise) on the Partnership's retaining any rating assigned to the Partnership or any securities of the Partnership or (ii) has indicated to the Partnership Entities that it is considering any of the actions described in Section 7(c)(ii) hereof.
  - (hh) Reporting Status. The Partnership, ETP and Regency are each subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.
- (ii) *No Prohibition of Dividends or Distributions*. No Energy Transfer Entity is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, from making distributions in respect of its equity securities or from repaying loans or advances to the Partnership, ETP or Regency, as applicable, except in each case as described in (i) the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, (ii) the Organizational Documents or (iii) the periodic and current reports filed by ETP or Regency with the Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act.
- (jj) *Taxes*. All tax returns required to be filed by the Energy Transfer Entities through the date hereof by the Energy Transfer Entities have been timely filed (or extensions have been timely obtained with respect to such tax returns), and all taxes and other assessments of a similar nature (whether imposed directly or through withholding), including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto, due or claimed to be due from such entities have been timely paid, other than those being contested in good faith and for which adequate reserves have been provided.
- (kk) *ERISA*. No Energy Transfer Entity has any liability for any prohibited transaction or accumulated funding deficiency (within the meaning of Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended) or any complete or partial withdrawal liability with respect to any pension, profit sharing or other plan that is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("**ERISA**"), to which such Energy Transfer Entity makes or ever has made a contribution and in which any employee of such Energy Transfer Entity is or has ever been a participant. With respect to such plans, the Energy Transfer Entities are in compliance in all material respects with all applicable provisions of ERISA.
- (ll) *Insurance*. The Energy Transfer Entities maintain insurance covering their properties, operations, personnel and businesses as the Partnership or relevant Energy Transfer Entity reasonably deems adequate; such insurance insures against such losses and risks to an extent that is adequate in accordance with customary industry practice to protect the Energy Transfer Entities and their businesses; all such insurance is fully in force on the date hereof and will be fully in force at the Closing Date; none of the Energy Transfer Entities has reason to believe that it will not be able to renew any such insurance as and when such insurance expires.
- (mm) *Ownership of the General Partner*. (i) Ray C. Davis owns 18.8% of the issued and outstanding membership interests in the General Partner; (ii) Kelcy L. Warren owns 40.6% of the issued and outstanding membership interests in the General Partner; and (iii) Enterprise GP Holdings L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("EPE"), owns 40.6% of the issued and outstanding membership interests in the General Partner; such membership interests have been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the limited liability company agreement of the General Partner, as in effect at the Closing Date
- (nn) *Ownership of the General Partner Interest in the Partnership.* The General Partner is the sole general partner of the Partnership with a 0.3% general partner interest in the Partnership (the "**GP Interest**"); the GP Interest has been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance

with the partnership agreement of the Partnership, as in effect at the Closing Date, and the General Partner owns such general partner interest free and clear of all Encumbrances.

- (oo) *Ownership of Certain Partnership Interests in the Partnership*. The limited partners of the Partnership own 222,941,172 common units of the Partnership, representing an approximate 99.7% limited partner interest in the Partnership.
- (pp) Ownership of ETP GP LLC. The Partnership owns 100% of the issued and outstanding membership interests in ETP GP LLC; such membership interests have been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the limited liability company agreement of ETP GP and are fully paid (to the extent required under the limited liability company agreement of ETP GP) and non-assessable (except as such non-assessability may be affected by matters described in Sections 18-607 and 18-804 of the Delaware LLC Act); and the Partnership owns such membership interests free and clear of all Encumbrances other than Encumbrances arising under the Partnership Credit Agreements (as defined below).
- (qq) *Ownership of ETP GP LP*. (i) ETP GP LLC is the sole general partner of ETP GP LP, with a 0.01% general partner interest in ETP GP LP; (ii) such general partner interest has been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the partnership agreement of ETP GP LP; (iii) ETP GP LLC owns such general partner interest free and clear of all Encumbrances, other than Encumbrances arising under the Partnership Credit Agreements (as defined below); (iv) the Partnership owns 100% of the Class A limited partner interests of ETP GP LP and 100% of the Class B limited partner interests of ETP GP LP; (v) such limited partner interests have been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the partnership agreement of ETP GP LP and are fully paid (to the extent required under the partnership agreement of ETP GP LP) and non-assessable (except as such non-assessability may be affected by Sections 17-303, 17-607 and 17-804 of the Delaware LP Act and as otherwise described in the General Disclosure Package); and (vi) the Partnership owns its limited partner interests free and clear of all Encumbrances other than Encumbrances arising under the Partnership Credit Agreements (as defined below).
- (rr) *Ownership of the General Partner Interest in ETP*. ETP GP LP is the sole general partner of ETP with an approximate 1.8% general partner interest in ETP (the "ETP GP Interest"); ETP GP LP owns 100% of the incentive distribution rights in ETP; the ETP GP Interest and the incentive distribution rights in ETP (collectively, the "ETP GP LP Interests") have been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the partnership agreement of ETP; and ETP GP LP owns the ETP GP LP Interests free and clear of all Encumbrances, other than Encumbrances arising under the Partnership Credit Agreements (as defined below).
- (ss) Ownership of the Limited Partner Interests in ETP. On the date hereof and on the Closing Date, the issued and outstanding limited partner interests of ETP consist of 191,563,718 common units (the "ETP Common Units"), representing limited partner interests in ETP; on the date hereof and on the Closing Date, the Partnership owns and will own 50,226,967 ETP Common Units, representing approximately a 26.2% limited partner interest (collectively, the "Owned Units"), in each case free and clear of all Encumbrances, other than Encumbrances arising under (i) the \$1.95 billion credit agreement by and among the Partnership, Wachovia Bank, National Association, as administrative agent and the other lenders party thereto (the "Partnership Term Loan and Revolving Credit Agreement") and (ii) the \$200 million credit agreement to be entered into by and among the Partnership, Credit Suisse, Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as administrative agent, and the other lenders party thereto as of the Closing Date (the "Partnership Revolving Credit Agreement" and together with the Partnership Term Loan and Revolving Credit Agreement, the "Partnership Credit Agreements"); all of the Owned Units and the limited partner interests represented by the ETP Common Units, included therein have been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of ETP, as amended (the "ETP Partnership Agreement"), and are fully paid (to the extent required under the ETP Partnership Agreement) and non-assessable (except as

such non-assessability may be affected by Sections 17-303, 17-607 and 17-804 of the Delaware LP Act and as otherwise disclosed in the General Disclosure Package).

- (tt) *Ownership of ETE Services*. The Partnership owns 100% of the issued and outstanding membership interests in ETE Services; such membership interests have been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the ETE Services LLC Agreement and are fully paid (to the extent required under the ETE Services LLC Agreement) and non-assessable (except as such non-assessability may be affected by matters described in Section 18-607 and 18-804 of the Delaware LLC Act); and the Partnership owns such membership interests free and clear of all Encumbrances other than Encumbrances arising under the Partnership Credit Agreements.
- (uu) *Ownership of ETE GP Acquirer*. The Partnership owns 100% of the issued and outstanding membership interests in ETE GP Acquirer; such membership interests have been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the ETE GP Acquirer LLC Agreement and are fully paid (to the extent required under the ETE GP Acquirer LLC Agreement) and non-assessable (except as such non-assessability may be affected by matters described in Section 18-607 and 18-804 of the Delaware LLC Act); and the Partnership owns such membership interests free and clear of all Encumbrances other than Encumbrances arising under the Partnership Credit Agreements.
- (vv) Ownership of Regency GP LLC. ETE GP Acquirer owns 100% of the issued and outstanding membership interests in Regency GP LLC; such membership interests have been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the limited liability company agreement of Regency GP LLC and are fully paid (to the extent required under the limited liability company agreement of Regency GP LLC) and non-assessable (except as such non-assessability may be affected by matters described in Section 18-607 and 18-804 of the Delaware LLC Act); and ETE GP Acquirer owns such membership interests free and clear of all Encumbrances other than Encumbrances arising under the Partnership Credit Agreements.
- (ww) *Ownership of the Limited Partner Interests in Regency GP LP*. ETE GP Acquirer owns a 99.999% limited partner interest in Regency GP LP (the "Regency GP LP Interest"); the Regency GP LP Interest has been duly and validly authorized in accordance with the partnership agreement of Regency GP LP; and ETE GP Acquirer owns the Regency GP LP Interest free and clear of all Encumbrances, other than those Encumbrances arising under the Partnership Credit Agreements.
- (xx) Ownership of the General Partner Interest in Regency GP LP. Regency GP LLC is the sole general partner of Regency GP LP with an approximate 0.001% general partner interest in Regency GP LP (the "Regency General Partner Interest"); the Regency General Partner Interest has been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the partnership agreement of Regency GP LP; and Regency GP LLC owns the Regency General Partner Interest free and clear of all Encumbrances, other than those Encumbrances arising under the Partnership Credit Agreements.
- (yy) Ownership of the Limited Partner Interests in Regency. On the date hereof and on the Closing Date, the issued and outstanding limited partner interests of Regency consist of 137,156,204 common units (the "Regency Common Units"), representing limited partner interests in Regency; on the date hereof and on the Closing Date, the Partnership owns and will own 26,266,791 Regency Common Units, representing approximately a 19.2% limited partner interest (collectively, the "Regency Owned Units"), in each case free and clear of all Encumbrances, other than Encumbrances arising under the partnership agreement of Regency, as amended (the "Regency Partnership Agreement") and the Partnership Credit Agreement; all of the Regency Owned Units and the limited partner interests represented by the Regency Common Units included therein have been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the Regency Partnership Agreement and are fully paid (to the extent required under the Regency Partnership Agreement) and non-assessable (except as such non-assessability may be affected by

Sections 17-303, 17-607 and 17-804 of the Delaware LP Act and as otherwise disclosed in the filings by Regency with the Commission).

(zz) Ownership of the General Partner Interest in Regency. Regency GP LP is the sole general partner of Regency with an approximate 2.0% general partner interest in Regency (the "Regency GP Interest"); Regency GP LP owns 100% of the incentive distribution rights in Regency; the Regency GP Interest and the incentive distribution rights in Regency (collectively, the "Regency GP LP Interests") have been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the Regency Partnership Agreement; and Regency GP LP owns the Regency GP LP Interests free and clear of all Encumbrances, other than Encumbrances arising under Section 4.8 of the Partnership Agreement.

(aaa) Ownership of Subsidiaries. All the outstanding shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests and partner interests of each of the subsidiaries of the Partnership, ETP and Regency direct and indirect, have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid (to the extent required under their respective partnership agreement, limited liability company agreement or other organizational documents) and nonassessable (except as such nonassessability may be affected by Sections 18-607 and 18-804 of the Delaware LLC Act, Sections 17-303, 17-607 and 17-804 of the Delaware LP Act), or Section 101.206, 153.102 and 153.210 of the Texas Business Organizations Code; and, except (i) as provided in the Security Agreement, (ii) for MEP (in which ETP indirectly owns a .1% membership interest and Regency indirectly owns a 49.9% membership interest), (iii) for FEP (in which ETP indirectly owns a 50% membership interest), (iv) Water Solutions (in which ETP indirectly owns a 50% interest), (v) Fermaca (in which ETP indirectly owns a 50% membership interest), (vi) for Edwards Lime (in which Regency indirectly owns a 60% membership interest), (vii) for RIGS Haynesville (in which Regency indirectly owns a 49.99% interest), (viii) for RIGS GP (in which Regency indirectly owns a 49.99% membership interest), (ix) for Regency Intrastate (in which Regency indirectly owns a 49.99% limited partnership interest), and (x) as provided in the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement of HOLP dated as of August 31, 2006, as amended, the Partnership, ETP and Regency, respectively, own all of such shares and interests, directly or indirectly, free and clear of any perfected security interest or any other Encumbrances. ETP and Regency, through their respective 100%-owned subsidiaries, Energy Transfer Interstate Holdings LLC and Regency Midcontinent Express Pipeline I LLC, own a .1% and 49.9% membership interest, respectively, in MEP; such limited liability company interest has been duly authorized and validly issued and is fully paid (to the extent required under the limited liability company agreement of MEP) and nonassessable (except as such nonassessability may be affected by Section 18-607 of the Delaware LLC Act); and Energy Transfer Interstate Holdings LLC owns such limited liability company interest free and clear of any perfected security interest or any other Encumbrances. ETP, through its 100%-owned subsidiary ETC Fayetteville Express Pipeline, LLC, owns a 50% limited liability company interest in FEP; such limited liability company interest has been duly authorized and validly issued and is fully paid (to the extent required under the limited liability company agreement of FEP) and non-assessable (except as such non-assessability may be affected by Sections 18-607 and 18-804 of the Delaware LLC Act); and ETC Fayetteville Express Pipeline, LLC owns such limited liability company interest free and clear of any perfected security interest or any other Encumbrances.

(bbb) *No Business Interruptions*. None of the Energy Transfer Entities has sustained since the date of the last audited financial statements included in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus any material loss or interference with its respective business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree.

(ccc) *Non-Renewal of Agreements; No Third-Party Defaults*. Except as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, none of the Energy Transfer Entities has sent or received any communication regarding termination of, or intent not to renew, any of the contracts or agreements included as an exhibit to the General Disclosure Package and the Final

Prospectus, and no such termination or non-renewal has been threatened by any of the Energy Transfer Entities. To the knowledge of the Partnership, no third party to any indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note agreement, loan agreement or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which any of the Energy Transfer Entities or any of their subsidiaries is a party or bound or to which their respective properties are subject, is in breach, default or violation under any agreement (and no event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both would constitute such an event, which breach, default or violation would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(ddd) *Solvency of the Partnership*. As of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, immediately prior to and immediately following the consummation of the offering of the Offered Securities, the Partnership is and will be Solvent. As used herein, "Solvent" shall mean, for the Partnership on a particular date, that on such date (i) the fair value of the property of the Partnership is greater than the total amount of liabilities, including, without limitation, contingent liabilities, of the Partnership, (ii) the present fair salable value of the assets of the Partnership is not less than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of the Partnership on its debts as they become absolute and matured, (iii) the Partnership does not intend to, and does not believe that it will, incur debts and liabilities beyond the Partnership's ability to pay as such debts and liabilities mature, (iv) the Partnership is not engaged in a business or a transaction, and is not about to engage in a business or a transaction, for which the Partnership's property would constitute an unreasonably small capital and (v) the Partnership is able to pay its debts as they become due and payable.

Each certificate signed by any officer of a Partnership Entity and delivered to the Underwriters or counsel for the Underwriters pursuant to, or in connection with, this Agreement shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by such Partnership Entity to the Underwriters as to matters covered by such certificate.

3. *Purchase, Sale and Delivery of Offered Securities*. On the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Partnership agrees to sell to the several Underwriters, and each of the Underwriters agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Partnership, the respective principal amounts of the Offered Securities set forth opposite the names of the several Underwriters in <u>Schedule A</u> hereto at a purchase price of 98.4896% of the principal amount of the 2020 Notes, plus accrued interest from the Closing Date (as defined herein).

The Partnership will deliver the Offered Securities to or as instructed by the Representatives for the accounts of the several Underwriters in a form reasonably acceptable to the Representatives against payment of the purchase price by the Underwriters in Federal (same day) funds by wire transfer to an account at a bank acceptable to the Representatives at the office of Andrews Kurth LLP, at 9:00 a.m., Houston time, on September 20, 2010 or at such other time not later than seven full business days thereafter as the Representatives and the Partnership determine, such time being herein referred to as the "Closing Date". The Offered Securities so to be delivered or evidence of their issuance will be made available for checking at the above office of Andrews Kurth LLP at least 24 hours prior to the Closing Date.

- 4. Offering by the Underwriters. It is understood that the several Underwriters propose to offer the Offered Securities for sale to the public as set forth in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus.
  - 5. Certain Agreements of the Partnership. The Partnership agrees with the several Underwriters that:
  - (a) *Filing of Prospectuses*. The Partnership has filed or will file each Statutory Prospectus (including the Final Prospectus) pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 424(b)(2) (or, if applicable and consented to by the Representatives, subparagraph (5)) not later than the second business day following the earlier of the date it is first used or the execution and delivery of this Agreement. The Partnership has complied and will comply with Rule 433.

- (b) Filing of Amendments; Response to Commission Requests. Until the completion of the public offer and sale of the Offered Securities contemplated hereby, the Partnership will promptly advise the Representatives of any proposal to amend or supplement the Registration Statement or any Statutory Prospectus at any time and will offer the Representatives a reasonable opportunity to comment on any such amendment or supplement. The Partnership will also advise the Representatives promptly of (i) the filing of any such amendment or supplement, (ii) any request by the Commission or its staff for any amendment to the Registration Statement, for any supplement to any Statutory Prospectus or for any additional information, (iii) the institution by the Commission of any stop order proceedings in respect of the Registration Statement or the threatening of any proceeding for that purpose and (iv) the receipt by the Partnership of any notification with respect to the suspension of the Qualification of the Offered Securities in any jurisdiction or the institution or threatening of any proceedings for such purpose. The Partnership will use its best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such stop order or the suspension of any such qualification and, if issued, to obtain as soon as possible the withdrawal thereof.
- (c) Continued Compliance with the Securities Laws. If, at any time when a prospectus relating to the Offered Securities is (or but for the exemption in Rule 172 would be) required to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Underwriter or dealer, there occurs an event or development as a result of which the Final Prospectus as then amended or supplemented included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or if it is necessary at any time to amend the Registration Statement or supplement the Final Prospectus to comply with the Securities Act, the Partnership promptly will notify the Representatives of such event and promptly will prepare and file with the Commission and furnish, at its own expense, to the Underwriters and the dealers and to any other dealers at the request of the Representatives, an amendment or supplement that will correct such statement or omission. Neither the Representatives' consent to, nor the Underwriters' delivery to offerees or investors of, any such amendment or supplement shall constitute a waiver of any of the conditions set forth in Section 7 hereof.
- (d) *Furnishing of Prospectuses*. The Partnership will furnish to the Underwriters, without charge, copies of the Registration Statement, including all exhibits, any Statutory Prospectus, the Final Prospectus, each other document comprising a part of the General Disclosure Package, and all amendments and supplements to such documents, in each case as soon as available and in such quantities as the Underwriters reasonably request. The Partnership will pay the expenses of printing and distributing to the Underwriters all such documents.
- (e) *Rule 158*. As soon as practicable, but not later than 16 months, after the date of this Agreement, the Partnership will make generally available to its securityholders an earnings statement covering a period of at least 12 months beginning after the date of this Agreement and satisfying the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158.
- (f) *Blue Sky Qualifications*. The Partnership will arrange for the qualification of the Offered Securities for sale and the determination of their eligibility for investment under the laws of such jurisdictions in the United States and Canada as the Representatives designate and will continue such qualifications in effect so long as required for the distribution, *provided* that the Partnership will not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified, to register or qualify as a dealer in securities or to file a general consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction or subject itself to taxation in excess of a nominal dollar amount in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject.
- (g) *Reporting Requirements*. For so long as the Offered Securities remain outstanding, the Partnership will furnish to the Representatives and, upon request, to each of the other Underwriters, as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year, a copy of its annual report to holders of its limited partnership units for such year; and the Partnership will furnish to the

Representatives and, upon request, to each of the other Underwriters (i) as soon as available, a copy of each report and any definitive proxy statement of the Partnership filed with the Commission under the Exchange Act or mailed to holders of the Partnership's limited partnership units, (ii) copies of all reports and other communications (financial or otherwise) furnished by the Partnership to the Trustee or to the holders of the Offered Securities, and (iii) from time to time, such other information concerning the Partnership as the Representatives may reasonably request. However, so long as the Partnership is subject to the reporting requirements of either Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and is timely filing reports with the Commission on its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system ("EDGAR"), it is not required to furnish such reports or statements to the Underwriters.

- (h) *DTC-Eligibility*. The Partnership will use its best efforts to permit the Offered Securities to be eligible for clearance and settlement through The Depository Trust Company ("**DTC**").
- (i) Payment of Expenses. Whether or not the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated, the Partnership will pay all costs, expenses, fees and disbursements incidental to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and the Indenture, including but not limited to: (i) the fees and expenses of the Trustee and its professional advisers; (ii) all expenses in connection with the execution, issue, authentication, packaging and initial delivery of the Offered Securities, the preparation and printing of this Agreement, the Offered Securities, the Indenture, the preliminary prospectus supplement, any other documents comprising any part of the General Disclosure Package, the Final Prospectus, all amendments and supplements thereto, and any other document relating to the issuance, offer, sale and delivery of the Offered Securities; (iii) the cost of any advertising approved by the Partnership in connection with the issue of the Offered Securities; (iv) any expenses (including fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters) incurred in connection with qualification of the Offered Securities for sale under the laws of such jurisdictions in the United States and Canada as the Representatives designate and the preparation and printing of memoranda relating thereto; (v) any fees charged by investment rating agencies for the rating of the Offered Securities; and (vi) expenses incurred in distributing the preliminary prospectus supplement, any other documents comprising any part of the General Disclosure Package, the Final Prospectus (including any amendments and supplements thereto) and any other document relating to the issuance, offer, sale and delivery of the Offered Securities. The Partnership will also pay or reimburse the Underwriters (to the extent incurred by them) for costs and expenses of the Underwriters and the Partnership's officers and employees and any other expenses of the Underwriters and the Partnership relating to investor presentations on any "road show" in connection with the offering and sale of the Offered Securities including, without limitation, any travel expenses of the Partnership's officers and employees and any other expenses of the Partnership, including the chartering of airplanes.
- (j) *Use of Proceeds*. The Partnership will use the net proceeds received in connection with this offering in the manner described in the "Use of Proceeds" section of the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus and, except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, the Partnership does not intend to use any of the proceeds from the sale of the Offered Securities hereunder to repay any outstanding debt owed to any affiliate of any Underwriter.
- (k) *Absence of Manipulation*. Neither the Partnership nor any of its affiliates will take, either alone or with one or more other persons, any action that would constitute or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any securities of the Partnership to facilitate the sale or resale of the Offered Securities.
- (l) Conditions Under this Agreement. The Partnership will do and perform all things required to be done and performed under this Agreement by it and satisfy all conditions precedent on its part to the delivery of the Offered Securities.

- (m) *Restriction on Sale of Securities*. For a period beginning on the date hereof and ending 30 days after the Closing Date, the Partnership will not, directly or indirectly, offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of, or file with the Commission a registration statement under the Securities Act relating to, any United States dollar-denominated debt securities issued or guaranteed by the Partnership and having a maturity of more than one year from the date of issue or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any of its securities, or publicly disclose the intention to make any such offer, sale, pledge, disposition or filing without the prior written consent of the Representatives.
- (n) *Filing Fees*. The Partnership will pay the applicable Commission filing fees relating to the Offered Securities within the time required by Rule 456(b)(1) of the Rules and Regulations without regard to the proviso therein.

#### 6. Free Writing Prospectuses.

- (a) Issuer Free Writing Prospectus. The Partnership represents and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior consent of Credit Suisse, and each Underwriter represents and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior consent of the Partnership and Credit Suisse, it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Offered Securities that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 405, required to be filed with the Commission. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by the Partnership and Credit Suisse is hereinafter referred to as a "**Permitted Free Writing Prospectus**." The Partnership represents that it has treated and agrees that it will treat each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, and has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rules 164 and 433 applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including timely filing with the Commission where required, legending and record keeping.
- (b) *Term Sheets*. The Partnership will prepare a final term sheet substantially in the form of Exhibit B-1 to Schedule B hereto relating to the Offered Securities containing only information that describes the final terms of the Offered Securities or their offering and otherwise in a form consented to by Credit Suisse, and will file such final term sheet with the Commission within the period required by Rule 433(d)(5)(ii) following the date such final terms have been established for the Offered Securities. Any such final term sheet is an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and a Permitted Free Writing Prospectus for purposes of this Agreement. The Partnership also consents to the use by any Underwriters of a free writing prospectus that contains only (i)(A) information describing the preliminary terms of the Offered Securities or their offering, (B) information permitted by Rule 134, or (C) information that describes the final terms of the Offered Securities or their offering and that is included in the final term sheet of the Partnership contemplated in the first sentence of this subsection or (ii) other information that is not "issuer information," as defined in Rule 433, it being understood that any such free writing prospectus referred to in clause (i) or (ii) above shall not be an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus for purposes of this Agreement.
- 7. Conditions of the Obligations of the Underwriters. The obligations of the several Underwriters to purchase and pay for the Offered Securities on the Closing Date will be subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Partnership herein (as though made on the Closing Date), to the accuracy of the statements of officers of the Partnership Entities made pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Partnership of its obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions precedent:
  - (a) *Accountants' Comfort Letter*. At the time of execution of this Agreement, the Underwriters shall have received from each of Grant Thornton LLP and KPMG LLP a letter, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, addressed to the Underwriters and dated the date hereof (i) confirming that they are independent public accountants within the meaning of the Securities Act and are in compliance with the applicable requirements relating to the qualification of accountants under Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X of the Commission, and (ii)

stating, as of the date hereof (or, with respect to matters involving changes or developments since the respective dates as of which specified financial information is given in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, as of a date not more than five days prior to the date hereof), the conclusions and findings of such firm with respect to the financial information and other matters ordinarily covered by accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters in connection with public offerings of securities.

With respect to the letters of Grant Thornton LLP and KPMG LLP referred to in the preceding paragraph and delivered to the Underwriters concurrently with the execution of this Agreement (the "initial letter"), the Partnership shall have furnished to the Underwriters a letter (the "bring-down letter") of each of Grant Thornton LLP and KPMG LLP, addressed to the Underwriters and dated the Closing Date (i) confirming that they are independent public accountants within the meaning of the Securities Act and are in compliance with the applicable requirements relating to the qualification of accountants under Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X of the Commission, (ii) stating, as of the date of the bring-down letter (or, with respect to matters involving changes or developments since the respective dates as of which specified financial information is given in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, as of a date not more than five days prior to the date of the bring-down letter), the conclusions and findings of such firm with respect to the financial information and other matters covered by the initial letter and (iii) confirming in all material respects the conclusions and findings set forth in the initial letter.

- (b) *Filing of Prospectus*. The Final Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with the Rules and Regulations and Section 5(a) hereof. No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of any part thereof shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or, to the knowledge of the Partnership or any Underwriter, shall be contemplated by the Commission.
- (c) No Material Adverse Change. Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, there shall not have occurred: (i) any change, or any development or event involving a prospective change, in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of any of the Partnership and its subsidiaries taken as a whole which, in the judgment of the Representatives, is material and adverse and makes it impractical or inadvisable to market the Offered Securities; (ii) any downgrading in the rating of any debt securities of the Partnership by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined for purposes of Rule 436(g) as in effect on July 20, 2010), or any public announcement that any such organization has under surveillance or review its rating of any debt securities of the Partnership (other than an announcement with positive implications of a possible upgrading, and no implication of a possible downgrading, of such rating) or any announcement that the Partnership has been placed on negative outlook; (iii) any change in U.S. or international financial, political or economic conditions or currency exchange rates or exchange controls the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representatives, impractical to market or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Offered Securities, whether in the primary market or in respect of dealings in the secondary market; (iv) any suspension or material limitation of trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange, or any setting of minimum or maximum prices for trading on such exchange; (v) any suspension of trading of any securities of the Partnership on any exchange or in the over-the-counter market; (vi) any banking moratorium declared by any U.S. federal or New York authorities; (vii) any major disruption of settlements of securities, payment, or clearance services in the United States; or (viii) any attack on, outbreak or escalation of hostilities or act of terrorism involving the United States, any declaration of war by Congress or any other national or international calamity or emergency if, in the judgment of the Representatives, the effect of any such attack, outbreak, escalation, act, declaration, calamity or emergency is such as to make it in the judgment of the Representatives impractical or inadvisable to market the Offered Securities or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Offered Securities.

- (d) *Opinion of Counsel for the Partnership.* The Underwriters shall have received an opinion, dated as of the Closing Date, of Latham & Watkins LLP, counsel for the Partnership, that is substantially to the effect set forth in <u>Schedule E</u> hereto.
- (e) *Opinion of Counsel for the Underwriters*. The Underwriters shall have received from Andrews Kurth LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, such opinion or opinions, dated the Closing Date, with respect to such matters as the Representatives may require, and the Partnership shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they request for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.
- (f) Officers' Certificate. The Underwriters shall have received a certificate, dated as of the Closing Date, of a principal executive officer and a principal financial or accounting officer of the General Partner in which such officers shall state that: (i) the representations and warranties of the Partnership in this Agreement are true and correct; (ii) the Partnership has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to the Closing Date; (iii) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or, to the best of their knowledge and after reasonable investigation, are contemplated by the Commission; and (iv) subsequent to the date of the most recent financial statements in the General Disclosure Package, there has been no material adverse change, nor any development or event involving a prospective material adverse change, in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of each of the Partnership Entities and its respective subsidiaries taken as a whole except as set forth in the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus.
  - (g) Indenture. The Partnership and the Trustee shall have executed the Indenture and the Underwriters shall have received copies thereof.
- (h) *Compliance with DTC Blanket Representation Letter*. All agreements set forth in the blanket letter of representations of the Partnership to DTC relating to the approval of the Offered Securities by DTC for "book entry" transfer shall have been complied with.

Each of the Partnership Entities, as applicable, will furnish the Underwriters with such conformed copies of such opinions, certificates, letters and documents as the Underwriters reasonably request. Credit Suisse may in its sole discretion waive on behalf of the Underwriters compliance with any conditions to the obligations of the Underwriters hereunder.

8. Indemnification and Contribution. (a) Indemnification of Underwriters. The Partnership shall indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its officers, employees, agents, partners, members, directors and affiliates of any Underwriter who have, or who are alleged to have, participated in the distribution of the Offered Securities as underwriters, and each person, if any, who controls such Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act (each, an "Indemnified Party"), against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which such Indemnified Party may become subject, under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, other Federal or state statutory law or regulation or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in any part of the Registration Statement at any time, any Statutory Prospectus (which term includes any base prospectus and any preliminary prospectus supplement) as of any time, the Final Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the case of any Statutory Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and will reimburse each Indemnified Party for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Indemnified Party in connection with investigating, preparing or defending against any loss, claim, damage, liability, action, litigation, investigation or proceeding whatsoever (whether or not such Indemnified Party is a party thereto), whether threatened or commenced, and in connection with the enforcement of this provision with respect to any of the above as such expenses are incurred; provided, however, that the Partne

liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement in or omission or alleged omission from any of such documents in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Partnership by any Underwriter through Credit Suisse specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information consists of the information described as such in subsection (b) below.

(b) Indemnification of Partnership. Each Underwriter shall severally and not jointly indemnify and hold harmless the Partnership, its directors and officers and each person, if any, who controls the Partnership within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act (each, an "Underwriter Indemnified Party"), against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which such Underwriter Indemnified Party may become subject, under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, other Federal or state statutory law or regulation or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in any part of the Registration Statement at any time, any Statutory Prospectus (which term includes any base prospectus and any preliminary prospectus supplement) as of any time, the Final Prospectus, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or the alleged omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the case of any Statutory Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Partnership by any Underwriter through Credit Suisse specifically for use therein, and will reimburse any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Underwriter Indemnified Party in connection with investigating, preparing or defending against any such loss, claim, damage, liability, action, litigation, investigation or proceeding whatsoever (whether or not such Underwriter Indemnified Party is a party thereto), whether threatened or commenced, based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission as such expenses are incurred, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter consists of the following information in the Final Prospectus furnished on behalf of each Underwriter: (i) the statements regarding the concession and reallowance figures appearing in the third paragraph under the caption "Underwriting" and (ii) the information relating to stabilization appearing in the sixth paragraph under the caption "Underwriting," provided, however, that the Underwriters shall not be liable for any losses, claims, damages or liabilities arising out of or based upon the Partnership's failure to perform its obligations under Sections 5(a), (b) or (c) of this Agreement.

(c) Actions against Parties; Notification. Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under subsection (a) or (b) above, notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof; but the failure to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have under subsection (a) or (b) above except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced (through the forfeiture of substantive rights or defenses) by such failure; and provided further that the failure to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have to an indemnified party otherwise than under subsection (a) or (b) above. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party and it notifies the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it may wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party (who shall not, except with the consent of the indemnified party, be counsel to the indemnifying party), and after notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened action in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party unless such settlement includes (i) an unconditional release of such

matter of such action and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

- (d) Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in this Section is unavailable or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under subsection (a) or (b) above, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to in subsection (a) or (b) above (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Partnership on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Offered Securities or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Partnership on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Partnership on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Partnership bear to the total discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters from the Partnership under this Agreement. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Partnership or the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such untrue statement or omission. The amount paid by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to in the first sentence of this subsection (d) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any action or claim which is the subject of this subsection (d). Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (d), no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Offered Securities purchased by it were resold exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. The Underwriters' obligations in this subsection (d) to contribute are several in proportion to their respective purchase obligations and not joint. The Partnership and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8(d) were determined by *pro rata* allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in this Section 8(d).
- 9. Default of Underwriters. If any Underwriter or Underwriters default in their obligations to purchase Offered Securities hereunder and the aggregate principal amount of Offered Securities that such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase does not exceed 10% of the total principal amount of Offered Securities, Credit Suisse may make arrangements satisfactory to the Partnership for the purchase of such Offered Securities by other persons, including any of the Underwriters, but if no such arrangements are made by the Closing Date, the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated severally, in proportion to their respective commitments hereunder, to purchase the Offered Securities that such defaulting Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase. If any Underwriter or Underwriters so default and the aggregate principal amount of Offered Securities with respect to which such default or defaults occur exceeds 10% of the total principal amount of Offered Securities and arrangements satisfactory to Credit Suisse and the Partnership for the purchase of such Offered Securities by other persons are not made within 36 hours after such default, this Agreement will terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter or the Partnership, except as provided in Section 10. As used in this Agreement, the term "Underwriter" includes any person substituted for a Underwriter under this Section. Nothing herein will relieve a defaulting Underwriter from liability for its default.
- 10. Survival of Certain Representations and Obligations. The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Partnership or its officers and of the several Underwriters set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation, or statement as to the results thereof, made by or on behalf of any Underwriter, the Partnership or any of its representatives, officers or directors or any controlling person, and will survive delivery of and payment for the Offered Securities. If this Agreement is terminated

pursuant to Section 9 or if for any reason the purchase of the Offered Securities by the Underwriters is not consummated, the Partnership shall remain responsible for the expenses to be paid or reimbursed by it pursuant to Section 5 and the respective obligations of the Partnership and the Underwriters pursuant to Section 8 shall remain in effect. If the purchase of the Offered Securities by the Underwriters is not consummated for any reason other than solely because of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 9 or the occurrence of any event specified in clause (iii), (iv), (vii) or (viii) of Section 7(c), the Partnership will reimburse the Underwriters for all out-of-pocket expenses (including fees and disbursements of counsel) reasonably incurred by them in connection with the offering of the Offered Securities.

- 11. *Notices*. All communications hereunder will be in writing and, if sent to the Underwriters will be mailed, delivered or telegraphed and confirmed to the Underwriters, c/o Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Eleven Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010-3629, Attention: LCD-IBD, or, if sent to the Partnership will be mailed, delivered or telegraphed and confirmed to it at 3738 Oak Lawn Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75219, Attention: John W. McReynolds, President and Chief Financial Officer; provided, however, that any notice to an Underwriter pursuant to Section 8 will be mailed, delivered or telegraphed and confirmed to such Underwriter.
- 12. *Successors*. This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and the other persons referred to in Section 8, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder.
- 13. *Representation of Underwriters*. The Representatives will act for the several Underwriters in connection with this purchase, and any action under this Agreement taken by you jointly will be binding upon all the Underwriters.
- 14. *Counterparts*. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Agreement.
  - 15. Absence of Fiduciary Relationship. The Partnership acknowledges and agrees that:
- (a) *No Other Relationship*. The Underwriters have been retained solely to act as underwriters in connection with the sale of the Offered Securities and that no fiduciary, advisory or agency relationship between the Partnership and the Underwriters has been created in respect of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Preliminary or the Final Prospectus, irrespective of whether the Underwriters have advised or are advising the Partnership on other matters;
- (b) *Arm's-Length Negotiations*. The price of the Offered Securities set forth in this Agreement was established by the Partnership following discussions and arms-length negotiations with the Representatives and of the Partnership is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;
- (c) *Absence of Obligation to Disclose*. The Partnership has been advised that the Underwriters and their affiliates are engaged in a broad range of transactions that may involve interests that differ from those of the Partnership and that the Underwriters have no obligation to disclose such interests and transactions to the Partnership by virtue of any fiduciary, advisory or agency relationship; and
- (d) *Waiver*. The Partnership waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims it may have against the Underwriters for breach of fiduciary duty or alleged breach of fiduciary duty and agrees that the Underwriters shall have no liability (whether direct or indirect) to the Partnership 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 Partnership, including equityholders, employees or creditors of the Partnership.

#### 16. Applicable Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

The Partnership hereby submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal and state courts in the Borough of Manhattan in The City of New York in any suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby. The Partnership irrevocably and unconditionally waives any objection to the laying of venue of any suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby in Federal and state courts in the Borough of Manhattan in The City of New York and irrevocably and unconditionally waives and agrees not to plead or claim in any such court that any such suit or proceeding in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

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If the foregoing is in accordance with the your understanding of our agreement, kindly sign and return to us one of the counterparts hereof, whereupon it will become a binding agreement between the Partnership and the several Underwriters in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

By: LE GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds

Name: John W. McReynolds

Title: President and Chief Financial Officer

The foregoing Underwriting Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date first above written.

CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

UBS SECURITIES LLC

Acting on behalf of themselves and as the Representatives of the several Underwriters

CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC

By: /s/ Jamie Welch

Name: Jamie Welch

Title: Head of Global Energy

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated

By: /s/ William Graham

Name: William Graham
Title: Authorized Signatory

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

By: /s/ Todd B. Schanzlin

Name: Todd B. Schanzlin Title: Managing Director

BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC

By: /s/ Paul A. Davis

Name: Paul A. Davis Title: Managing Director

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

By: /s/ Timothy P. Dilworth

Name: Timothy P. Dilworth Title: Managing Director

### UBS SECURITIES LLC

By: /s/ Suzanne M. Rode

Name: Suzanne M. Rode Title: Leveraged Capital Markets Director

By: /s/ Kevin T. Pluff
Name: Kevin T. Pluff Title: Director

# SCHEDULE A

<u>Underwriters</u>		Principal Amount of 2020 Notes	
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	\$	432,000,000	
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated		265,500,000	
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC		265,500,000	
Banc of America Securities LLC		184,500,000	
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.		184,500,000	
UBS Securities LLC	\$	184,500,000	
BNP Paribas Securities Corp.	\$	94,500,000	
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	\$	94,500,000	
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	\$	94,500,000	
Total	\$	1,800,000,000	

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# SCHEDULE B

# Issuer Free Writing Communications (included in the General Disclosure Package)

 $1.\ Final\ term\ sheet,\ dated\ September\ 15,\ 2010,\ a\ copy\ of\ which\ is\ attached\ here to\ as\ Exhibit\ B-1.$ 

Schedule B-1

# ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P. 7.500% Senior Notes due 2020

#### **Pricing Term Sheet**

Issuer: Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.

Security Type: Senior Unsecured Notes

Issue Ratings (Moody's / S&P / Fitch): \*

Minimum Denomination: \$2,000

Pricing Date: September 15, 2010

Settlement Date: September 20, 2010

Maturity Date: October 15, 2020

Principal Amount: \$1,800,000,000

Benchmark: 2.625% due August 15, 2020

Spread to Benchmark: + 488 bps

Yield to Maturity: 7.500%

Coupon: 7.500%

Public Offering Price: 100.000%

Gross Spread: 1.5104%

Net Proceeds to Issuer (before expenses): \$1,772,812,500

Optional Redemption: Make whole call: T + 50 bps

Interest Payment Dates: April 15 and October 15, beginning April 15, 2011

Interest Record Dates: April 1 and October 1

CUSIP / ISIN: 29273V AC4 / US29273VAC46

Joint Bookrunning Managers: Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated Wells Fargo Securities, LLC Banc of America Securities LLC Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

**UBS Securities LLC** 

Co-Managers: BNP Paribas Securities Corp.

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.

#### **Use of Proceeds**

We anticipate using the net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$1.77 billion to repay all of the \$142.1 million of indebtedness outstanding under our existing revolving credit facility and to repay in full all of the \$1.45 billion of indebtedness outstanding under our term loan facility. In addition, we anticipate using approximately \$168.6 million of the net proceeds of this offering to fund the estimated cost to terminate interest rate swap agreements relating to these outstanding borrowings and the remaining amount of the net proceeds of this offering for general partnership purposes.

Exhibit B-1 to Schedule B-1

<sup>\*</sup> Note: A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold a security and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a base prospectus and a prospectus supplement) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus supplement for this offering, the prospectus in that registration statement and any other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by searching the SEC online data base (EDGAR) on the SEC web site at http://www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus supplement and prospectus if you request it by calling Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC at (800) 221-1037, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated at (866) 718-1649 or <a href="mailto:prospectus@morganstanley.com">prospectus@morganstanley.com</a>, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC at (704) 715-7035, Banc of America Securities LLC at (800) 294-1322 or <a href="mailto:dg.prospectus@baml.com">dg.prospectus@baml.com</a>, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. at (800) 831-9146 or <a href="mailto:batprospectusdept@citi.com">batprospectusdept@citi.com</a> and UBS Securities LLC at (888) 827-7275.

Exhibit B-1 to Schedule B-1

### Schedule C

Entity	Jurisdiction in which registered
LE GP, LLC	Delaware
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Delaware
Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C.	Delaware
Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P.	Delaware
Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.	Delaware
ETE GP Acquirer LLC	Delaware
ETE Services Company, LLC	Delaware
Regency GP LLC	Delaware
Regency GP LP	Delaware
Regency Energy Partners LP	Delaware
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#### Schedule D

- CDM Resource Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- · Chalkley Transmission Company, LLC, a Texas limited liability company
- · Energy Transfer del Peru S.R.L., a Peruvian limited liability company
- Energy Transfer Fuel GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Energy Transfer Fuel, LP, a Delaware limited partnership
- · Energy Transfer Group, L.L.C., a Texas limited liability company
- Energy Transfer International Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Energy Transfer Interstate Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- · Energy Transfer Mexicana, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
- Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company
- · Energy Transfer Peru LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Energy Transfer Retail Power, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Energy Transfer Technologies, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership
- ET Company I, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership
- ET Fuel Pipeline, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
- ETC Canyon Pipeline, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- · ETC Compression, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- · ETC Crude Gathering, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- ETC Energy Transfer, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- ETC Fayetteville Express Pipeline, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- ETC Fayetteville Operating Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- ETC Gas Company Ltd., a Texas limited partnership
- ETC Interstate Procurement Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- ETC Intrastate Procurement Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- ETC Katy Pipeline, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership
- · ETC Lion Pipeline, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- ETC Marketing, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership
- ETC Midcontinent Express Pipeline, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company
- ETC Midcontinent Express Pipeline II, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company
- ETC New Mexico Pipeline, L.P., a New Mexico limited partnership
- ETC Northeast Pipeline, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- ETC Oasis GP, LLC a Texas limited liability company
- ETC Oasis, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
- ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership
- ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- ETC Water Solutions, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- · ETE GP Acquirer LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- ETE Services Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- FEP Arkansas Pipeline, LLC, an Arkansas limited liability company
- Five Dawaco, LLC, a Texas limited liability company
- · FrontStreet Hugoton LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- · Gulf States Transmission Corporation, a Louisiana corporation
- Heritage Energy Resources, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company
- Heritage Energy Transfer Systems, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company

- Heritage ETC GP, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company
- Heritage ETC, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
- Heritage Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation
- Heritage LP, Inc., a Delaware corporation
- Heritage Operating L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
- Heritage Service Corp., a Delaware corporation
- Houston Pipe Line Company LP, a Delaware limited partnership

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- HP Houston Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
- HPL Asset Holdings LP, a Delaware limited partnership
- HPL Consolidation LP, a Delaware limited partnership
- HPL GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- HPL Holdings GP, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company
- HPL Houston Pipe Line Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- HPL Leaseco LP, a Delaware limited partnership
- HPL Resources Company LP, a Delaware limited partnership
- HPL Storage GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- LA GP, LLC, a Texas limited liability company
- La Grange Acquisition, L.P., a Texas limited partnership
- LG PL, LLC, a Texas limited liability company
- LGM, LLC, a Texas limited liability company
- M-P Oils Ltd., an Alberta, Canada corporation
- Oasis Partner Company, a Delaware corporation
- Oasis Pipe Line Company Texas L.P., a Texas limited partnership
- · Oasis Pipe Line Company, a Delaware corporation
- Oasis Pipe Line Finance Company, a Delaware corporation
- Oasis Pipe Line Management Company, a Delaware corporation
- Oasis Pipeline, L.P., a Texas limited partnership
- Pueblo Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation
- Pueblo Midstream Gas Corporation, a Texas corporation
- Regency Employees Management Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- · Regency Employees Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Regency Energy Finance Corporation, a Delaware corporation
- Regency Field Services LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Regency Gas Marketing LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Regency Gas Services LP, a Delaware limited partnership
- Regency Gas Utility LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- · Regency GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Regency GP LP, a Delaware limited partnership
- Regency Haynesville Intrastate Gas LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Regency Liquids Pipeline LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Regency Midcontinent Express LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Regency Midcontinent Express Pipeline I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Regency OLP GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- · Regency Zephyr LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- SEC Energy Products & Services, L.P., a Texas limited partnership
- · SEC Energy Realty GP, LLC, a Texas limited liability company
- · SEC-EP Realty Ltd., a Texas limited partnership
- SEC General Holdings, LLC, a Texas limited liability company
- TETC, LLC, a Texas limited liability company
- Texas Energy Transfer Company, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership
- Texas Energy Transfer Power, LLC, a Texas limited liability company
- Thunder River Venture III, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company
- Titan Energy GP, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company
- Titan Energy Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership

- Titan Propane LLC, a Delaware limited partnership
- Titan Propane Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation
- Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- WGP-KHC LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Whiskey Bay Gathering Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- Whiskey Bay Gas Company Ltd., a Texas limited partnership
- 902 Gilbert Street, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company

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#### Schedule E

#### FORM OF OPINION OF COUNSEL TO THE PARTNERSHIP

- 1. Each of the Partnership, ETP GP and Regency GP is a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware with partnership power and authority to (A) own its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus and (B) with respect to the Partnership, execute, deliver, incur and perform its obligations under the Transaction Documents. With your consent, based solely on certificates from public officials, we confirm that each of the Partnership, ETP GP and Regency GP is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- 2. Each of ETP LLC, Regency LLC and ETE Acquirer is a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware with limited liability company power and authority to own its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus. With your consent, based solely on certificates from public officials, we confirm that each of ETP LLC, Regency LLC and ETE Acquirer is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- 3. The execution, delivery and performance of the Underwriting Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary partnership action of the Partnership and limited liability company action of the General Partner, and the Underwriting Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Partnership and the General Partner.
- 4. The Indenture (a) has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, (b) has been duly authorized by all necessary partnership action of the Partnership and limited liability company action of the General Partner and duly executed and delivered by the Partnership and (c) is the legally valid and binding agreement of the Partnership, enforceable against the Partnership in accordance with its terms.
- 5. The Notes have been duly authorized by all necessary partnership action of the Partnership and limited liability company action of the General Partner and have been duly executed and delivered by the Partnership, and when authenticated by the Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and paid for in accordance with the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, will be legally valid and binding obligations of the Partnership, enforceable against the Partnership in accordance with their terms.
- The execution and delivery of the Underwriting Agreement and the Transaction Documents by the Partnership and the issuance and sale of the Notes by the Partnership to you and the other Underwriters pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, do not on the date hereof: (i) violate the Governing Documents; (ii) result in the breach of or a default under any of the Specified Agreements; (iii) violate any federal statute, rule or regulation, the laws of the State of New York or the State of Texas, the Delaware LP Act or the DLLCA applicable to the ETE Parties; or (iv) result in the creation of any security interest in, or lien upon, any property or assets of the Partnership or any of its subsidiaries under any Specified Agreement.
- 7. The execution and delivery of the Transaction Documents by the Partnership and the issuance and sale of the Notes by the Partnership to you and the other Underwriters pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement do not on the date hereof require any consents, approvals, or authorizations to be obtained by the ETE Parties from, or any registrations, declarations or filings to be made by the ETE Parties with, any governmental authority under any federal statute, law or regulation, the laws of the

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State of New York, the State of Texas, the Delaware LP Act or the DLLCA applicable to any ETE Party that have not been obtained or made.

- 8. The Registration Statement has become effective under the Act. With your consent, based solely on a telephonic confirmation by a member of the Staff of the Commission on September 20, 2010, we confirm that no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued under the Act and no proceedings therefor have been initiated by the Commission. The Preliminary Prospectus has been filed in accordance with Rule 424(b) under the Act, the Prospectus has been filed in accordance with Rule 430(d) under the Act.
- 9. The Registration Statement at September 15, 2010, including the information deemed to be a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430B under the Act, the Time of Sale Prospectus as of its date, and the Prospectus, as of its date, each appeared on their face to be appropriately responsive in all material respects to the applicable form requirements for registration statements on Form S-3 under the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; it being understood, however, that we express no view with respect to the Trustee's Form T-1 under the Trust Indenture Act, Regulation S-T or the financial statements, schedules, or other financial data, included in, incorporated by reference in, or omitted from, the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus.
- 10. The statements in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus under the caption "Description of Notes" and "Description of Debt Securities" insofar as they purport to describe or summarize certain provisions of the Notes or the Indenture, are accurate summaries or descriptions in all material respects.
- 11. The Partnership is not, and immediately after giving effect to the sale of the Notes in accordance with the Underwriting Agreement and the application of the proceeds as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds," will not be required to be, registered as an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- 12. The issue and sale of the Notes by the Partnership, and the application of the proceeds thereof by the Partnership as described in the Prospectus, do not violate Regulation X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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### ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

AS ISSUER

AND

any Subsidiary Guarantors party hereto  $\hspace{1cm} \text{and} \hspace{1cm}$ 

### U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

AS TRUSTEE

#### INDENTURE

Dated as of September 20, 2010

**D**EBT **S**ECURITIES

### ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

# RECONCILIATION AND TIE BETWEEN TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 AND INDENTURE, DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

	Trust Indenture	Section(s) of Indenture
Section 310	e of 1939 (a)(1)	7.10
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	(a)(3)	Not Applicable
	(a)(4)	Not Applicable
	(a)(5)	7.10
	(b)	7.10
Section 311	(a)	7.11
Section 311		7.11
	(b)	Not Applicable
Section 312	(c)	2.07
Section 312	(a) (b)	11.03
		11.03
Section 313	(c)	7.06
Section 515	(a)	7.06
	(b)	7.06
	(c)	7.06
Section 314	(d)	
Section 514	(a)	4.03, 4.04
	(b)	Not Applicable
	(c)(1)	11.04 11.04
	(c)(2)	
	(c)(3)	Not Applicable
	(d)	Not Applicable
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Section 315	(a)	7.01(b)
	(b)	7.05
	(c)	7.01(a)
	(d)	7.01(c)
	(d)(1)	7.01(c)(i)
	(d)(2)	7.01(c)(ii)
	(d)(3)	7.01(c)(iii)
6 4 046	(e)	6.11
Section 316	(a)(1)(A)	6.05
	(a)(1)(B)	6.04
	(a)(2)	Not Applicable
	(a)(last sentence)	2.11
	(b)	6.07
Section 317	(a)(1)	6.08
	(a)(2)	6.09
	(b)	2.06
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Section of Trust Indenture Act of 1939 Section 318 (a)

Section(s) of Indenture 11.01

Note: This reconciliation and tie shall not, for any purpose, be deemed to be a part of the Indenture.

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**INDENTURE** dated as of September 20, 2010 among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "**Partnership**"), any Subsidiary Guarantors (as defined herein) party hereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "**Trustee**").

The Partnership has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance from time to time of the Partnership's debentures, notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to be issued in one or more series unlimited as to principal amount (herein called the "Securities"), and the Guarantee by each of the Subsidiary Guarantors, if any, of the Securities, as in this Indenture provided.

All things necessary to make this Indenture a valid agreement of the Partnership, in accordance with its terms, have been done.

# ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Section 1.01 Definitions.

- "Additional Amounts" means any additional amounts required by the express terms of a Security or by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, under circumstances specified therein or pursuant thereto, to be paid by the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, with respect to certain taxes, assessments or other governmental charges imposed on certain Holders and that are owing to such Holders.
- "Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with, such specified Person. For purposes of this definition, "control" of a Person shall mean the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing.
  - "Agent" means any Registrar or Paying Agent.
  - "Bankruptcy Law" means Title 11 of the United States Code or any similar federal, state or foreign law for the relief of debtors.
- "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the General Partner, or any authorized committee of the Board of Directors of the General Partner or any directors and/or officers of the General Partner to whom such Board of Directors or such committee shall have duly delegated its authority to act hereunder.
- "Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the General Partner to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the General Partner and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day" means any day that is not a Legal Holiday.

"Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee" means the office of the Trustee located at 5555 San Felipe Street, Suite 1150, Houston, Texas 77056, Attention: Corporate Trust Services, and as may be located at such other address as the Trustee may give notice to the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors.

"Debt" of any Person at any date means any obligation created or assumed by such Person for the repayment of borrowed money and any guarantee thereof

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

"Depositary" means, with respect to the Securities of any series issuable or issued in whole or in part in global form, the Person specified pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof as the initial Depositary with respect to the Securities of such series, until a successor shall have been appointed and become such pursuant to the applicable provision of this Indenture, and thereafter "Depositary" shall mean or include such successor.

"**Dollar**" or "\$" means a dollar or other equivalent unit in such coin or currency of the United States as at the time shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debt.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and any successor statute.

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

"General Partner" means LE GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Global Security" means a Security that is issued in global form in the name of the Depositary with respect thereto or its nominee.

"Government Obligations" means, with respect to a series of Securities, direct obligations of the government that issues the currency in which the Securities of the series are payable for the payment of which the full faith and credit of such government is pledged, or obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of such government, the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by such government.

"Guarantee" shall mean the guarantee of the Partnership's obligations under the Securities by a Subsidiary Guarantor as provided in Article X.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Security is registered, as evidenced by the records of the Registrar.

"**Indenture**" means this Indenture as amended or supplemented from time to time pursuant to the provisions hereof, and includes the terms of a particular series of Securities established as contemplated by Section 2.01.

"interest" means, with respect to an Original Issue Discount Security that by its terms bears interest only after Maturity, interest payable after Maturity.

"Interest Payment Date," when used with respect to any Security, shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Security as contemplated by Section 2.01.

"Issue Date" means, with respect to Securities of a series, the date on which the Securities of such series are originally issued under this Indenture.

"Legal Holiday" means a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in any of The City of New York, New York or a Place of Payment are authorized or obligated by law, regulation or executive order to remain closed.

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

"Officer" means the Chairman of the Board, the President, any Vice Chairman of the Board, any Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of a Person.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by two Officers of a Person.

"**Opinion of Counsel**" means a written opinion from legal counsel who is acceptable to the Trustee. Such counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Partnership, a Subsidiary Guarantor or the Trustee.

"Original Issue Discount Security" means any Security that provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.02.

"Partnership" means the Person named as the "Partnership" in the first paragraph of this instrument until a successor Person shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Partnership" shall mean such successor Person; provided, however, that for purposes of any provision contained herein which is required by the TIA, "Partnership" shall also mean each other obligor (if any), other than a Subsidiary Guarantor, on the Securities of a series.

"Partnership Order" and "Partnership Request" mean, respectively, a written order or request signed in the name of the Partnership or each Subsidiary Guarantor by two Officers of the General Partner and delivered to the Trustee.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or other agency, instrumentality or political subdivision thereof or other entity of any kind.

"Place of Payment" means, with respect to the Securities of any series, the place or places where the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to the Securities of that series are payable as specified in accordance with Section 2.01 subject to the provisions of Section 4.02.

"principal" of a Security means the principal of the Security plus, when appropriate, the premium, if any, on the Security.

"Redemption Date" means, with respect to any Security to be redeemed, the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to this Indenture.

"Redemption Price" means, with respect to any Security to be redeemed, the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to this Indenture.

"Responsible Officer" means any officer within the corporate trust department of the Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, assistant treasurer, trust officer or any other officer of the Trustee who customarily performs functions similar to those performed by the Persons who at the time shall be such officers, respectively, or to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of such person's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture.

"Rule 144A Securities" means Securities of a series designated pursuant to Section 2.01 as entitled to the benefits of Section 4.03(b).

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Securities" has the meaning stated in the preamble of this Indenture and more particularly means any Securities authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"Security Custodian" means, with respect to Securities of a series issued in global form, the Trustee for Securities of such series, as custodian with respect to the Securities of such series, or any successor entity thereto.

"**Stated Maturity**" means, when used with respect to any Security or any installment of principal thereof or interest thereon, the date specified in such Security as the fixed date on which the principal of such Security or such installment of principal or interest is due and payable.

"Subsidiary" of any Person means:

(a) any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of equity interests entitled, without regard to the occurrence of any

contingency, to vote in the election of directors, managers, trustees or equivalent Persons thereof is at the time of determination owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of such Person or combination thereof; or

(b) in the case of a partnership, more than 50% of the partners' equity interests, considering all partners' equity interests as a single class, is at such time of determination owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of such Person or combination thereof.

"Subsidiary Guarantors" means each Subsidiary of the Partnership, if any, that provides a Guarantee of Securities pursuant to this Indenture until a successor Person shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Subsidiary Guarantors" shall mean such successor Person. A Person shall cease to be a Subsidiary Guarantor if it ceases to guarantee any Securities in accordance with the Indenture.

"TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, as in effect on the date hereof.

"Trustee" means the Person named as such above until a successor replaces it in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Trustee" means each Person who is then a Trustee hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such Person, "Trustee" as used with respect to the Securities of any series means the Trustee with respect to Securities of that series.

"United States" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia) and its territories and possessions, which include Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the Northern Mariana Islands.

"U.S. Government Obligations" means Government Obligations with respect to Securities payable in Dollars.

Section 1.02 Other Definitions.

Term	Defined in Section
"Bankruptcy Custodian"	6.01
"Conversion Event"	6.01
"covenant defeasance"	8.01
"Event of Default"	6.01
"Exchange Rate"	2.11
"Funding Guarantor"	10.05
"Judgment Currency"	6.10
"legal defeasance"	8.01
"mandatory sinking fund payment"	3.09
"optional sinking fund payment"	3.09
"Paying Agent"	2.05
"Registrar"	2.05
"Required Currency"	6.10
"Successor"	5.01

Section 1.03 <u>Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act</u>. Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the TIA, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture (and if the Indenture is not qualified under the TIA at that time, as if it were so qualified unless otherwise provided). The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

"Commission" means the SEC.

"indenture securities" means the Securities.

"indenture security holder" means a Holder.

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture.

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

"obligor" on the indenture securities means the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other obligor on the Securities.

All terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by a TIA reference to another statute or defined by an SEC rule under the TIA have the meanings so assigned to them.

Section 1.04 Rules of Construction. Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
- (c) "or" is not exclusive;
- (d) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;
- (e) provisions apply to successive events and transactions; and
- (f) all references in this instrument to Articles and Sections are references to the corresponding Articles and Sections in and of this instrument.

# ARTICLE II. THE SECURITIES

Section 2.01 <u>Amount Unlimited; Issuable in Series</u>. The aggregate principal amount of Securities that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited. The

Securities may be issued in one or more series. There shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, and set forth, or determined in the manner provided, in an Officers' Certificate of the General Partner or in a Partnership Order, or established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, prior to the issuance of Securities of any series:

- (a) the title of the Securities of the series (which shall distinguish the Securities of the series from the Securities of all other series);
- (b) if there is to be a limit, the limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of the series that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of the series pursuant to Section 2.08, 2.09, 2.12, 2.17, 3.07 or 9.05 and except for any Securities which, pursuant to Section 2.04 or 2.17, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder); provided, however, that unless otherwise provided in the terms of the series, the authorized aggregate principal amount of such series may be increased before or after the issuance of any Securities of the series by a Board Resolution (or action pursuant to a Board Resolution) to such effect;
- (c) whether any Securities of the series are to be issuable initially in temporary global form and whether any Securities of the series are to be issuable in permanent global form, as Global Securities or otherwise, and, if so, whether beneficial owners of interests in any such Global Security may exchange such interests for Securities of such series and of like tenor of any authorized form and denomination and the circumstances under which any such exchanges may occur, if other than in the manner provided in Section 2.17, and the initial Depositary and Security Custodian, if any, for any Global Security or Securities of such series:
- (d) the manner in which any interest payable on a temporary Global Security on any Interest Payment Date will be paid if other than in the manner provided in Section 2.14;
  - (e) the date or dates on which the principal of and premium (if any) on the Securities of the series is payable or the method of determination thereof;
- (f) the rate or rates, or the method of determination thereof, at which the Securities of the series shall bear interest, if any, whether and under what circumstances Additional Amounts with respect to such Securities shall be payable, the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue, the Interest Payment Dates on which such interest shall be payable and the record date for the interest payable on any Securities on any Interest Payment Date, or if other than provided herein, the Person to whom any interest on Securities of the series shall be payable;
- (g) the place or places where, subject to the provisions of Section 4.02, the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to the Securities of the series shall be payable;
- (h) the period or periods within which, the price or prices (whether denominated in cash, securities or otherwise) at which and the terms and conditions upon which Securities of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Partnership, if

the Partnership is to have that option, and the manner in which the Partnership must exercise any such option, if different from those set forth herein;

- (i) whether Securities of the series are entitled to the benefits of any Guarantee of any Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to this Indenture;
- (j) the obligation, if any, of the Partnership to redeem, purchase or repay Securities of the series pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a Holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices (whether denominated in cash, securities or otherwise) at which and the terms and conditions upon which Securities of the series shall be redeemed, purchased or repaid in whole or in part pursuant to such obligation;
  - (k) if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, the denomination in which any Securities of that series shall be issuable;
- (l) if other than Dollars, the currency or currencies (including composite currencies) or the form, including equity securities, other debt securities (including Securities), warrants or any other securities or property of the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Person, in which payment of the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to the Securities of the series shall be payable;
- (m) if the principal of, premium (if any) or interest on or any Additional Amounts with respect to the Securities of the series are to be payable, at the election of the Partnership or a Holder thereof, in a currency or currencies (including composite currencies) other than that in which the Securities are stated to be payable, the currency or currencies (including composite currencies) in which payment of the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to Securities of such series as to which such election is made shall be payable, and the periods within which and the terms and conditions upon which such election is to be made;
- (n) if the amount of payments of principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to the Securities of the series may be determined with reference to any commodities, currencies or indices, values, rates or prices or any other index or formula, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined;
- (o) if other than the entire principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Securities of the series that shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.02;
- (p) any additional means of satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture and any additional conditions or limitations to discharge with respect to Securities of the series and the related Guarantees pursuant to Article VIII or any modifications of or deletions from such conditions or limitations;
- (q) any deletions or modifications of or additions to the Events of Default set forth in Section 6.01 or covenants of the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor set forth in Article IV pertaining to the Securities of the series;

- (r) any restrictions or other provisions with respect to the transfer or exchange of Securities of the series, which may amend, supplement, modify or supersede those contained in this Article II;
- (s) if the Securities of the series are to be convertible into or exchangeable for capital stock, other debt securities (including Securities), warrants, other equity securities or any other securities or property of the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor or any other Person, at the option of the Partnership or the Holder or upon the occurrence of any condition or event, the terms and conditions for such conversion or exchange;
  - (t) whether the Securities of the series are to be entitled to the benefit of Section 4.03(b) (and accordingly constitute Rule 144A Securities); and
  - (u) any other terms of the series (which terms shall not be prohibited by the provisions of this Indenture).

All Securities of any one series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination and except as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to the Board Resolution referred to above and (subject to Section 2.03) set forth, or determined in the manner provided, in the Officers' Certificate or Partnership Order referred to above or in any such indenture supplemental hereto. If any of the terms of the series are established by action taken pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of an appropriate record of such action, together with such Board Resolution, shall be set forth in an Officers' Certificate or certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the General Partner and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Officers' Certificate or Partnership Order setting forth the terms of the series.

Section 2.02 <u>Denominations</u>. The Securities of each series shall be issuable in such denominations as shall be specified as contemplated by Section 2.01. In the absence of any such provisions with respect to the Securities of any series, the Securities of such series denominated in Dollars shall be issuable in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiples thereof.

Section 2.03 <u>Forms Generally</u>. The Securities of each series shall be in fully registered form and in substantially such form or forms (including temporary or permanent global form) established by or pursuant to a Board Resolution or in one or more indentures supplemental hereto. The Securities may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, securities exchange rule, the Partnership's certificate of limited partnership, agreement of limited partnership or other similar governing documents, agreements to which the Partnership is subject, if any, or usage (provided that any such notation, legend or endorsement is in a form acceptable to the Partnership). A copy of the Board Resolution establishing the form or forms of Securities of any series shall be delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Partnership Order contemplated by Section 2.04 for the authentication and delivery of such Securities.

The definitive Securities of each series shall be printed, lithographed or engraved on steel engraved borders or may be produced in any other manner, all as determined by the Officers executing such Securities, as evidenced by their execution thereof.

The Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be in substantially the following form:

"This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S.	Bank National Association, as Trustee
By:	
	Authorized Signatory".

Section 2.04 Execution, Authentication, Delivery and Dating. Two Officers of the General Partner shall sign the Securities on behalf of the Partnership and, with respect to the Guarantees of the Securities, two Officers of the General Partner shall sign the Securities on behalf of such Subsidiary Guarantor, in each case by manual or facsimile signature.

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

A Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or the related Guarantees or be valid or obligatory for any purpose until authenticated by the manual signature of an authorized signatory of the Trustee, which signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Security has been authenticated under this Indenture. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Security has been authenticated and delivered hereunder but never issued and sold by the Partnership, and the Partnership delivers such Security to the Trustee for cancellation as provided in Section 2.13, together with a written statement (which need not comply with Section 11.05 and need not be accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel) stating that such Security has never been issued and sold by the Partnership, for all purposes of this Indenture such Security shall be deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder and shall never be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture or the related Guarantees.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Partnership may deliver Securities of any series executed by the Partnership and each Subsidiary Guarantor to the Trustee for authentication, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver such Securities for original issue upon a Partnership Order for the authentication and delivery of such Securities or pursuant to such procedures acceptable to the Trustee as may be specified from time to time by Partnership Order. Such order shall specify the amount of the Securities to be authenticated, the date on which the original issue of Securities is to be authenticated, the name or names of the initial Holder or Holders and any other terms of the Securities of such series not otherwise determined. If provided for in such procedures, such Partnership Order may authorize (1) authentication and delivery of Securities of such series for original issue from time to time, with certain terms (including, without limitation, the Maturity date or dates, original issue date or dates and interest rate or rates) that differ from Security to Security and (2) may authorize authentication and delivery pursuant to oral or electronic instructions from the Partnership or its duly authorized agent, which instructions shall be promptly confirmed in writing.

If the form or terms of the Securities of the series have been established in or pursuant to one or more Board Resolutions as permitted by Section 2.01, in authenticating such Securities, and accepting the additional responsibilities under this Indenture in relation to such Securities, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive (in addition to the Partnership Order referred to above and the other documents required by Section 11.04), and (subject to Section 7.01) shall be fully protected in relying upon:

- (a) an Officers' Certificate setting forth the Board Resolution and, if applicable, an appropriate record of any action taken pursuant thereto, as contemplated by the last paragraph of Section 2.01; and
  - (b) an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that:
    - (i) the form of such Securities has been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture;
    - (ii) the terms of such Securities have been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture; and
- (iii) that, when authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and issued by the Partnership in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, such Securities and the related Guarantees will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors, respectively, enforceable against the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors, respectively, in accordance with their respective terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws in effect from time to time affecting the rights of creditors generally, and the application of general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

If all the Securities of any series are not to be issued at one time, it shall not be necessary to deliver an Officers' Certificate and Opinion of Counsel at the time of issuance of each such Security, but such Officers' Certificate and Opinion of Counsel shall be delivered at or before the time of issuance of the first Security of the series to be issued.

The Trustee shall not be required to authenticate such Securities if the issuance of such Securities pursuant to this Indenture would affect the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under the Securities and this Indenture or otherwise in a manner not reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Partnership to authenticate Securities. Unless limited by the terms of such appointment, an authenticating agent may authenticate Securities whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor or an Affiliate of the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor.

Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication.

Section 2.05 <u>Registrar and Paying Agent</u>. The Partnership shall maintain an office or agency for each series of Securities where Securities of such series may be presented for registration of transfer or exchange ("**Registrar**") and an office or agency where Securities of such series may be presented for payment ("**Paying Agent**"). The Registrar shall keep a register of the Securities of such series and of their transfer and exchange. The Partnership may appoint one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar and the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent.

The Partnership shall enter into an appropriate agency agreement with any Registrar or Paying Agent not a party to this Indenture. The agreement shall implement the provisions of this Indenture that relate to such Agent. The Partnership shall notify the Trustee of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. The Partnership may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. If the Partnership fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor or any Subsidiary may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Partnership initially appoints the Trustee as Registrar and Paying Agent.

Section 2.06 <u>Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust</u>. The Partnership shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent will hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on or any Additional Amounts with respect to Securities and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Partnership in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee and to account for any funds disbursed. The Partnership at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee and to account for any funds disbursed. Upon payment over to the Trustee and upon accounting for any funds disbursed, the Paying Agent (if other than the Partnership, a Subsidiary Guarantor or a Subsidiary) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Partnership, a Subsidiary Guarantor or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Each Paying Agent shall otherwise comply with TIA Section 317(b).

Section 2.07 <u>Holder Lists</u>. The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of Holders and shall otherwise comply with TIA Section 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar with respect to a series of Securities, the Partnership shall furnish to the Trustee at least five Business Days before each Interest Payment Date with respect to such series of Securities, and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of Holders of such series, and the Partnership shall otherwise comply with TIA Section 312(a).

Section 2.08 <u>Transfer and Exchange</u>. Except as set forth in Section 2.17 or as may be provided pursuant to Section 2.01:

When Securities of any series are presented to the Registrar with the request to register the transfer of such Securities or to exchange such Securities for an equal principal amount of

Securities of the same series of like tenor and of other authorized denominations, the Registrar shall register the transfer or make the exchange as requested if its requirements and the requirements of this Indenture for such transactions are met; provided, however, that the Securities presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instruction of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the Holder thereof or by his attorney, duly authorized in writing, on which instruction the Registrar can rely.

To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate Securities at the Registrar's written request and submission of the Securities or Global Securities. No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any registration of transfer or exchange (except as otherwise expressly permitted herein), but the Partnership may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than such transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable upon exchanges pursuant to Section 2.12, 3.07 or 9.05). The Trustee shall authenticate Securities in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.04. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture to the contrary, the Partnership shall not be required to register the transfer or exchange of (a) any Security selected for redemption in whole or in part pursuant to Article III, except the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part, or (b) any Security during the period beginning 15 Business Days prior to the mailing of notice of any offer to repurchase Securities of the series required pursuant to the terms thereof or of redemption of Securities of a series to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day of mailing.

Section 2.09 Replacement Securities. If any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee, or if the Holder of a Security claims that the Security has been destroyed, lost or stolen and the Partnership and the Trustee receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of such Security, the Partnership shall issue, and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate a replacement Security of the same series if the Trustee's requirements are met. If any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security has become or is about to become due and payable, the Partnership in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Security, pay such Security. If required by the Trustee, any Subsidiary Guarantor or the Partnership, such Holder must furnish an indemnity bond that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the Partnership to protect the Partnership, each Subsidiary Guarantor, the Trustee, any Agent or any authenticating agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Security is replaced. The Partnership and the Trustee may charge a Holder for their expenses in replacing a Security. Every replacement Security is an additional obligation of the Partnership.

Section 2.10 <u>Outstanding Securities</u>. The Securities outstanding at any time are all the Securities authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Security effected by the Trustee hereunder and those described in this Section 2.10 as not outstanding. If a Security is replaced pursuant to Section 2.09, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Security is held by a bona fide purchaser. If the principal amount of any Security is considered paid under Section 4.01, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue. A Security does not cease to be outstanding because the Partnership, a

Subsidiary Guarantor or an Affiliate of the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor holds the Security.

Section 2.11 Original Issue Discount, Foreign-Currency Denominated and Treasury Securities. In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Securities have concurred in any direction, amendment, supplement, waiver or consent, (a) the principal amount of an Original Issue Discount Security shall be the principal amount thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.02, (b) the principal amount of a Security denominated in a foreign currency shall be the Dollar equivalent, as determined by the Partnership by reference to the noon buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers for such currency, as such rate is certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (the "Exchange Rate") on the date of original issuance of such Security, of the principal amount (or, in the case of an Original Issue Discount Security, the Dollar equivalent, as determined by the Partnership by reference to the Exchange Rate on the date of original issuance of such Security, of the amount determined as provided in (a) above), of such Security and (c) Securities owned by the Partnership, a Subsidiary Guarantor or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Partnership, of a Subsidiary Guarantor or of such other obligor shall be disregarded, except that, for the purpose of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such direction, amendment, supplement, waiver or consent, only Securities that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee actually knows are so owned shall be so disregarded.

Section 2.12 <u>Temporary Securities</u>. Until definitive Securities of any series are ready for delivery, the Partnership may prepare, and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate temporary Securities. Temporary Securities shall be substantially in the form of definitive Securities, but may have variations that the Partnership considers appropriate for temporary Securities. Without unreasonable delay, the Partnership shall prepare, and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate definitive Securities in exchange for temporary Securities. Until so exchanged, the temporary Securities shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities.

Section 2.13 <u>Cancellation</u>. The Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor at any time may deliver Securities to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and the Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Securities surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange, payment or redemption or for credit against any sinking fund payment. The Trustee shall cancel all Securities surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, redemption, replacement or cancellation or for credit against any sinking fund. Unless the Partnership shall direct in writing that canceled Securities be returned to it, after written notice to the Partnership all canceled Securities held by the Trustee shall be disposed of in accordance with the usual disposal procedures of the Trustee, and the Trustee shall maintain a record of their disposal. The Partnership may not issue new Securities to replace Securities that have been paid or that have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

Section 2.14 <u>Payments; Defaulted Interest</u>. Unless otherwise provided as contemplated by Section 2.01, interest (except defaulted interest) on any Security that is payable, and is punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Persons who are registered Holders of that Security at the close of business on the record date next

preceding such Interest Payment Date, even if such Securities are canceled after such record date and on or before such Interest Payment Date. The Holder must surrender a Security to a Paying Agent to collect principal payments. Unless otherwise provided with respect to the Securities of any series, the Partnership will pay the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to the Securities in Dollars. Such amounts shall be payable at the offices of the Trustee or any Paying Agent, provided that at the option of the Partnership, the Partnership may pay such amounts (a) by wire transfer with respect to Global Securities or (b) by check payable in such money mailed to a Holder's registered address with respect to any Securities.

If the Partnership defaults in a payment of interest on the Securities of any series, the Partnership shall pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner plus, to the extent lawful, interest on the defaulted interest, in each case at the rate provided in the Securities of such series and in Section 4.01. The Partnership may pay the defaulted interest to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date. At least 15 days before any special record date selected by the Partnership, the Partnership (or the Trustee, in the name of and at the expense of the Partnership upon 20 days' prior written notice from the Partnership setting forth such special record date and the interest amount to be paid) shall mail to Holders a notice that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

Section 2.15 <u>Persons Deemed Owners</u>. The Partnership, the Subsidiary Guarantors, the Trustee, any Agent and any authenticating agent may treat the Person in whose name any Security is registered as the owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payments of principal of, premium (if any) or interest on or any Additional Amounts with respect to such Security and for all other purposes. None of the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor, the Trustee, any Agent or any authenticating agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

Section 2.16 <u>Computation of Interest</u>. Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for Securities of any series, interest on the Securities of each series shall be computed on the basis of a year comprising twelve 30-day months.

Section 2.17 <u>Global Securities</u>; <u>Book-Entry Provisions</u>. If Securities of a series are issuable in global form as a Global Security, as contemplated by Section 2.01, then, notwithstanding clause (k) of Section 2.01 and the provisions of Section 2.02, any such Global Security shall represent such of the outstanding Securities of such series as shall be specified therein and may provide that it shall represent the aggregate amount of outstanding Securities from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate amount of outstanding Securities represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges, transfers or redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Security to reflect the amount, or any increase or decrease in the amount, of outstanding Securities represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee (a) in such manner and upon instructions given by such Person or Persons as shall be specified in such Security or in a Partnership Order to be delivered to the Trustee pursuant to Section 2.04 or (b) otherwise in accordance with written instructions or such other written form of instructions as is customary for the Depositary for such Security, from such Depositary or its nominee on behalf of any Person having a beneficial interest in such Global Security. Subject to the provisions of Section 2.04 and, if applicable, Section 2.12, the Trustee shall deliver and redeliver any Security in permanent global form in the manner and upon

instructions given by the Person or Persons specified in such Security or in the applicable Partnership Order. With respect to the Securities of any series that are represented by a Global Security, the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors authorize the execution and delivery by the Trustee of a letter of representations or other similar agreement or instrument in the form customarily provided for by the Depositary appointed with respect to such Global Security. Any Global Security may be deposited with the Depositary or its nominee, or may remain in the custody of the Trustee or the Security Custodian therefor pursuant to a FAST Balance Certificate Agreement or similar agreement between the Trustee and the Depositary. If a Partnership Order has been, or simultaneously is, delivered, any instructions by the Partnership with respect to endorsement or delivery or redelivery of a Security in global form shall be in writing but need not comply with Section 11.05 and need not be accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel.

Members of, or participants in, the Depositary ("**Agent Members**") shall have no rights under this Indenture with respect to any Global Security held on their behalf by the Depositary, or the Trustee or the Security Custodian as its custodian, or under such Global Security, and the Depositary may be treated by the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor, the Trustee or the Security Custodian and any agent of the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor, the Trustee or the Security Custodian as the absolute owner of such Global Security for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the registered holder of a Global Security of a series may grant proxies and otherwise authorize any Person, including Agent Members and Persons that may hold interests through Agent Members, to take any action that a Holder of Securities of such series is entitled to take under this Indenture or the Securities of such series and (ii) nothing herein shall prevent the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor, the Trustee or the Security Custodian, or any agent of the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor, the Trustee or the Security Custodian, from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by the Depositary or shall impair, as between the Depositary and its Agent Members, the operation of customary practices governing the exercise of the rights of a beneficial owner of any Security.

Notwithstanding Section 2.08, and except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 2.01, Transfers of a Global Security shall be limited to transfers of such Global Security in whole, but not in part, to the Depositary, its successors or their respective nominees. Interests of beneficial owners in a Global Security may be transferred in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Depositary. Securities shall be transferred to all beneficial owners in exchange for their beneficial interests in a Global Security if, and only if, either (A) the Depositary notifies the Partnership that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for the Global Security and a successor Depositary is not appointed by the Partnership within 90 days of such notice, (B) an Event of Default has occurred with respect to such series and is continuing and the Registrar has received a request from the Depositary to issue Securities in lieu of all or a portion of the Global Security (in which case the Partnership shall deliver Securities within 30 days of such request) or (C) the Partnership determines not to have the Securities represented by a Global Security.

In connection with any transfer of a portion of the beneficial interests in a Global Security to beneficial owners pursuant to this Section 2.17, the Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and a decrease in the principal amount of the Global Security in an amount equal to the principal amount of the beneficial interests in the Global Security to be transferred, and the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall execute, and the Trustee

upon receipt of a Partnership Order for the authentication and delivery of Securities shall authenticate and deliver, one or more Securities of the same series of like tenor and amount.

In connection with the transfer of all the beneficial interests in a Global Security to beneficial owners pursuant to this Section 2.17, the Global Security shall be deemed to be surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation, and the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, to each beneficial owner identified by the Depositary in exchange for its beneficial interests in the Global Security, an equal aggregate principal amount of Securities of authorized denominations.

Neither the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor nor the Trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, Securities by the Depositary, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records of the Depositary relating to such Securities. Neither the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor nor the Trustee shall be liable for any delay by the related Global Security Holder or the Depositary in identifying the beneficial owners, and each such Person may conclusively rely on, and shall be protected in relying on, instructions from such Global Security Holder or the Depositary for all purposes (including with respect to the registration and delivery, and the respective principal amounts, of the Securities to be issued).

The provisions of the last sentence of the third paragraph of Section 2.04 shall apply to any Global Security if such Global Security was never issued and sold by the Partnership and the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor delivers to the Trustee the Global Security together with written instructions (which need not comply with Section 11.05 and need not be accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel) with regard to the cancellation or reduction in the principal amount of Securities represented thereby, together with the written statement contemplated by the last sentence of the third paragraph of Section 2.04.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 2.03 and 2.14, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.01, payment of principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to any Global Security shall be made to the Person or Persons specified therein.

## ARTICLE III. REDEMPTION

Section 3.01 <u>Applicability of Article</u>. Securities of any series that are redeemable before their Stated Maturity shall be redeemable in accordance with their terms and (except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for Securities of any series) in accordance with this Article III.

Section 3.02 Notice to the Trustee. If the Partnership elects to redeem Securities of any series pursuant to this Indenture, it shall notify the Trustee of the Redemption Date and the principal amount of Securities of such series to be redeemed. The Partnership shall so notify the Trustee at least 45 days before the Redemption Date (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee) by delivering to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that such redemption will comply with the provisions of this Indenture and of the Securities of such series. Any such

notice may be canceled at any time prior to the mailing of such notice of such redemption to any Holder and shall thereupon be void and of no effect.

Section 3.03 <u>Selection of Securities to be Redeemed</u>. If less than all the Securities of any series are to be redeemed (unless all of the Securities of such series of a specified tenor are to be redeemed), the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days nor less than 30 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee from the outstanding Securities of such series (and tenor) not previously called for redemption, either pro rata, by lot or by such other method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate unless otherwise required by law or by applicable stock exchange requirements and that may provide for the selection for redemption of portions (equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of that series or any integral multiple thereof) of the principal amount of Securities of such series of a denomination larger than the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of that series or of the principal amount of Global Securities of such series.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Partnership and the Registrar in writing of the Securities selected for redemption and, in the case of any Securities selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed.

For purposes of this Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to redemption of Securities shall relate, in the case of any of the Securities redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the principal amount thereof which has been or is to be redeemed.

Section 3.04 <u>Notice of Redemption</u>. Notice of redemption shall be given by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date, to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed, at the address of such Holder appearing in the register of Securities maintained by the Registrar. All notices of redemption shall identify the Securities to be redeemed and shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date;
- (b) the Redemption Price;
- (c) that, unless the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors default in making the redemption payment, interest on Securities called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the Redemption Date, and the only remaining right of the Holders of such Securities is to receive payment of the Redemption Price upon surrender to the Paying Agent of the Securities redeemed;
- (d) if any Security is to be redeemed in part, the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed and that on and after the Redemption Date, upon surrender for cancellation of such Security to the Paying Agent, a new Security or Securities in the aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof will be issued without charge to the Holder;
- (e) that Securities called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the Redemption Price and the name and address of the Paying Agent;

- (f) that the redemption is for a sinking or analogous fund, if such is the case; and
- (g) the CUSIP number, if any, relating to such Securities.

Notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed at the election of the Partnership shall be given by the Partnership or, at the Partnership's written request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Partnership.

Section 3.05 <u>Effect of Notice of Redemption</u>. Once notice of redemption is mailed, Securities called for redemption become due and payable on the Redemption Date and at the Redemption Price. Upon surrender to the Paying Agent, such Securities called for redemption shall be paid at the Redemption Price, but interest installments whose maturity is on or prior to such Redemption Date will be payable on the relevant Interest Payment Dates to the Holders of record at the close of business on the relevant record dates specified pursuant to Section 2.01.

Section 3.06 <u>Deposit of Redemption Price</u>. On or prior to 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on any Redemption Date, the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor shall deposit with the Trustee or the Paying Agent (or, if the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor is acting as the Paying Agent, segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 2.06) an amount of money in same day funds sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of, and (except if the Redemption Date shall be an Interest Payment Date) accrued interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to, the Securities or portions thereof which are to be redeemed on that date, other than Securities or portions thereof called for redemption on that date which have been delivered by the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor to the Trustee for cancellation.

If the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor complies with the preceding paragraph, then, unless the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors default in the payment of such Redemption Price, interest on the Securities to be redeemed will cease to accrue on and after the applicable Redemption Date, whether or not such Securities are presented for payment, and the Holders of such Securities shall have no further rights with respect to such Securities except for the right to receive the Redemption Price upon surrender of such Securities. If any Security called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender thereof for redemption, the principal, premium, if any, any Additional Amounts, and, to the extent lawful, accrued interest thereon shall, until paid, bear interest from the Redemption Date at the rate specified pursuant to Section 2.01 or provided in the Securities or, in the case of Original Issue Discount Securities, such Securities' yield to maturity.

Section 3.07 <u>Securities Redeemed or Purchased in Part</u>. Upon surrender to the Paying Agent of a Security to be redeemed in part, the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Security without service charge a new Security or Securities, of the same series and of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder in aggregate principal amount equal to, and in exchange for, the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Security so surrendered that is not redeemed.

Section 3.08 <u>Purchase of Securities</u>. Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.01, the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor and any Affiliate of the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor may, subject to applicable law, at any time purchase or otherwise acquire Securities in the open market or by private agreement. Any such acquisition shall not operate as or be deemed for any purpose to be a redemption of the indebtedness represented by such Securities. Any Securities purchased or acquired by the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor may be delivered to the Trustee and, upon such delivery, the indebtedness represented thereby shall be deemed to be satisfied. Section 2.13 shall apply to all Securities so delivered.

Section 3.09 <u>Mandatory and Optional Sinking Funds</u>. The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of Securities of any series is herein referred to as a "mandatory sinking fund payment," and any payment in excess of such minimum amount provided for by the terms of Securities of any series is herein referred to as an "optional sinking fund payment." Unless otherwise provided by the terms of Securities of any series, the cash amount of any sinking fund payment may be subject to reduction as provided in Section 3.10. Each sinking fund payment shall be applied to the redemption of Securities of any series as provided for by the terms of Securities of such series and by this Article III.

Section 3.10 <u>Satisfaction of Sinking Fund Payments with Securities</u>. The Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor may deliver outstanding Securities of a series (other than any previously called for redemption) and may apply as a credit Securities of a series that have been redeemed either at the election of the Partnership pursuant to the terms of such Securities or through the application of permitted optional sinking fund payments pursuant to the terms of such Securities, in each case in satisfaction of all or any part of any sinking fund payment with respect to the Securities of such series required to be made pursuant to the terms of such series of Securities; provided that such Securities have not been previously so credited. Such Securities shall be received and credited for such purpose by the Trustee at the Redemption Price specified in such Securities for redemption through operation of the sinking fund and the amount of such sinking fund payment shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 3.11 Redemption of Securities for Sinking Fund. Not less than 45 days prior (unless a shorter period shall be satisfactory to the Trustee) to each sinking fund payment date for any series of Securities, the Partnership will deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate specifying the amount of the next ensuing sinking fund payment for that series pursuant to the terms of that series, the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by payment of cash and the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by delivery of or by crediting Securities of that series pursuant to Section 3.10 and will also deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee any Securities to be so delivered. Failure of the Partnership to timely deliver or cause to be delivered such Officers' Certificate and Securities specified in this paragraph, if any, shall not constitute a default but shall constitute the election of the Partnership (a) that the mandatory sinking fund payment for such series due on the next succeeding sinking fund payment date shall be paid entirely in cash without the option to deliver or credit Securities of such series in respect thereof and (b) that the Partnership will make no optional sinking fund payment with respect to such series as provided in this Section 3.11.

If the sinking fund payment or payments (mandatory or optional or both) to be made in cash on the next succeeding sinking fund payment date plus any unused balance of any

preceding sinking fund payments made in cash shall exceed \$100,000 (or the Dollar equivalent thereof based on the applicable Exchange Rate on the date of original issue of the applicable Securities) or a lesser sum if the Partnership shall so request with respect to the Securities of any particular series, such cash shall be applied on the next succeeding sinking fund payment date to the redemption of Securities of such series at the sinking fund redemption price together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. If such amount shall be \$100,000 (or the Dollar equivalent thereof as aforesaid) or less and the Partnership makes no such request then it shall be carried over until a sum in excess of \$100,000 (or the Dollar equivalent thereof as aforesaid) is available. Not less than 30 days before each such sinking fund payment date, the Trustee shall select the Securities to be redeemed upon such sinking fund payment date in the manner specified in Section 3.03 and cause notice of the redemption thereof to be given in the name of and at the expense of the Partnership in the manner provided in Section 3.04. Such notice having been duly given, the redemption of such Securities shall be made upon the terms and in the manner stated in Sections 3.05, 3.06 and 3.07.

# ARTICLE IV. COVENANTS

Section 4.01 <u>Payment of Securities</u>. The Partnership shall pay the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to the Securities of each series on the dates and in the manner provided in the Securities of such series and in this Indenture. Principal, premium, interest and any Additional Amounts shall be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent (other than the Partnership, a Subsidiary Guarantor or a Subsidiary) holds on that date money deposited by the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor designated for and sufficient to pay all principal, premium, interest and any Additional Amounts then due.

The Partnership shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and premium (if any), at a rate equal to the then applicable interest rate on the Securities to the extent lawful; and it shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest and any Additional Amount (without regard to any applicable grace period) at the same rate to the extent lawful.

Section 4.02 <u>Maintenance of Office or Agency</u>. The Partnership will maintain in each Place of Payment for any series of Securities an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee, the Registrar or the Paying Agent) where Securities of that series may be presented for registration of transfer or exchange, where Securities of that series may be presented for payment and where notices and demands to or upon the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor in respect of the Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served. Unless otherwise designated by the Partnership by written notice to the Trustee and the Subsidiary Guarantors, such office or agency shall be the office of the Trustee in The City of New York, which on the date hereof is located at 100 Wall Street, Suite 1600, New York, NY 10005. The Partnership will give prompt written notice to the Trustee and the Subsidiary Guarantors of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Partnership shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee and the Subsidiary Guarantors with

the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

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

#### Section 4.03 SEC Reports; Financial Statements.

- (a) If the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor is subject to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, shall file with the Trustee, within 15 days after it files the same with the SEC, copies of the annual reports and the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may by rules and regulations prescribe) that the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor is required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. If this Indenture is qualified under the TIA, but not otherwise, the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall also comply with the provisions of TIA Section 314(a). Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee shall be for informational purposes only, and the Trustee's receipt thereof shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Partnership's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officers' Certificates or certificates delivered pursuant to Section 4.04).
- (b) If neither the Partnership nor any Subsidiary Guarantor is subject to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall furnish to all Holders of Rule 144A Securities and prospective purchasers of Rule 144A Securities designated by the Holders of Rule 144A Securities, promptly upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

#### Section 4.04 Compliance Certificate.

(a) Each of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, a statement signed by an Officer of the General Partner, which need not constitute an Officers' Certificate, complying with TIA Section 314(a)(4) and stating that in the course of performance by the signing Officer of his duties as such Officer of the General Partner, he would normally obtain knowledge of the keeping, observing, performing and fulfilling by the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, of its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating that to the best of his knowledge the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled each and every covenant contained in this Indenture and is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions hereof (or, if a

Default or Event of Default shall have occurred, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which such Officer may have knowledge and what action the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto).

(b) The Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor shall, so long as Securities of any series are outstanding, deliver to the Trustee, forthwith upon any Officer of the General Partner, becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default under this Indenture, an Officers' Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

Section 4.05 Existence. Subject to Article V, each of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its existence.

Section 4.06 <u>Waiver of Stay, Extension or Usury Laws</u>. Each of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension law or any usury law or other law that would prohibit or forgive it from paying all or any portion of the principal of or interest on the Securities as contemplated herein, wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, or which may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) each of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

Section 4.07 <u>Additional Amounts</u>. If the Securities of a series expressly provide for the payment of Additional Amounts, the Partnership will pay to the Holder of any Security of such series Additional Amounts as expressly provided therein. Whenever in this Indenture there is mentioned, in any context, the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on, or in respect of, any Security of any series or the net proceeds received from the sale or exchange of any Security of any series, such mention shall be deemed to include mention of the payment of Additional Amounts provided for in this Section 4.07 to the extent that, in such context, Additional Amounts are, were or would be payable in respect thereof pursuant to the provisions of this Section 4.07 and express mention of the payment of Additional Amounts (if applicable) in any provisions hereof shall not be construed as excluding Additional Amounts in those provisions hereof where such express mention is not made.

# ARTICLE V. SUCCESSORS

Section 5.01 <u>Limitations on Mergers and Consolidations</u>. Neither the Partnership nor any Subsidiary Guarantor shall, in any transaction or series of transactions, consolidate with or merge into any Person, or sell, lease, convey, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to any Person (other than a consolidation or merger of the Partnership and a Subsidiary Guarantor or of the Subsidiary Guarantors, or a sale, lease, conveyance, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership to a Subsidiary

Guarantor, a Subsidiary Guarantor to the Partnership or of a Subsidiary Guarantor to another Subsidiary Guarantor), unless:

- (a) either (i) the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, shall be the continuing Person or (ii) the Person (if other than the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor) formed by such consolidation or into which the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor is merged, or to which such sale, lease, conveyance, transfer or other disposition shall be made (collectively, the "Successor"), is organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States, any political subdivision thereof or any State thereof or the District of Columbia, and expressly assumes by supplemental indenture, in the case of the Partnership, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to all the Securities and the performance of the Partnership's covenants and obligations under this Indenture and the Securities, or, in the case of such Subsidiary Guarantor, the performance of the Guarantee and such Subsidiary Guarantor's covenants and obligations under this Indenture and the Securities;
- (b) immediately after giving effect to such transaction or series of transactions, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom; and
- (c) the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, delivers to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that the transaction and such supplemental indenture comply with this Indenture.

Section 5.02 <u>Successor Person Substituted</u>. Upon any consolidation or merger of the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, or any sale, lease, conveyance, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor in accordance with Section 5.01, the Successor formed by such consolidation or into or with which the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor is merged or to which such sale, lease, conveyance, transfer or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, under this Indenture and the Securities with the same effect as if such Successor had been named as the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, herein and the predecessor Partnership or Subsidiary Guarantor, in the case of a sale, conveyance, transfer or other disposition, shall be released from all obligations under this Indenture, the Securities and, in the case of a Subsidiary Guarantor, the Guarantee.

# ARTICLE VI. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.01 Events of Default. Unless either inapplicable to a particular series or specifically deleted or modified in or pursuant to the supplemental indenture or Board Resolution establishing such series of Securities or in the form of Security for such series, an "Event of Default," wherever used herein with respect to Securities of any series, occurs if:

- (a) there is a default in the payment of interest on or any Additional Amounts with respect to any Security of that series when the same becomes due and payable and such default continues for a period of 30 days;
- (b) there is a default in the payment of the principal of or premium, if any, on any Securities of that series as and when the same shall become due and payable, whether at Stated Maturity, upon redemption, by declaration, upon required repurchase or otherwise;
- (c) there is a default in the payment of any sinking fund payment with respect to any Securities of that series as and when the same shall become due and payable;
- (d) there is a failure on the part of the Partnership, or if any series of Securities outstanding under this Indenture is entitled to the benefits of a Guarantee by the Subsidiary Guarantors, any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, duly to observe or perform any other of the covenants or agreements on the part of the Partnership, or if applicable, any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, in the Securities of that series, in any resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing the issuance of that series of Securities, in this Indenture with respect to such series or in any supplemental Indenture with respect to such series (other than a default in the performance of a covenant which is specifically dealt with elsewhere in this Section 6.01), continuing for a period of 60 days after the date on which written notice specifying such failure and requiring the Partnership, or if applicable, the Subsidiary Guarantors, to remedy the same shall have been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Partnership, or if applicable, the Subsidiary Guarantors, by the Trustee or to the Partnership, or if applicable, the Subsidiary Guarantors, and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of that series at the time outstanding;
- (e) the Partnership, or if any series of Securities outstanding under this Indenture is entitled to the benefits of a Guarantee by the Subsidiary Guarantors, any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
  - (i) commences a voluntary case,
  - (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
  - (iii) consents to the appointment of a Bankruptcy Custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property, or
  - (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors;
  - (f) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that remains unstayed and in effect for 60 days and that:
    - (i) is for relief against the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor as debtor in an involuntary case,

- (ii) appoints a Bankruptcy Custodian of the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor or a Bankruptcy Custodian for all or substantially all of the property of the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor, or
  - (iii) orders the liquidation of the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor;
- (g) if any series of Securities outstanding under this Indenture is entitled to the benefits of a Guarantee by the Subsidiary Guarantors, any of the Subsidiary Guarantors ceases to be in full force and effect with respect to Securities of that series (except as otherwise provided in this Indenture) or is declared null and void in a judicial proceeding or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors (if applicable) denies or disaffirms its obligations under this Indenture or such Guarantee; or
  - (h) any other Event of Default provided with respect to Securities of that series occurs.

The term "Bankruptcy Custodian" means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

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

When a Default is cured, it ceases.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 6.01, if the principal of, premium (if any) or interest on or Additional Amounts with respect to any Security is payable in a currency or currencies (including a composite currency) other than Dollars and such currency or currencies are not available to the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor for making payment thereof due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond the control of the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor (a "Conversion Event"), each of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors will be entitled to satisfy its obligations to Holders of the Securities by making such payment in Dollars in an amount equal to the Dollar equivalent of the amount payable in such other currency, as determined by the Partnership or the Subsidiary Guarantor making such payment, as the case may be, by reference to the Exchange Rate on the date of such payment, or, if such rate is not then available, on the basis of the most recently available Exchange Rate. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 6.01, any payment made under such circumstances in Dollars where the required payment is in a currency other than Dollars will not constitute an Event of Default under this Indenture.

Promptly after the occurrence of a Conversion Event, the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor shall give written notice thereof to the Trustee; and the Trustee, promptly after receipt of such notice, shall give notice thereof in the manner provided in Section 11.02 to the Holders. Promptly after the making of any payment in Dollars as a result of a Conversion Event, the Partnership or the Subsidiary Guarantor making such payment, as the case may be, shall give

notice in the manner provided in Section 11.02 to the Holders, setting forth the applicable Exchange Rate and describing the calculation of such payments.

A Default under clause (d) or (h) of this Section 6.01 is not an Event of Default until the Trustee notifies the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors, or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of the series affected by such Default (or, in the case of a Default under clause (d) of this Section 6.01, if outstanding Securities of other series are affected by such Default, then at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities so affected) notify the Partnership, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, of the Default, and the Partnership or the applicable Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, fails to cure the Default within 60 days after receipt of the notice. The notice must specify the Default, demand that it be remedied and state that the notice is a "Notice of Default."

Section 6.02 Acceleration. If an Event of Default with respect to any Securities of any series at the time outstanding (other than an Event of Default specified in clause (e) or (f) of Section 6.01) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by notice to the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors, or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of the series affected by such Event of Default (or, in the case of an Event of Default described in clause (d) of Section 6.01, if outstanding Securities of other series are affected by such Event of Default, then at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities so affected) by notice to the Partnership, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, may declare the principal of (or, if any such Securities are Original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of that series) and all accrued and unpaid interest on all then outstanding Securities of such series or of all series, as the case may be, to be due and payable. Upon any such declaration, the amounts due and payable on the Securities shall be due and payable immediately. If an Event of Default specified in clause (e) or (f) of Section 6.01 hereof occurs, such amounts shall ipso facto become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration, notice or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of the series affected by such Event of Default or all series, as the case may be, by written notice to the Trustee may rescind an acceleration and its consequences (other than nonpayment of principal of or premium or interest on or any Additional Amounts with respect to the Securities) if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing Events of Default with respect to Securities of that series (or of all series, as the case may be) have been cured or waived, except nonpayment of principa

Section 6.03 Other Remedies. If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Securities or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Securities or this Indenture. The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Securities or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. All remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

Section 6.04 <u>Waiver of Defaults</u>. Subject to Sections 6.07 and 9.02, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any series or of all series (acting as one class) by notice to the Trustee may waive an existing or past Default or Event of Default with respect to such series or all series, as the case may be, and its consequences (including waivers obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for Securities of such series or all series or a solicitation of consents in respect of Securities of such series or all series, provided that in each case such offer or solicitation is made to all Holders of then outstanding Securities of such series (but the terms of such offer or solicitation may vary from series to series)), except (a) a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on or any Additional Amounts with respect to any Security or (b) a continued Default in respect of a provision that under Section 9.02 cannot be amended or supplemented without the consent of each Holder affected. Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 6.05 <u>Control by Majority</u>. With respect to Securities of any series, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such series may direct in writing the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on it relating to or arising under an Event of Default described in clause (a), (b), (c) or (g) of Section 6.01, and with respect to all Securities, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of all the then outstanding Securities affected may direct in writing the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on it not relating to or arising under such an Event of Default. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with applicable law, or this Indenture, that the Trustee determines may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Holders, or that may involve the Trustee in personal liability; provided, however, that the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction. Prior to taking any action hereunder, the Trustee shall be entitled to indemnification satisfactory to it in its sole discretion from Holders directing the Trustee against all losses and expenses caused by taking or not taking such

Section 6.06 <u>Limitations on Suits</u>. Subject to Section 6.07 hereof, a Holder of a Security of any series may pursue a remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Securities of such series only if:

- (a) the Holder gives to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to such series;
- (b) the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such series make a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;
  - (c) such Holder or Holders offer to the Trustee indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense in its sole discretion;
  - (d) the Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the offer of indemnity; and

(e) during such 60-day period the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of that series do not give the Trustee a direction inconsistent with the request.

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

Section 6.07 <u>Rights of Holders to Receive Payment</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Security to receive payment of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to the Security, on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Security, or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, is absolute and unconditional and shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of the Holder.

Section 6.08 <u>Collection Suit by Trustee</u>. If an Event of Default specified in clause (a) or (b) of Section 6.01 hereof occurs and is continuing, the Trustee is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor for the amount of principal, premium (if any), interest and any Additional Amounts remaining unpaid on the Securities of the series affected by the Event of Default, and interest on overdue principal and premium, if any, and, to the extent lawful, interest on overdue interest, and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

Section 6.09 <u>Trustee May File Proofs of Claim</u>. The Trustee is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents and to take such actions, including participating as a member, voting or otherwise, of any committee of creditors, as may be necessary or advisable to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor or their respective creditors or properties and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and any Bankruptcy Custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07 out of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be denied for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, money, securities and other properties which the Holders of the Securities may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities or the rights of any Holder thereof, or t

Section 6.10 Priorities. If the Trustee collects any money pursuant to this Article VI, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

- (a) *First*: to the Trustee for amounts due under Section 7.07;
- (b) *Second*: to Holders for amounts due and unpaid on the Securities in respect of which or for the benefit of which such money has been collected, for principal, premium (if any), interest and any Additional Amounts ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such Securities for principal, premium (if any), interest and any Additional Amounts, respectively; and
  - (c) Third: to the Partnership.

The Trustee, upon prior written notice to the Partnership, may fix record dates and payment dates for any payment to Holders pursuant to this Article VI.

To the fullest extent allowed under applicable law, if for the purpose of obtaining a judgment against the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor in any court it is necessary to convert the sum due in respect of the principal of, premium (if any) or interest on or Additional Amounts with respect to the Securities of any series (the "Required Currency") into a currency in which a judgment will be rendered (the "Judgment Currency"), the rate of exchange used shall be the rate at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Trustee could purchase in The City of New York the Required Currency with the Judgment Currency on the Business Day in The City of New York next preceding that on which final judgment is given. Neither the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor nor the Trustee shall be liable for any shortfall nor shall it benefit from any windfall in payments to Holders of Securities under this Section 6.10 caused by a change in exchange rates between the time the amount of a judgment against it is calculated as above and the time the Trustee converts the Judgment Currency into the Required Currency to make payments under this Section 6.10 to Holders of Securities, but payment of such judgment shall discharge all amounts owed by the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors on the claim or claims underlying such judgment.

Section 6.11 <u>Undertaking for Costs</u>. In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.11 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder pursuant to Section 6.07, or a suit by a Holder or Holders of more than 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any series.

#### ARTICLE VII. TRUSTEE

#### Section 7.01 Duties of Trustee.

- (a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in such exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.
  - (b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default with respect to the Securities of any series:
- (i) the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and
- (ii) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, the Trustee shall examine such certificates and opinions to determine whether, on their face, they appear to conform to the requirements of this Indenture.
- (c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct, except that:
  - (i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of Section 7.01(b);
- (ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and
- (iii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.05.
- (d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to the provisions of this Section 7.01.
- (e) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or incur any liability. The Trustee may refuse to perform any duty or exercise any right or power unless it receives indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.
- (f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law. All money received by the Trustee shall, until applied as herein provided, be

held in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and Additional Amounts with respect to the Securities.

Section 7.02 Rights of Trustee.

- (a) The Trustee may conclusively rely on any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require that instruction in the form of an Officers' Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both to be provided. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such instruction, Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee may consult at the Partnership's expense with counsel of its selection and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.
  - (c) The Trustee may act through agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care.
- (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.
- (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor shall be sufficient if signed by an Officer of the General Partner.
- (f) The Trustee shall not be obligated to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document.
- (g) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.
- (h) The Trustee may request that the Partnership deliver an Officers' Certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which Officers' Certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officers' Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.

Section 7.03 <u>May Hold Securities</u>. The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor or any of their respective Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it

were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. However, the Trustee is subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

Section 7.04 <u>Trustee's Disclaimer</u>. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities, it shall not be accountable for the Partnership's use of the proceeds from the Securities or any money paid to the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor or upon the Partnership's or such Subsidiary Guarantor's direction under any provision hereof, it shall not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee and it shall not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the Securities other than its certificate of authentication.

Section 7.05 Notice of Defaults. If a Default or Event of Default with respect to the Securities of any series occurs and is continuing and it is known to the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to Holders of Securities of such series a notice of the Default or Event of Default within 90 days after it has knowledge thereof. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and Additional Amounts or any sinking fund installment with respect to the Securities of such series, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of Holders of Securities of such series.

Section 7.06 Reports by Trustee to Holders. Within 60 days after each September 15 of each year after the execution of this Indenture, the Trustee shall mail to Holders of a series, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Partnership a brief report dated as of such reporting date that complies with TIA Section 313(a); provided, however, that if no event described in TIA Section 313(a) has occurred within the twelve months preceding the reporting date with respect to a series, no report need be transmitted to Holders of such series. The Trustee also shall comply with TIA Section 313(b). The Trustee shall also transmit by mail all reports if and as required by TIA Sections 313(c) and 313(d). A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to Holders of a series of Securities shall be filed by the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor with the SEC and each securities exchange, if any, on which the Securities of such series are listed. The Partnership shall notify the Trustee if and when any series of Securities is listed on any securities exchange.

Section 7.07 <u>Compensation and Indemnity</u>. The Partnership agrees to pay to the Trustee for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder such compensation as the Partnership and the Trustee shall from time to time agree in writing. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Partnership agrees to reimburse the Trustee upon request for all reasonable disbursements, advances and expenses incurred by it. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Partnership hereby indemnifies the Trustee and any predecessor Trustee against any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense, including taxes (other than taxes based upon, measured by or determined by the income of the Trustee), incurred by it arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of its duties under this Indenture, except as set forth in the next following paragraph. The Trustee shall notify the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity, but the failure to

provide such notice shall not affect the Trustee's rights under this Section 7.07 except to the extent that the Partnership is actually prejudiced thereby. The Partnership shall defend the claim and the Trustee shall cooperate in the defense. The Trustee may have separate counsel and the Partnership shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. The Partnership need not pay for any settlement made without its consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

The Partnership shall not be obligated to reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss or liability incurred by the Trustee through the Trustee's gross negligence or bad faith.

To secure the payment obligations of the Partnership in this Section 7.07, the Trustee shall have a lien prior to the Securities on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to Securities of any series. Such lien and the Partnership's obligations under this Section 7.07 shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(e) or (f) occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

Section 7.08 <u>Replacement of Trustee</u>. A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section 7.08. The Trustee may resign and be discharged at any time with respect to the Securities of one or more series by so notifying the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any series may remove the Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series by so notifying the Trustee, the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors. The Partnership may remove the Trustee if:

- (a) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- (b) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;
- (c) a Bankruptcy Custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (d) the Trustee otherwise becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, with respect to the Securities of one or more series, the Partnership shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee or Trustees with respect to the Securities of that or those series (it being understood that any such successor Trustee may be appointed with respect to the Securities of one or more or all of such series and that at any time there shall be only one Trustee with respect to the Securities of any particular series). Within one year after the successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series takes office, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series then outstanding may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Partnership.

If a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series does not take office within 30 days after the retiring or removed Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring or removed Trustee, the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such series may (at the expense of the Partnership) petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

If the Trustee with respect to the Securities of a series fails to comply with Section 7.10, any Holder of Securities of such series may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

In case of the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to all Securities, each such successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee, to the Partnership and to the Subsidiary Guarantors. Thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the retiring Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Holders. The retiring Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee, subject to the lien provided for in Section 7.07.

In case of the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more (but not all) series, the Partnership, the Subsidiary Guarantors, the retiring Trustee and each successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more (but not all) series shall execute and deliver an indenture supplemental hereto in which each successor Trustee shall accept such appointment and that (i) shall confer to each successor Trustee all the rights, powers and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, (ii) if the retiring Trustee is not retiring with respect to all Securities, shall confirm that all the rights, powers and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series as to which the retiring Trustee is not retiring shall continue to be vested in the retiring Trustee and (iii) shall add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee. Nothing herein or in such supplemental indenture shall constitute such Trustees co-trustees of the same trust, and each such Trustee shall be trustee of a trust or trusts hereunder separate and apart from any trust or trusts hereunder administered by any other such Trustee. Upon the execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective to the extent provided therein and each such successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates. On request of the Partnership or any successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall transfer to such successor Trustee relates. Such retiring Trustee shall, however, have the right to deduct its unpaid fees and expenses, including attorneys' fees.

Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee or Trustees pursuant to this Section 7.08, the obligations of the Partnership under Section 7.07 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee or Trustees.

Section 7.09 <u>Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.</u> Subject to Section 7.10, if the Trustee consolidates, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation, the successor corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee; provided, however, that in the case of a transfer of all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to another corporation, the transferee corporation expressly assumes all of the Trustee's liabilities hereunder.

In case any Securities shall have been authenticated, but not delivered, by the Trustee then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such authenticating Trustee may adopt such authentication and deliver the Securities so authenticated; and in case at that time any of the Securities shall not have been authenticated, any successor to the Trustee may authenticate such Securities either in the name of any predecessor hereunder or in the name of the successor to the Trustee; and in all such cases such certificates shall have the full force which it is anywhere in the Securities or in this Indenture provided that the certificate of the Trustee shall have.

Section 7.10 <u>Eligibility</u>; <u>Disqualification</u>. There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder which shall be a corporation or banking association organized and doing business under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia and authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust power, shall be subject to supervision or examination by federal or state (or the District of Columbia) authority and shall have, or be a subsidiary of a bank or bank holding company having, a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50 million as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.

The Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of TIA Sections 310(a)(1), 310(a)(2) and 310(a)(5). The Trustee is subject to and shall comply with the provisions of TIA Section 310(b) during the period of time required by this Indenture. Nothing in this Indenture shall prevent the Trustee from filing with the SEC the application referred to in the penultimate paragraph of TIA Section 310(b).

Section 7.11 <u>Preferential Collection of Claims Against the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor</u>. The Trustee is subject to and shall comply with the provisions of TIA Section 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA Section 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA Section 311(a) to the extent indicated therein.

## ARTICLE VIII. DISCHARGE OF INDENTURE

Section 8.01 Termination of the Partnership's and the Subsidiary Guarantors' Obligations.

(a) This Indenture shall cease to be of further effect with respect to the Securities of a series (except that the Partnership's obligations under Section 7.07, the Trustee's and Paying Agent's obligations under Section 8.03 and the rights, powers, protections and privileges accorded the Trustee under Article VII shall survive), and the Trustee and the Subsidiary Guarantors, on demand of the Partnership, shall execute proper instruments

acknowledging the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such series, when:

- (i) either:
- (A) all outstanding Securities of such series theretofore authenticated and issued (other than destroyed, lost or stolen Securities that have been replaced or paid) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
  - (B) all outstanding Securities of such series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation:
    - (1) have become due and payable, or
    - (2) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or
- (3) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Partnership, and, in the case of clause (1), (2) or (3) above, the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as funds (immediately available to the Holders in the case of clause (1)) in trust for such purpose (x) cash in an amount, or (y) Government Obligations, maturing as to principal and interest at such times and in such amounts as will ensure the availability of cash in an amount or (z) a combination thereof, which will be sufficient, in the opinion (in the case of clauses (y) and (z)) of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the Securities of such series for principal and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Securities which have become due and payable) or for principal, premium, if any, and interest to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, as the case may be; or
- (C) the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors have properly fulfilled such other means of satisfaction and discharge as is specified, as contemplated by Section 2.01, to be applicable to the Securities of such series;
- (ii) the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by them hereunder with respect to the Securities of such series; and
- (iii) the Partnership has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such series have been complied with, together with an Opinion of Counsel to the same effect.
- (b) Unless this Section 8.01(b) is specified as not being applicable to Securities of a series as contemplated by Section 2.01, the Partnership may, at its option, terminate certain of its and the Subsidiary Guarantors' respective obligations under this Indenture ("covenant defeasance") with respect to the Securities of a series if:

- (i) the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor has irrevocably deposited or caused to be irrevocably deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for the purpose of making the following payments, specifically pledged as security for and dedicated solely to the benefit of the Holders of Securities of such series, (A) money in the currency in which payment of the Securities of such series is to be made in an amount, or (B) Government Obligations with respect to such series, maturing as to principal and interest at such times and in such amounts as will ensure the availability of money in the currency in which payment of the Securities of such series is to be made in an amount or (C) a combination thereof, that is sufficient, in the opinion (in the case of clauses (B) and (C)) of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay the principal of and premium (if any) and interest on all Securities of such series on each date that such principal, premium (if any) or interest is due and payable and (at the Stated Maturity thereof or upon redemption as provided in Section 8.01(e)) to pay all other sums payable by it hereunder; provided that the Trustee shall have been irrevocably instructed to apply such money and/or the proceeds of such Government Obligations to the payment of said principal, premium (if any) and interest with respect to the Securities of such series as the same shall become due;
- (ii) the Partnership has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such series have been complied with, and an Opinion of Counsel to the same effect;
  - (iii) no Default or Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit;
- (iv) the Partnership shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel from a nationally recognized counsel acceptable to the Trustee or a tax ruling to the effect that the Holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. Federal income tax purposes as a result of the Partnership's exercise of its option under this Section 8.01(b) and will be subject to U.S. Federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such option had not been exercised;
- (v) the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors have complied with any additional conditions specified pursuant to Section 2.01 to be applicable to the discharge of Securities of such series pursuant to this Section 8.01; and
  - (vi) such deposit and discharge shall not cause the Trustee to have a conflicting interest as defined in TIA Section 310(b).

In such event, this Indenture shall cease to be of further effect (except as set forth in this paragraph), and the Trustee and the Subsidiary Guarantors, on demand of the Partnership, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge under this Indenture. However, the Partnership's and the Subsidiary Guarantors' respective obligations in Sections 2.05, 2.06, 2.07, 2.08, 2.09, 4.01, 4.02, 7.07, 7.08, 8.04 and 10.01, the Trustee's and Paying Agent's obligations in Section 8.03 and the rights, powers, protections and privileges accorded the Trustee under Article VII shall survive until all Securities of such series are no

longer outstanding. Thereafter, only the Partnership's obligations in Section 7.07 and the Trustee's and Paying Agent's obligations in Section 8.03 shall survive with respect to Securities of such series.

After such irrevocable deposit made pursuant to this Section 8.01(b) and satisfaction of the other conditions set forth herein, the Trustee upon request shall acknowledge in writing the discharge of the Partnership's and the Subsidiary Guarantors' obligations under this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such series except for those surviving obligations specified above.

In order to have money available on a payment date to pay principal of or premium (if any) or interest on the Securities, the Government Obligations shall be payable as to principal or interest on or before such payment date in such amounts as will provide the necessary money. Government Obligations shall not be callable at the issuer's option.

- (c) If the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors have previously complied or are concurrently complying with Section 8.01(b) (other than any additional conditions specified pursuant to Section 2.01 that are expressly applicable only to covenant defeasance) with respect to Securities of a series, then, unless this Section 8.01(c) is specified as not being applicable to Securities of such series as contemplated by Section 2.01, the Partnership may elect that its and the Subsidiary Guarantors' respective obligations to make payments with respect to Securities of such series be discharged ("legal defeasance"), if:
- (i) no Default or Event of Default under clauses (e) and (f) of Section 6.01 hereof shall have occurred at any time during the period ending on the 91st day after the date of deposit contemplated by Section 8.01(b) (it being understood that this condition shall not be deemed satisfied until the expiration of such period);
- (ii) unless otherwise specified with respect to Securities of such series as contemplated by Section 2.01, the Partnership has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel from a nationally recognized counsel acceptable to the Trustee to the effect referred to in Section 8.01(b)(iv) with respect to such legal defeasance, which opinion is based on (A) a private ruling of the Internal Revenue Service addressed to the Partnership, (B) a published ruling of the Internal Revenue Service pertaining to a comparable form of transaction or (C) a change in the applicable federal income tax law (including regulations) after the date of this Indenture:
- (iii) the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors have complied with any other conditions specified pursuant to Section 2.01 to be applicable to the legal defeasance of Securities of such series pursuant to this Section 8.01(c); and
- (iv) the Partnership has delivered to the Trustee a Partnership Request requesting such legal defeasance of the Securities of such series and an Officers' Certificate stating that all conditions precedent with respect to such legal defeasance of the Securities of such series have been complied with, together with an Opinion of Counsel to the same effect.

In such event, the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors will be discharged from their respective obligations under this Indenture and the Securities of such series to pay principal

of, premium (if any) and interest on, and any Additional Amounts with respect to, Securities of such series, the Partnership's and the Subsidiary Guarantors' respective obligations under Sections 4.01, 4.02 and 10.01 shall terminate with respect to such Securities, and the entire indebtedness of the Partnership evidenced by such Securities and of the Subsidiary Guarantors evidenced by the related Guarantees shall be deemed paid and discharged.

- (d) If and to the extent additional or alternative means of satisfaction, discharge or defeasance of Securities of a series are specified to be applicable to such series as contemplated by Section 2.01, each of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors may terminate any or all of its obligations under this Indenture with respect to Securities of a series and any or all of its obligations under the Securities of such series if it fulfills such other means of satisfaction and discharge as may be so specified, as contemplated by Section 2.01, to be applicable to the Securities of such series.
- (e) If Securities of any series subject to subsections (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Section 8.01 are to be redeemed prior to their Stated Maturity, whether pursuant to any optional redemption provisions or in accordance with any mandatory or optional sinking fund provisions, the terms of the applicable trust arrangement shall provide for such redemption, and the Partnership shall make such arrangements as are reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Partnership.

Section 8.02 <u>Application of Trust Money</u>. The Trustee or a trustee satisfactory to the Trustee and the Partnership shall hold in trust money or Government Obligations deposited with it pursuant to Section 8.01 hereof. It shall apply the deposited money and the money from Government Obligations through the Paying Agent and in accordance with this Indenture to the payment of principal of, premium (if any) and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to the Securities of the series with respect to which the deposit was made.

Section 8.03 <u>Repayment to Partnership or Subsidiary Guarantor</u>. The Trustee and the Paying Agent shall promptly pay to the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor any excess money or Government Obligations (or proceeds therefrom) held by them at any time upon the written request of the Partnership.

Subject to the requirements of any applicable abandoned property laws, the Trustee and the Paying Agent shall pay to the Partnership upon written request any money held by them for the payment of principal, premium (if any), interest or any Additional Amounts that remain unclaimed for two years after the date upon which such payment shall have become due. After payment to the Partnership, Holders entitled to the money must look to the Partnership for payment as general creditors unless an applicable abandoned property law designates another Person, and all liability of the Trustee and the Paying Agent with respect to such money shall cease.

Section 8.04 <u>Reinstatement</u>. If the Trustee or the Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or Government Obligations deposited with respect to Securities of any series in accordance with Section 8.01 by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the obligations of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors under this

Indenture with respect to the Securities of such series and under the Securities of such series shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.01 until such time as the Trustee or the Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money or Government Obligations in accordance with Section 8.01; provided, however, that if the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor has made any payment of principal of, premium (if any) or interest on or any Additional Amounts with respect to any Securities because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money or Government Obligations held by the Trustee or the Paying Agent.

# ARTICLE IX. SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES AND AMENDMENTS

Section 9.01 <u>Without Consent of Holders</u>. The Partnership, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Securities or waive any provision hereof or thereof without the consent of any Holder:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to comply with Section 5.01;
- (c) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities, or to provide for the issuance of bearer Securities (with or without coupons);
  - (d) to provide any security for, or to add any guarantees of or additional obligors on, any series of Securities or the related Guarantees;
  - (e) to comply with any requirement in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA;
- (f) to add to the covenants of the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Securities (and if such covenants are to be for the benefit of less than all series of Securities, stating that such covenants are expressly being included solely for the benefit of such series), or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor;
- (g) to add any additional Events of Default with respect to all or any series of the Securities (and, if any Event of Default is applicable to less than all series of Securities, specifying the series to which such Event of Default is applicable);
- (h) to change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture; provided that any such change or elimination shall become effective only when there is no outstanding Security of any series created prior to the execution of such amendment or supplemental indenture that is adversely affected in any material respect by such change in or elimination of such provision;

- (i) to establish the form or terms of Securities of any series as permitted by Section 2.01;
- (j) to supplement any of the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of Securities pursuant to Section 8.01; provided, however, that any such action shall not adversely affect the interest of the Holders of Securities of such series or any other series of Securities in any material respect; or
- (k) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, pursuant to the requirements of Section 7.08.

Upon the request of the Partnership, accompanied by a Board Resolution, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 9.06, the Trustee shall, subject to Section 9.06, join with the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors in the execution of any supplemental indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained.

Section 9.02 With Consent of Holders. Except as provided below in this Section 9.02, the Partnership, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture with the written consent (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for Securities of any one or more series or all series or a solicitation of consents in respect of Securities of any one or more series or all series, provided that in each case such offer or solicitation is made to all Holders of then outstanding Securities of each such series (but the terms of such offer or solicitation may vary from series to series)) of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of all series affected by such amendment or supplement (acting as one class).

Upon the request of the Partnership, accompanied by a Board Resolution, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence of the consent of the Holders as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 9.06, the Trustee shall, subject to Section 9.06, join with the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors in the execution of such amendment or supplemental indenture.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders under this Section 9.02 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, supplement or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of one or more series or of all series may waive compliance in a particular instance by the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor with any provision of this Indenture with respect to Securities of such series (including waivers obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for Securities of such series or a solicitation of consents in respect of Securities of such series, provided that in each case such offer or solicitation is made to all Holders of then outstanding

Securities of such series (but the terms of such offer or solicitation may vary from series to series)).

However, without the consent of each Holder affected, an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 may not:

- (a) reduce the amount of Securities whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (b) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest, including default interest, on any Security;
- (c) reduce the principal of, any premium on or any mandatory sinking fund payment with respect to, or change the Stated Maturity of, any Security or reduce the amount of the principal of an Original Issue Discount Security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.02;
  - (d) reduce the premium, if any, payable upon the redemption of any Security or change the time at which any Security may or shall be redeemed;
  - (e) change any obligation of the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor to pay Additional Amounts with respect to any Security;
- (f) change the coin or currency or currencies (including composite currencies) in which any Security or any premium, interest or Additional Amounts with respect thereto are payable;
- (g) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment of principal of, premium (if any) or interest on or any Additional Amounts with respect to any Security pursuant to Sections 6.07 and 6.08, except as limited by Section 6.06;
- (h) make any change in the percentage of principal amount of Securities necessary to waive compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture pursuant to Section 6.04 or 6.07 or make any change in this sentence of Section 9.02;
- (i) waive a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of, premium (if any) or interest on or Additional Amounts with respect to the Securities; or
  - (j) release any Subsidiary Guarantors or modify the Guarantee in any manner adverse to the Holders.

A supplemental indenture that changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of this Indenture which has expressly been included solely for the benefit of one or more particular series of Securities, or which modifies the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under this Indenture of the Holders of Securities of any other series.

The right of any Holder to participate in any consent required or sought pursuant to any provision of this Indenture (and the obligation of the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor to obtain any such consent otherwise required from such Holder) may be subject to the requirement that such Holder shall have been the Holder of record of any Securities with respect to which such consent is required or sought as of a date identified by the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor in a notice furnished to Holders in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 becomes effective, the Partnership shall mail to the Holders of each Security affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. Any failure of the Partnership to mail such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amendment, supplement or waiver.

Section 9.03 <u>Compliance with Trust Indenture Act</u>. Every amendment or supplement to this Indenture or the Securities shall comply in form and substance with the TIA as then in effect.

Section 9.04 Revocation and Effect of Consents. Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder is a continuing consent by the Holder and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Security. However, any such Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke the consent as to his or her Security or portion of a Security if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before a date and time therefor identified by the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor in a notice furnished to such Holder in accordance with the terms of this Indenture or, if no such date and time shall be identified, the date the amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

The Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor may, but shall not be obligated to, fix a record date (which need not comply with TIA Section 316(c)) for the purpose of determining the Holders entitled to consent to any amendment, supplement or waiver or to take any other action under this Indenture. If a record date is fixed, then notwithstanding the provisions of the immediately preceding paragraph, those Persons who were Holders at such record date (or their duly designated proxies), and only those Persons, shall be entitled to consent to such amendment, supplement or waiver or to revoke any consent previously given, whether or not such Persons continue to be Holders after such record date. No consent shall be valid or effective for more than 90 days after such record date unless consents from Holders of the principal amount of Securities required hereunder for such amendment or waiver to be effective shall have also been given and not revoked within such 90-day period.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, it shall bind every Holder, unless it is of the type described in any of clauses (a) through (i) of Section 9.02 hereof. In such case, the amendment, supplement or waiver shall bind each Holder who has consented to it and every subsequent Holder that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security.

Section 9.05 Notation on or Exchange of Securities. If an amendment or supplement changes the terms of an outstanding Security, the Partnership may require the Holder of the Security to deliver it to the Trustee. The Trustee may place an appropriate notation on the Security at the request of the Partnership regarding the changed terms and return it to the Holder. Alternatively, if the Partnership so determines, the Partnership in exchange for the Security shall issue, and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate a new Security that reflects the changed terms. Failure to make the appropriate notation or to issue a new Security shall not affect the validity of such amendment or supplement.

Securities of any series authenticated and delivered after the execution of any amendment or supplement may, and shall if required by the Trustee, bear a notation in form approved by the Trustee as to any matter provided for in such amendment or supplement.

Section 9.06 <u>Trustee to Sign Amendments</u>, etc. The Trustee shall sign any amendment or supplement authorized pursuant to this Article if the amendment or supplement does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. If it does, the Trustee may, but need not, sign it. In signing or refusing to sign such amendment or supplement, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and, subject to Section 7.01 hereof, shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel provided at the expense of the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor as conclusive evidence that such amendment or supplement is authorized or permitted by this Indenture, that it is not inconsistent herewith, and that it will be valid and binding upon the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors in accordance with its terms.

## ARTICLE X. GUARANTEE

#### Section 10.01 Guarantee.

- (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Article X to the contrary, the provisions of this Article X relating to the Subsidiary Guarantors shall be applicable only to, and inure solely to the benefit of, the Securities of any series designated, pursuant to Section 2.01, as entitled to the benefits of the Guarantee of each of the Subsidiary Guarantors.
- (b) For value received, each of the Subsidiary Guarantors hereby fully, unconditionally and absolutely guarantees (the "Guarantee") to the Holders and to the Trustee the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on the Securities and all other amounts due and payable under this Indenture and the Securities by the Partnership, when and as such principal, premium, if any, and interest shall become due and payable, whether at the stated maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption or otherwise, according to the terms of the Securities and this Indenture, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 10.03.
- (c) Failing payment when due of any amount guaranteed pursuant to the Guarantee, for whatever reason, each of the Subsidiary Guarantors will be jointly and severally obligated to pay the same immediately. The Guarantee hereunder is intended to be a general, unsecured, senior obligation of each of the Subsidiary Guarantors and will rank pari passu in

right of payment with all Debt of such Subsidiary Guarantor that is not, by its terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Guarantee. Each of the Subsidiary Guarantors hereby agrees that its obligations hereunder shall be full, unconditional and absolute, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Securities, the Guarantee (including the Guarantee of any Subsidiary Guarantor) or this Indenture, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder of the Securities with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, the recovery of any judgment against the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor, or any action to enforce the same or any other circumstances which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of the Subsidiary Guarantors. Each of the Subsidiary Guarantors hereby agrees that in the event of a default in payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Securities, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption or otherwise, legal proceedings may be instituted by the Trustee on behalf of the Holders or, subject to Section 6.06, by the Holders, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Indenture, directly against such Subsidiary Guarantor to enforce the Guarantee without first proceeding against the Partnership or any other Subsidiary Guarantor.

(d) The obligations of each of the Subsidiary Guarantors under this Article X shall be as aforesaid full, unconditional and absolute and shall not be impaired, modified, released or limited by any occurrence or condition whatsoever, including, without limitation, (i) any compromise, settlement, release, waiver, renewal, extension, indulgence or modification of, or any change in, any of the obligations and liabilities of the Partnership or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors contained in the Securities or this Indenture, (ii) any impairment, modification, release or limitation of the liability of the Partnership, any of the Subsidiary Guarantors or any of their estates in bankruptcy, or any remedy for the enforcement thereof, resulting from the operation of any present or future provision of any applicable Bankruptcy Law, as amended, or other statute or from the decision of any court, (iii) the assertion or exercise by the Partnership, any of the Subsidiary Guarantors or the Trustee of any rights or remedies under the Securities or this Indenture or their delay in or failure to assert or exercise any such rights or remedies, (iv) the assignment or the purported assignment of any property as security for the Securities, including all or any part of the rights of the Partnership or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors under this Indenture, (v) the extension of the time for payment by the Partnership or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors of any payments or other sums or any part thereof owing or payable under any of the terms and provisions of the Securities or this Indenture or of the time for performance by the Partnership or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors of any other obligations under or arising out of any such terms and provisions or the extension or the renewal of any thereof, (vi) the modification or amendment (whether material or otherwise) of any duty, agreement or obligation of the Partnership or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors set forth in this Indenture, (vii) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets, marshaling of assets and liabilities, receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization, arrangement, composition or readjustment of, or other similar proceeding affecting, the Partnership or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors or any of their respective assets, or the disaffirmance of the Securities, the Guarantee or this Indenture in any such proceeding, (viii) the release or discharge of the Partnership or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors from the performance or observance of any agreement, covenant, term or condition contained in any of such instruments by operation of law, (ix) the unenforceability of the Securities, the Guarantee or this Indenture or (x) any other circumstances (other than payment in full or discharge of all amounts

guaranteed pursuant to the Guarantee) which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge of a surety or guarantor.

- (e) Each of the Subsidiary Guarantors hereby (i) waives diligence, presentment, demand of payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of the merger, insolvency or bankruptcy of the Partnership or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, and all demands whatsoever, (ii) acknowledges that any agreement, instrument or document evidencing the Guarantee may be transferred and that the benefit of its obligations hereunder shall extend to each holder of any agreement, instrument or document evidencing the Guarantee without notice to it and (iii) covenants that the Guarantee will not be discharged except by complete performance of the Guarantee. Each of the Subsidiary Guarantors further agrees that if at any time all or any part of any payment theretofore applied by any Person to the Guarantee is, or must be, rescinded or returned for any reason whatsoever, including without limitation, them insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of the Partnership or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, the Guarantee shall, to the extent that such payment is or must be rescinded or returned, be deemed to have continued in existence notwithstanding such application, and the Guarantee shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, as though such application had not been made.
- (f) Each of the Subsidiary Guarantors shall be subrogated to all rights of the Holders and the Trustee against the Partnership in respect of any amounts paid by such Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture; provided, however, that such Subsidiary Guarantor, shall not be entitled to enforce or to receive any payments arising out of, or based upon, such right of subrogation until all of the Securities and the Guarantee shall have been paid in full or discharged.

Section 10.02 Execution and Delivery of Guarantee. To further evidence the Guarantee set forth in Section 10.01, each of the Subsidiary Guarantors hereby agrees that a notation relating to such Guarantee, substantially in the form attached hereto as Annex A, may be endorsed on each Security entitled to the benefits of the Guarantee authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and executed by either manual or facsimile signature of an Officer of the General Partner or the Subsidiary Guarantor. Each of the Subsidiary Guarantors hereby agrees that the Guarantee set forth in Section 10.01 shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any failure to endorse on each Security a notation relating to the Guarantee. If any Officer of the General Partner or the Subsidiary Guarantor, whose signature is on this Indenture or a Security no longer holds that office at the time the Trustee authenticates such Security or at any time thereafter, the Guarantee of such Security shall be valid nevertheless. The delivery of any Security by the Trustee, after the authentication thereof hereunder, shall constitute due delivery of the Guarantee set forth in this Indenture on behalf of the Subsidiary Guarantors. The Trustee hereby accepts the trusts in this Indenture upon the terms and conditions herein set forth.

Section 10.03 <u>Limitation on Liability of the Subsidiary Guarantors</u>. Each Subsidiary Guarantor and by its acceptance hereof each Holder of a Security entitled to the benefits of the Guarantee hereby confirm that it is the intention of all such parties that the guarantee by such Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to its Guarantee not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of any federal or state law. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Holders of a Security entitled to the benefits of the Guarantee and the Subsidiary Guarantors hereby

irrevocably agree that the obligations of each Subsidiary Guarantor under its Guarantee shall be limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Subsidiary Guarantor and to any collections from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Subsidiary Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Subsidiary Guarantor under its Guarantee, result in the obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor under the Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under federal or state law.

#### Section 10.04 Release of Subsidiary Guarantors from Guarantee.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, the Guarantee of any Subsidiary Guarantor may be released upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Section 10.04. Provided that no Default shall have occurred and shall be continuing under this Indenture, any Guarantee incurred by a Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to this Article X shall be unconditionally released and discharged (i) automatically upon (A) any sale, exchange or transfer, whether by way of merger or otherwise, to any Person that is not an Affiliate of the Partnership, of all of the Partnership's direct or indirect equity interests in such Subsidiary Guarantor (provided such sale, exchange or transfer is not prohibited by this Indenture) or (B) the merger of such Subsidiary Guarantor into the Partnership or any other Subsidiary Guarantor or the liquidation and dissolution of such Subsidiary Guarantor (in each case to the extent not prohibited by this Indenture) or (ii) following delivery of a written notice of such release or discharge by the Partnership, the Trustee, upon the release or discharge of all guarantees by such Subsidiary Guarantor of any Debt of the Partnership other than obligations arising under this Indenture and any Securities issued hereunder, except a discharge or release by or as a result of payment under such guarantees.
- (b) The Trustee shall deliver an appropriate instrument evidencing any release of a Subsidiary Guarantor from the Guarantee upon receipt of a written request of the Partnership accompanied by an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel that the Subsidiary Guarantor is entitled to such release in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture. Any Subsidiary Guarantor not so released remains liable for the full amount of principal of (and premium, if any, on) and interest on the Securities entitled to the benefits of such Guarantee as provided in this Indenture, subject to the limitations of Section 10.03.

Section 10.05 <u>Contribution</u>. In order to provide for just and equitable contribution among the Subsidiary Guarantors, the Subsidiary Guarantors hereby agree, inter se, that in the event any payment or distribution is made by any Subsidiary Guarantor (a "**Funding Guarantor**") under its Guarantee, such Funding Guarantor shall be entitled to a contribution from each other Subsidiary Guarantor (as applicable) in a pro rata amount based on the net assets of each Subsidiary Guarantor (including the Funding Guarantor) for all payments, damages and expenses incurred by that Funding Guarantor in discharging the Partnership's obligations with respect to the Securities or any other Subsidiary Guarantor's obligations with respect to its Guarantee.

# ARTICLE XI. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 11.01 <u>Trust Indenture Act Controls</u>. If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by operation of TIA Section 318(c), the imposed duties shall control.

Section 11.02 <u>Notices</u>. Any notice or communication by the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor or the Trustee to the others is duly given if in writing and delivered in person or mailed by first-class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), telex, facsimile or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the other's address:

If to the Partnership or the Subsidiary Guarantors:

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. 3738 Oak Lawn Avenue Dallas, Texas 75219 Attn: Thomas P. Mason Telephone: (214) 981-0700 Facsimile: (832) 668-1127

If to the Trustee:

U.S. Bank National Association 5555 San Felipe Street, Suite 1150 Houston, Texas 77056 Attn: Corporate Trust Services Facsimile: (713) 235-9213

The Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor or the Trustee by notice to the others may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

All notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when answered back, if telexed; when receipt acknowledged, if by facsimile; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery.

Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the Holder's address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

If a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it, except in the case of notice to the Trustee, it is duly given only when received.

If the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor mails a notice or communication to Holders, it shall mail a copy to the others and to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

All notices or communications, including without limitation notices to the Trustee, the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor by Holders, shall be in writing, except as otherwise set forth herein.

In case by reason of the suspension of regular mail service, or by reason of any other cause, it shall be impossible to mail any notice required by this Indenture, then such method of notification as shall be made with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute a sufficient mailing of such notice.

Section 11.03 <u>Communication by Holders with Other Holders</u>. Holders may communicate pursuant to TIA Section 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Securities. The Partnership, the Subsidiary Guarantors, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA Section 312(c).

Section 11.04 <u>Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent</u>. Upon any request or application by the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, shall, if requested by the Trustee, furnish to the Trustee at the expense of the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be:

- (a) an Officers' Certificate (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 11.05) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and
- (b) an Opinion of Counsel (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 11.05 hereof) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been complied with.

Section 11.05 <u>Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion</u>. Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to TIA Section 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA Section 314(e) and shall include:

- (a) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
- (b) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (c) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him or her to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

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

Section 11.06 <u>Rules by Trustee and Agents</u>. The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or the Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

Section 11.07 <u>Legal Holidays</u>. If a payment date is a Legal Holiday at a Place of Payment, payment may be made at that place on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday, and no interest shall accrue for the intervening period.

Section 11.08 No Recourse Against Others. A director, officer, employee, stockholder, partner or other owner of the Partnership, a Subsidiary Guarantor or the Trustee, as such, shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Partnership under the Securities, for any obligations of any Subsidiary Guarantor under the Guarantee, or for any obligations of the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor or the Trustee under this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation. U.S. Bank National Association is acting under this Indenture solely as Trustee and not individually and recourse against it as trustee for the obligations of the Partnership hereunder shall be limited solely to the assets held by it in its capacity as Trustee. Each Holder by accepting a Security waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release shall be part of the consideration for the issue of Securities.

Section 11.09 <u>Governing Law</u>. THIS INDENTURE, THE SECURITIES AND THE GUARANTEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAWS TO THE EXTENT THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.

Section 11.10 <u>No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements</u>. This Indenture may not be used to interpret another indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Partnership, any Subsidiary Guarantor or any Subsidiary. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

Section 11.11 <u>Successors</u>. All agreements of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors in this Indenture and the Securities shall bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors.

Section 11.12 <u>Severability</u>. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Securities shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 11.13 <u>Counterpart Originals</u>. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

Section 11.14 <u>Table of Contents</u>, <u>Headings</u>, <u>etc</u>. The table of contents, cross-reference table and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part hereof and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

#### **ISSUER:**

## ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

By: LE GP, LLC

its General Partner

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds

Name: John W. McReynolds

Title: President and Chief Financial Officer

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## TRUSTEE:

## U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Steven A. Finklea
Name: Steven A. Finklea

Title: Vice President

Signature Page to Indenture

# ANNEX A NOTATION OF GUARANTEE

Each of the Subsidiary Guarantors (which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture), has fully, unconditionally and absolutely guaranteed, to the extent set forth in the Indenture and subject to the provisions in the Indenture, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on the Securities and all other amounts due and payable under the Indenture and the Securities by the Partnership.

The obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantors to the Holders of Securities and to the Trustee pursuant to the Guarantee and the Indenture are expressly set forth in Article X of the Indenture and reference is hereby made to the Indenture for the precise terms of the Guarantee.

[NAME	OF SUBSIDIARY GUARANTOR(S)]
By: Name: Title:	

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ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.,

as Issuer,

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Trustee

## FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

Dated as of September 20, 2010

to

Indenture dated as of September 20, 2010

7.500% Senior Notes due 2020

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THIS FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE dated as of September 20, 2010 (this "First Supplemental Indenture"), is among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"), and U.S. Bank National Association, a national banking association, as trustee (the "Trustee").

## **RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, the Partnership has executed and delivered to the Trustee an Indenture, dated September 20, 2010 (the "Base Indenture" and as supplemented by this First Supplemental Indenture, the "Indenture"), providing for the issuance by the Partnership from time to time of its debentures, notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to be issued in one or more series unlimited as to principal amount (the "Debt Securities");

WHEREAS, the Partnership has duly authorized and desires to cause to be established pursuant to the Base Indenture and this First Supplemental Indenture a new series of Debt Securities;

WHEREAS, Sections 2.01 and 2.04 of the Base Indenture permit the execution of indentures supplemental thereto to establish the form and terms of Debt Securities of any series;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01 of the Base Indenture, the Partnership has requested that the Trustee join in the execution of this First Supplemental Indenture to establish the form and terms of the Notes (as defined below);

WHEREAS, concurrently with the issuance of the Notes, the Partnership is repaying in full all of the Term Loan Agreement Obligations (as defined below) and in connection therewith terminating the Term Loan Agreement (as defined below), all Term Loan Collateral Documents (as defined below) and any other agreement, instrument or document executed, made or delivered in connection therewith (the foregoing, hereinafter a "Repayment of the Term Loans");

WHEREAS, notwithstanding any term or provision in the Base Indenture or this First Supplemental Indenture to the contrary, as a result of the occurrence of the Repayment of the Term Loans, none of the Trustee, the Notes Collateral Agent, the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor shall enter into the Intercreditor Agreement or any Collateral Documents, nor shall any such Person otherwise grant any security interest in, or incur or maintain any Liens on, any property or assets as security for the Note Obligations, in each case, except as may be required under Section 5.2(a) below, and no provision of Sections 6.2 through 6.12 below relating to the Intercreditor Agreement or collateral security shall impose any duty or obligation on the Trustee;

WHEREAS, all things necessary have been done to make the Notes, when executed by the Partnership and authenticated and delivered hereunder and under the Base Indenture and duly issued by the Partnership, the valid obligations of the Partnership, and to make this First Supplemental Indenture a valid agreement of the Partnership enforceable in accordance with its terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, agreements and obligations set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Notes, as follows:

# ARTICLE I RELATION TO BASE INDENTURE; DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1 Relation to Base Indenture.

With respect to the Notes, this First Supplemental Indenture constitutes an integral part of the Base Indenture.

SECTION 1.2 Generally.

The rules of interpretation set forth in the Base Indenture shall be applied hereto as if set forth in full herein.

SECTION 1.3 Definition of Certain Terms.

- (a) Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed thereto in the Base Indenture.
- (b) For all purposes of this First Supplemental Indenture, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:
- "Additional Senior Secured Debt" means any Indebtedness of the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor (other than Indebtedness constituting Senior Loan Obligations or Indebtedness under the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees) secured by a Lien on Collateral on a *pari passu* basis with the Senior Loan Obligations (but without regard to control of remedies); *provided*, *however*, that such Indebtedness is permitted to be incurred, secured and guaranteed on such basis by the Senior Debt Documents.
- "Additional Senior Secured Debt Documents" means, with respect to any series, issue or class of Additional Senior Secured Debt, the promissory notes, indentures, collateral documents or other operative agreements evidencing or governing such Indebtedness, as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.
- "Additional Senior Secured Debt Facility" means each indenture or other governing agreement with respect to any Additional Senior Secured Debt, as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.
- "Additional Senior Secured Debt Obligations" means, with respect to any series, issue or class of Additional Senior Secured Debt, (1) all principal of and interest (including, without limitation, any interest that accrues after the commencement of any case, proceeding or other action relating to the bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of any Obligor, whether or not allowed or allowable as a claim in any such proceeding) payable with respect to such Additional Senior Secured Debt, (2) all other amounts payable to the related Additional Senior Secured

Debt Parties under the related Additional Senior Secured Debt Documents and (3) any renewals, extensions or refinancings of the foregoing.

"Additional Senior Secured Debt Parties" means, with respect to any series, issue or class of Additional Senior Secured Debt, the holders of such Indebtedness from time to time, any trustee or agent therefor under any related Additional Senior Secured Debt Documents and the beneficiaries of each indemnification obligation undertaken by any Obligor under any related Additional Senior Secured Debt Documents, but shall not include the Obligors or any controlled Affiliates thereof (unless such Obligor or controlled Affiliate is a holder of such Indebtedness, a trustee or agent therefor or a beneficiary of such an indemnification obligation named as such in an Additional Senior Secured Debt Document).

"Attributable Indebtedness," when used with respect to any Sale-Leaseback Transaction, means, as at the time of determination, the present value (discounted at the rate set forth or implicit in the terms of the lease included in such transaction) of the total obligations of the lessee for rental payments (other than amounts required to be paid on account of property taxes, maintenance, repairs, insurance, assessments, utilities, operating and labor costs and other items that do not constitute payments for property rights) during the remaining term of the lease included in such Sale-Leaseback Transaction (including any period for which such lease has been extended). In the case of any lease that is terminable by the lessee upon the payment of a penalty or other termination payment, such amount shall be the lesser of the amount determined assuming termination upon the first date such lease may be terminated (in which case the amount shall also include the amount of the penalty or termination payment, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated) or the amount determined assuming no such termination.

"Authorized Representative" means (1) in the case of any Revolving Credit Agreement Obligations or the Revolving Credit Senior Secured Parties, the Revolving Credit Facility Collateral Agent, (2) in the case of any Term Loan Agreement Obligations or the Term Loan Senior Secured Parties, the Term Loan Facility Collateral Agent, (3) in the case of the Notes or the Holders of the Notes, the Notes Collateral Agent and (4) in the case of any Series of Additional Senior Secured Debt Obligations or Additional Senior Secured Debt Parties that become subject to the Intercreditor Agreement after the date of such agreement, the Senior Representative named for such Series in the applicable Joinder Agreement, in the case of each of clauses (1), (2), (3) and (4) hereof only so long as such Senior Obligations are secured by a Lien on the Collateral under the Collateral Documents.

"Bank Collateral Documents" means, collectively, the Term Loan Facility Collateral Documents and the Revolving Credit Facility Collateral Documents.

- "Bankruptcy Code" shall mean Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended.
- "Bankruptcy Law" shall mean the Bankruptcy Code and any similar Federal, state or foreign law for the relief of debtors.
- "Capital Stock" means:
- (1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;

- (2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
  - (3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership interests (whether general or limited) or membership interests; and
- (4) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person, but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, regardless of whether such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.

"Change of Control" means:

- (1) any "person" or "group" of related persons (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act), other than one or more Permitted Holders, is or becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that such person or group shall be deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of all shares that any such person or group has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Partnership or the General Partner (or their respective successors by merger, consolidation or purchase of all or substantially all of their respective assets):
- (2) the sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any "person" (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) other than a Permitted Holder; or
  - (3) the adoption of a plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Partnership.
  - "Change of Control Triggering Event" means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Rating Decline with respect to the Notes.

"Collateral" means any assets or property upon which there are any Liens securing Senior Loan Obligations or Additional Secured Debt Obligations (other than (i) any cash or cash equivalents collateralizing letter of credit obligations under the Credit Facilities and or (ii) proceeds of an event requiring a mandatory prepayment under any of the Credit Agreements).

"Collateral Documents" means, collectively, the Notes Collateral Documents, the Bank Collateral Documents and each of the security agreements and other instruments executed and delivered by any Obligor pursuant to either of the Credit Agreements, the Indenture or any Additional Senior Secured Debt Facility for purposes of providing collateral security for any Senior Obligation (including, in each case, any schedules, exhibits or annexes thereto), as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Collateral Release Event" has the meaning given to such term in Section 6.11.

"Comparable Treasury Issue" means the United States Treasury security selected by the Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the Notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Notes to be redeemed; provided, however, that if no maturity is within three months before or after the maturity date for such Notes, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to such United States Treasury security will be determined and the treasury rate will be interpolated or extrapolated from those yields on a straight line basis rounding to the nearest month.

"Comparable Treasury Price" means, with respect to any Redemption Date, (1) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for the Redemption Date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than four Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

"Controlling Agent" means, with respect to any Shared Collateral, (1) until the Revolving Credit Obligation Payment Date, the Revolving Credit Facility Collateral Agent and (2) from and after the Revolving Credit Obligation Payment Date, the Major Senior Representative.

"Credit Agreements" means, collectively, the Term Loan Agreement and the Revolving Credit Agreement.

"Credit Facilities" means one or more debt facilities of the Partnership or any Restricted Subsidiary (which may be outstanding at the same time and including, without limitation, the Credit Agreements) with banks or other institutional lenders or investors or indentures providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, letters of credit or other long-term indebtedness, including any guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and, in each case, as such agreements may be amended, refinanced or otherwise restructured, in whole or in part from time to time (including increasing the amount of available borrowings thereunder or adding Subsidiaries of the Partnership as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder) with respect to all or any portion of the Indebtedness under such agreement or agreements, any successor or replacement agreement or agreements or any indenture or successor or replacement indenture and whether by the same or any other agent, lender, group of lenders or investors.

"Description of Notes" means the description of the Notes set forth under the heading "Description of Notes" in that certain final prospectus supplement dated September 15, 2010 and filed by the Partnership with the SEC on September 17, 2010.

"ETP" means Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and its successors.

"ETP GP" means Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and its successors.

"Fair Market Value" means, with respect to any asset, the price (after taking into account any liabilities relating to such assets) that would be negotiated in an arm's-length transaction for

cash between a willing seller and a willing and able buyer, neither of which is under any compulsion to complete the transaction.

"Hedging Contract" means (1) any agreement providing for options, swaps, floors, caps, collars, forward sales or forward purchases involving interest rates, commodities or commodity prices, equities, currencies, bonds, or indexes based on any of the foregoing, (2) any option, futures or forward contract traded on an exchange, and (3) any other derivative agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement.

"Hedging Obligations" of any Person means the obligations of such Person under any Hedging Contract.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, any obligation created or assumed by such Person for the repayment of borrowed money or any guarantee thereof, if and to the extent such obligation would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of the specified Person prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"Intercreditor Agreement" means the intercreditor agreement dated as of the Issue Date among the Notes Collateral Agent, the Term Loan Facility Collateral Agent, the Revolving Credit Facility Collateral Agent, the Partnership and each Subsidiary Guarantor, as it may be amended from time to time.

"Independent Investment Banker" means Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Banc of America Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and UBS Securities LLC (and their respective successors) or, if any such firm is not willing and able to select the applicable Comparable Treasury Issue, an independent investment banking institution of national standing appointed by the Partnership and reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

"Investment Grade Rating" means a rating equal to or higher than:

- (1) Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's; or
- (2) BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P,

or, if either such entity ceases to rate the Notes for reasons outside of the Partnership's control, the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any other Rating Agency.

"Issue Date" means the first date on which Notes are issued under the Indenture.

"Joinder Agreement" means the documents required to be delivered by a Senior Representative to the parties to the Intercreditor Agreement in order to establish a Series of Additional Senior Secured Debt and Additional Senior Secured Debt Parties under the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Lien" means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, deed of trust, lien, pledge, hypothecation, charge, security interest or similar encumbrance in, on, or of such asset, regardless of whether filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or

other agreement to sell or give a security interest in and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction.

"Major Senior Representative" means (1) until the Term Debt Lien Release Date, the Senior Representative in respect of the Term Loan Facility and (2) from and after the Term Debt Lien Release Date, the Notes Collateral Agent if the aggregate amount of Note Obligations secured by a Lien on the Collateral is greater than the aggregate amount of Obligations in respect of each individual Series of Additional Senior Secured Debt, and otherwise, the Senior Representative in respect of the series of Additional Senior Secured Debt under which the largest principal amount of Obligations secured by a Lien on the Collateral are then outstanding.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

"Net Tangible Assets" means, at any date of determination, the total amount of assets of the Partnership and its Restricted Subsidiaries (including, without limitation, any assets consisting of equity securities or equity interests in any other entity) after deducting therefrom:

- (1) all current liabilities (excluding (A) any current liabilities that by their terms are extendable or renewable at the option of the obligor thereon to a time more than twelve months after the time as of which the amount thereof is being computed, and (B) current maturities of long-term debt); and
  - (2) the value (net of any applicable reserves) of all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, patents and other like intangible assets;

all as prepared in accordance with GAAP and set forth, or on a pro forma basis would be set forth, on a consolidated balance sheet of the Partnership and its Restricted Subsidiaries (without inclusion of assets or liabilities of any Subsidiaries that are not Restricted Subsidiaries or assets or liabilities of any equity investee) for the Partnership's most recently completed fiscal quarter for which financial statements are available.

"Non-Recourse Indebtedness" means Indebtedness (1) as to which neither the Partnership nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries nor ETP nor Regency is directly or indirectly liable (as a guarantor or otherwise), or constitutes the lender, and (2) no default with respect to which (including any rights that the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against any Person) would permit (upon notice, lapse of time or both) any holder of any other Indebtedness of the Partnership or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or ETP or Regency to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its stated maturity.

"Note Documents" means the Indenture, the Notes and the Notes Collateral Documents.

"Note Obligations" means all Obligations of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors under the Note Documents.

"Notes" means a series of Debt Securities designated as the Partnership's 7.500% senior notes due 2020, issued pursuant to the Base Indenture, as amended and supplemented by this First Supplemental Indenture.

"Notes Collateral Agent" means the Trustee, in its capacity as "Collateral Agent" under the Indenture and under the Notes Collateral Documents, and any successor thereto in such capacity.

"Notes Collateral Documents" means, the Notes Security Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement and each other security document or pledge agreement executed by the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor and delivered in accordance with applicable local or foreign law to grant to the Notes Collateral Agent or perfect a valid, perfected security interest in the Collateral, in each case, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Notes Security Agreement" means the Pledge and Security Agreement dated on or about the Issue Date among the Partnership, the Restricted Subsidiaries party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as Notes Collateral Agent, as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.

"Obligations" means any principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, costs, expenses, damages and other liabilities payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness.

"Obligors" means the Partnership and each Subsidiary Guarantor, if any, and any other Person who is liable for any of the Senior Obligations.

"Permitted Holders" means (1) any of Kelcy L. Warren, Ray C. Davis, John W. McReynolds, the heirs at law of such individuals, entities or trusts owned by or established for the benefit of such individuals or their respective heirs at law (such as entities or trusts established for estate planning purposes), (2) ETP, Enterprise GP Holdings L.P. or any other Person under the management or control of ETP or Enterprise GP Holdings L.P. or (3) the General Partner and entities owned solely by existing and former management employees of the General Partner.

"Permitted Liens" means at any time:

- (1) prior to the occurrence of the Collateral Release Event, Liens securing Indebtedness constituting Senior Obligations, *provided* that the aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness (excluding Indebtedness secured in reliance upon the last paragraph of Section 5.2 of this First Supplemental Indenture) outstanding at any time does not exceed the greater of (x) 80% of Net Tangible Assets and (y) \$1.8 billion;
- (2) any Lien existing on any property prior to the acquisition thereof by the Partnership or any Restricted Subsidiary or existing on any property of any Person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary after the Issue Date prior to the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary; provided that (A) such Lien is not created in contemplation of or in connection with such acquisition or such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, (B) such Lien shall not apply to any other property of the Partnership or any Restricted Subsidiary 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 Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be;

- (3) any Lien on any real or personal tangible property securing Purchase Money Indebtedness incurred by the Partnership or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (4) any Lien securing Indebtedness incurred in connection with extension, renewal, refinancing, refunding or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals, refinancing, refunding or replacements), in whole or in part, of Indebtedness secured by Liens referred to in clauses (2) or (3) above; provided, however, that any such extension, renewal, refinancing, refunding or replacement Lien shall be limited to the property or assets (including replacements or proceeds thereof) covered by the Lien extended, renewed, refinanced, refunded or replaced and that the Indebtedness secured by any such extension, renewal, refinancing, refunding or replacement Lien shall be in an amount not greater than the amount of the obligations secured by the Lien extended, renewed, refinanced, refunded or replaced and any expenses of the Partnership or its Subsidiaries (including any premium) incurred in connection with such extension, renewal, refinancing, refunding or replacement;
  - (5) any Lien on Capital Stock of a Project Finance Subsidiary securing Non-Recourse Indebtedness of such Project Finance Subsidiary; and
- (6) any Lien resulting from the deposit of moneys or evidence of indebtedness in trust for the purpose of defeasing Indebtedness of the Partnership or any Restricted Subsidiary.

"Principal Property" means (1) any real property, manufacturing plant, terminal, warehouse, office building or other physical facility, and any fixtures, furniture, equipment or other depreciable assets owned or leased by the Partnership or any Restricted Subsidiary and (2) any Capital Stock or Indebtedness of ETP or Regency or any other Subsidiary of the Partnership or any other property or right, in each case, owned by or granted to the Partnership or any Restricted Subsidiary and used or held for use in any of the principal businesses conducted by the Partnership or any Restricted Subsidiaries; provided, however, that "Principal Property" shall not include any property or right that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Partnership as set forth in a board resolution adopted in good faith, is immaterial to the total business conducted by the Partnership and the Restricted Subsidiaries considered as one enterprise.

"Project Finance Subsidiary" means any special purpose Subsidiary of the Partnership that (1) the Partnership designates as a "Project Finance Subsidiary" by written notice to the Trustee and is formed for the sole purpose of developing, financing and operating the infrastructure and capital projects of such Subsidiary, (2) has no Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Indebtedness, (3) is a Person with respect to which neither the Partnership nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries nor ETP nor Regency has any direct or indirect obligation (A) to subscribe for additional Capital Stock or (B) to maintain or preserve such Person's financial condition or to cause such Person to achieve any specified levels of operating results; and (4) has not guaranteed or otherwise directly provided credit support for any Indebtedness of the Partnership or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or ETP or Regency.

"Purchase Money Indebtedness" of any Person means any Indebtedness of such Person to any seller or other Person, that is incurred to finance the acquisition, construction, installation or improvement of any real or personal tangible property (including Capital Stock but only to the extent of the tangible assets in such Subsidiary being acquired) used or useful in the business of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries and that is incurred concurrently with, or within one year following, such acquisition, construction, installation or improvement.

"Rating Agency" means each of S&P and Moody's, or if S&P or Moody's or both shall refuse to make a rating on the Notes publicly available (for any reason other than the failure by the Partnership to pay the customary fees of such agency), any nationally recognized statistical rating agency or agencies, as the case may be, selected by the Partnership, which shall be substituted for S&P or Moody's, or both, as the case may be.

"Rating Decline" means, with respect to any Change of Control, the occurrence of:

- (1) a decrease of one or more gradations (including gradations within rating categories as well as between rating categories) in the rating of the Notes by both Rating Agencies; provided that the Notes did not have an Investment Grade Rating from two Rating Agencies immediately before such decrease, or
- (2) a decrease in the rating of the Notes by both Rating Agencies, such that the Notes do not have an Investment Grade Rating from two Rating Agencies immediately after such decrease;

provided, however, that in each case such decrease occurs on, or within 60 days after the earlier of (1) such Change of Control, (2) the date of public notice of the occurrence of such Change of Control or (3) public notice of the intention by the Partnership to effect such Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the Notes is under publicly announced consideration for downgrade by either Rating Agency); and provided, further, that a Rating Decline otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating will not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus will disregarded in determining whether a Rating Decline has occurred for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Triggering Event) if the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating do not announce or publicly confirm or inform the Trustee in writing at the Partnership's or the Trustee's request that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control has occurred at the time of the Rating Decline).

"Reference Treasury Dealer" means (1) each of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Banc of America Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and UBS Securities LLC and their respective successors, and (2) one other primary U.S. government securities dealer in the United States selected by the Partnership (each, a "Primary Treasury Dealer"); provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall resign as a Reference Treasury Dealer or cease to be a U.S. government securities dealer, the Partnership will substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer.

"Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations" means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any Redemption Date for the Notes, an average, as determined by the Independent

Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue for the Notes to be redeemed (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

- "Regency" means Regency Energy Partners LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and its successors.
- "Regency GP" means Regency GP LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and its successors.
- "Repayment of the Term Loans" has the meaning for such term set forth in the recitals of this First Supplemental Indenture.
- "Restricted Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of the Partnership (other than Project Finance Subsidiaries, Regency and its Subsidiaries, and ETP and its Subsidiaries) that owns or leases, directly or indirectly through ownership in another Subsidiary, any Principal Property.

"Revolving Credit Agreement" means the Credit Agreement dated on or about the Issue Date, among the Partnership, Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders party thereto, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time (including with the same or different lenders) that are secured by the Collateral on the same priority basis as provided pursuant to the Revolving Credit Agreement in effect prior to such refinancing.

"Revolving Credit Agreement Obligations" means all Obligations of the Obligors under the Revolving Credit Agreement, including (1) (A) obligations of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors from time to time arising under or in respect of the due and punctual payment of (x) the principal of and premium, if any, and interest (including interest accruing during the pendency of any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or other similar proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in such proceeding) on the loans made under the Revolving Credit Agreement, when and as due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, upon one or more dates set for prepayment or otherwise, (y) each payment required to be made by the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors under the Revolving Credit Facility in respect of any letter of credit issued under the Revolving Credit Agreement, when and as due, including payments in respect of reimbursement obligations, interest thereon and obligations to provide cash collateral and (z) all other monetary obligations, including fees, costs, expenses and indemnities, whether primary, secondary, direct, contingent, fixed or otherwise (including monetary obligations incurred during the pendency of any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or other similar proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in such proceeding), of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors under the Revolving Credit Agreement, and (B) the due and punctual performance of all covenants, agreements, obligations and liabilities of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors under each Hedging Contract entered into with any counterparty that is a Senior Loan Party pursuant to the Revolving Credit Agreement.

"Revolving Credit Facility" means any revolving credit facility provided pursuant to a Revolving Credit Agreement.

"Revolving Credit Facility Collateral Agent" means the administrative agent under the Revolving Credit Facility and its successors and permitted assigns that assume the role of collateral agent under the Revolving Credit Facility.

"Revolving Credit Facility Collateral Documents" means the Revolving Credit Security Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement and each other security document or pledge agreement executed by the Partnership or any Restricted Subsidiary and delivered in accordance with applicable local or foreign law to grant to the Revolving Credit Facility Collateral Agent or perfect a valid, perfected security interest in the Collateral, in each case, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Revolving Credit Obligation Payment Date" means the date on which (1) the Revolving Credit Agreement Obligations have been paid in full, (2) all lending commitments under the Revolving Credit Agreement have been terminated and (3) there are no outstanding letters of credit issued under the Revolving Credit Agreement other than such as have been fully cash collateralized under documents and arrangements satisfactory to the issuer of such letters of credit.

"Revolving Credit Security Agreement" means the Pledge and Security Agreement dated on or about the Issue Date, among the Partnership, the Restricted Subsidiaries party thereto and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Revolving Credit Senior Secured Parties, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Revolving Credit Senior Secured Parties" means, collectively, (1) the administrative agent, each other agent, the lenders and the issuing bank, in each case, under the Revolving Credit Agreement, (2) each counterparty to a Hedging Contract if at the date of entering into such Hedging Contract such Person was an agent or a lender under the Revolving Credit Agreement or an Affiliate of an agent or a lender under the Revolving Credit Agreement, and (3) the successors and permitted assigns of each of the foregoing.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

"SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor agency thereto.

"Senior Debt Documents" means (1) the Credit Agreements and the Bank Collateral Documents, (2) the Note Documents and (3) any other Additional Senior Secured Debt Documents.

"Senior Lender" means a "Lender" as defined in either of the Credit Agreements.

"Senior Loan Obligations" means, collectively, (1) all Term Loan Agreement Obligations and (2) all Revolving Credit Agreement Obligations.

"Senior Loan Parties" means, collectively, (1) the administrative agent, the collateral agent, each other agent, the lenders and the issuing bank, in each case, under any of the Credit Agreements, (2) each counterparty to a Hedging Contract if at the date of entering into such Hedging Contract such Person was an agent or a lender under any of the Credit Agreements or an Affiliate of an agent or a lender under any of the Credit Agreements, and (3) the successors and permitted assigns of each of the foregoing.

"Senior Notes Parties" means, collectively, (1) the Trustee, the Notes Collateral Agent, each other agent, the Holders of the Notes, in each case, under the Indenture, and (2) any other Secured Party (as defined in any Notes Collateral Document), and the successors and permitted assigns of each of the foregoing.

"Senior Obligations" means the Senior Loan Obligations, the Note Obligations and any Additional Senior Secured Debt Obligations.

"Senior Representative" means, (1) in respect of a Credit Facility, the trustee, administrative agent, collateral agent, security agent or similar agent under such Credit Facility or each of their successors in such capacity, as the case may be, which Person shall also be the Authorized Representative for such Credit Facility, (2) in respect of the Indenture, the Notes Collateral Agent and (3) in respect of any Additional Senior Secured Debt, the trustee, administrative agent, collateral agent or similar agent under any related Additional Senior Secured Debt Documents or each of their successors in such capacity, as the case may be.

"Senior Secured Parties" means the Senior Loan Parties and, unless the Collateral Release Event has occurred, the Notes Secured Parties and any Additional Senior Secured Debt Parties.

"Series" means (1) the Term Loan Agreement Obligations, (2) the Revolving Credit Agreement Obligations, (3) the Note Obligations and (4) the Additional Senior Secured Debt Obligations incurred pursuant to any Additional Senior Secured Debt Facility, which, pursuant to any Joinder Agreement, are to be represented hereunder by a common Authorized Representative (in its capacity as such for such Additional Senior Secured Debt Obligations).

"Shared Collateral" means, at any time, Collateral in which the holders of two or more Series of Senior Obligations (or their respective Authorized Representatives) hold a valid and perfected security interest at such time. If more than two Series of Senior Obligations are outstanding at any time and the holders of fewer than all Series of Senior Obligations hold a valid and perfected security interest in any Collateral at such time, then such Collateral will constitute Shared Collateral for those Series of Senior Obligations the holders of which hold a valid and perfected security interest in such Collateral for any Series of Senior Obligations the holders of which do not have a valid and perfected security interest in such Collateral at such time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all (1) cash and cash equivalents held by the Senior Lenders, the administrative agent under the Credit Facilities or the Revolving Credit Facility Collateral Agent, to secure letter of credit obligations under the Credit Facilities or (2) proceeds of an event requiring a mandatory prepayment under any of the Credit Agreements will not constitute "Shared Collateral."

"Significant Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that would be a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Regulation is in effect on the Issue Date.

"Subordinated Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor that is contractually subordinated in right of payment, in any respect (by its terms or the terms of any document or instrument relating thereto), to the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantee of such Subsidiary Guarantor, as applicable.

"Subsidiary Guarantee" means each guarantee of the obligations of the Partnership under the Indenture and the Notes by a Subsidiary of the Partnership in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture.

"Term Debt Lien Release Date" means the first date on which (1) all the Term Loan Agreement Obligations have been paid or discharged in full and all lending commitments, if any, for future loans under every Term Loan Facility have been terminated or (2) all Liens on Collateral securing any Term Loan Agreement Obligations have been released or terminated.

"Term Loan Agreement" means the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of May 19, 2010, among the Partnership, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto, governing the term loans provided by such lenders to the Partnership, including any loan documents, notes, guarantees, collateral and security documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith (including Hedging Obligations related to the Indebtedness incurred thereunder), and in each case as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time (including with the same or different lenders or investors).

"Term Loan Agreement Obligations" means all Obligations of the Obligors under the Term Loan Agreement, including (1) (A) obligations of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors from time to time arising under or in respect of the due and punctual payment of (x) the principal of and premium, if any, and interest (including interest accruing during the pendency of any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or other similar proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in such proceeding) on the loans made under the Term Loan Agreement, when and as due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, upon one or more dates set for prepayment or otherwise, and (y) all other monetary obligations, including fees, costs, expenses and indemnities, whether primary, secondary, direct, contingent, fixed or otherwise (including monetary obligations incurred during the pendency of any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or other similar proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in such proceeding), of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors under the Term Loan Agreement, and (B) the due and punctual performance of all covenants, agreements, obligations and liabilities of the Partnership and its Restricted Subsidiaries or pursuant to the Term Loan Agreement and (2) the due and punctual payment and performance of all obligations of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors under each Hedging Contract entered into with any counterparty that is a Senior Loan Party pursuant to the Term Loan Agreement.

"Term Loan Facility" means any term loan facility provided pursuant to a Term Loan Agreement.

"Term Loan Facility Collateral Agent" means the administrative agent under the Term Loan Facility and its successors and permitted assigns that assume the role of collateral agent under the Term Loan Facility.

"Term Loan Facility Collateral Documents" means, the Term Loan Security Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement and each other security document or pledge agreement executed by the Partnership or any Restricted Subsidiary and delivered in accordance with applicable local or foreign law to grant to the Term Loan Facility Collateral Agent or perfect a valid, perfected security interest in Collateral, in each case, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Term Loan Security Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Pledge and Security Agreement dated as of February 8, 2006, among the Partnership, Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C., and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Term Loan Senior Secured Parties, as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.

"Term Loan Senior Secured Parties" means, collectively, (1) the administrative agent, each other agent and the lenders, in each case, under the Term Loan Agreement, (2) each counterparty to a Hedging Contract if at the date of entering into such Hedging Contract such Person was an agent or a lender under the Term Loan Agreement or an Affiliate of an agent or a lender under the Term Loan Agreement, and (3) the successors and permitted assigns of each of the foregoing.

"Treasury Yield" means, with respect to any Redemption Date, (1) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated "H.15(519)" or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities," for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue; or (2) if the release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain these yields, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity (computed as of the third business day immediately preceding such redemption date) of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the applicable Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

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

# ARTICLE II GENERAL TERMS OF THE NOTES

SECTION 2.1 Form.

The Notes and the Trustee's certificates of authentication shall be substantially in the form set forth on Exhibit A-1 to this First Supplemental Indenture, which is hereby incorporated into this First Supplemental Indenture. The terms and provisions contained in the Notes shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this First Supplemental Indenture and to the

extent applicable, the Partnership and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this First Supplemental Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby.

The Notes shall be issued upon original issuance in whole in the form of one or more Global Securities (the "Book-Entry Notes"). Each Book-Entry Note shall represent such of the outstanding Notes as shall be specified therein and shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions.

The Partnership initially appoints The Depository Trust Company to act as Depositary with respect to the Book-Entry Notes.

SECTION 2.2 Title, Amount and Payment of Principal and Interest.

- (a) The Notes shall be entitled the "7.500% Senior Notes due 2020". The Trustee shall authenticate and deliver (i) the Notes for original issue on the date hereof (the "Original Notes") in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,800,000,000, and (ii) additional Notes for original issue from time to time after the date hereof in such principal amounts as may be specified in a Partnership Order described in this sentence, in each case upon a Partnership Order for the authentication and delivery thereof and satisfaction of the other provisions of Section 2.04 of the Base Indenture. Such order shall specify the amount of the Notes to be authenticated, the date on which the original issue of Notes is to be authenticated, and the name or names of the initial Holder or Holders. The aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be outstanding at any time may not exceed \$1,800,000,000 plus such additional principal amounts as may be issued and authenticated pursuant to clause (ii) of this paragraph (except as provided in Section 2.09 of the Indenture). The Original Notes and any additional Notes issued and authenticated pursuant to clause (ii) of this paragraph shall constitute a single series of Debt Securities for all purposes under the Indenture.
- (b) The principal amount of each Note shall be payable on October 15, 2020. Each Note shall bear interest from the date of original issuance, or the most recent date to which interest has been paid, at the fixed rate of 7.500% per annum. The dates on which interest on the Notes shall be payable shall be April 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing April 15, 2011 (the "Interest Payment Dates"). The regular record date for interest payable on the Notes on any Interest Payment Date shall be April 1 and October 1, as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date.
- (c) Payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest due on the Notes representing Book-Entry Notes on any Interest Payment Date or at maturity will be made available to the Trustee by 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on such date, unless such date falls on a day which is not a Business Day, in which case such payments will be made available to the Trustee by 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next Business Day. As soon as possible thereafter, the Trustee will make such payments to the Depositary.

# SECTION 2.3 Transfer and Exchange.

The transfer and exchange of Book-Entry Notes or beneficial interests therein shall be effected through the Depositary, in accordance with Section 2.17 of the Base Indenture and Article II of this First Supplemental Indenture (including the restrictions on transfer set forth therein and herein) and the rules and procedures of the Depositary therefor, which shall include restrictions on transfer comparable to those set forth therein and herein to the extent required by the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

# ARTICLE III FUTURE SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEES

## SECTION 3.1 Subsidiary Guarantors.

If at any time following the Issue Date, any Subsidiary of the Partnership guarantees or becomes a co-obligor with respect to any obligations of the Partnership in respect of any Indebtedness, or if at any time following the Issue Date, any Restricted Subsidiary of the Partnership otherwise incurs any Indebtedness, then the Partnership will cause such Subsidiary or Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, to promptly execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture to the Indenture in a form satisfactory to the Trustee pursuant to which such Subsidiary or Restricted Subsidiary will guarantee all obligations of the Partnership with respect to the Notes and the Indenture in accordance with Article X of the Base Indenture; provided, however, that prior to November 2, 2012, ETE GP Acquirer LLC and ETE Services Company, LLC may guarantee the obligations of the Partnership in respect of the Credit Facility without guaranteeing any obligations of the Partnership with respect to the Notes.

SECTION 3.2 Release of Subsidiary Guarantors From Subsidiary Guarantees.

With respect to the Notes, paragraph (a) of Section 10.04 of the Base Indenture is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as set forth below; *provided*, *however*, that such amendment and restatement shall apply only to the Notes and not to any other series of Securities issued under the Indenture:

- "(a) If no Default with respect to the Notes has occurred and is continuing under the Indenture, and to the extent not otherwise prohibited by the Indenture, a Subsidiary Guarantor will be unconditionally released and discharged from its Subsidiary Guarantee:
  - (i) automatically upon any direct or indirect sale, transfer or other disposition, whether by way of merger or otherwise, to any Person that is not an Affiliate of the Partnership, of (1) all of the Capital Stock representing ownership of such Subsidiary Guarantor or (2) all or substantially all the assets of such Subsidiary Guarantor;
  - (ii) (1) in the case of a Subsidiary Guarantor that is not a Restricted Subsidiary, following delivery by the Partnership to the Trustee of an Officers' Certificate to the effect that such Subsidiary Guarantor has been released from all guarantees or obligations in respect of any Indebtedness of the Partnership and (2) in the case of a Subsidiary Guarantor that is a Restricted Subsidiary, following delivery by the Partnership to the Trustee of an Officers' Certificate to the effect that such Subsidiary Guarantor has been released from all guarantees or obligations in respect of any Indebtedness; or

(iii) upon legal defeasance pursuant to Section 8.01(c) or satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture as provided in Section 8.01(a)."

SECTION 3.3 Reinstatement of Guarantees.

If at any time following any release of a Subsidiary (that is not a Restricted Subsidiary) from its Subsidiary Guarantee pursuant to Section 10.04(a)(ii), such Subsidiary again guarantees or becomes a co-obligor with respect to any obligations of the Partnership in respect of any Indebtedness of the Partnership, then the Partnership will cause such Subsidiary to again become a Subsidiary Guarantor by executing and delivering a supplemental indenture to the Indenture, in a form satisfactory to the Trustee, providing for the Guarantee by such Subsidiary Guarantor of the Partnership's obligations under the Notes and all other obligations of the Partnership under the Indenture, in accordance with Article X of the Base Indenture. If at any time following any release of a Subsidiary (that is a Restricted Subsidiary) from its Subsidiary Guarantee pursuant to Section 10.04(a)(ii), such Subsidiary again incurs any Indebtedness, then the Partnership will cause such Subsidiary to again become a Subsidiary Guarantor by executing and delivering a supplemental indenture to the Indenture, in a form satisfactory to the Trustee, providing for the Guarantee by such Subsidiary Guarantor of the Partnership's obligations under the Notes and all other obligations of the Partnership under the Indenture, in accordance with Article X of the Base Indenture.

## ARTICLE IV REDEMPTION

SECTION 4.1 Redemption.

Except as provided in Section 5.1, the Partnership shall have no obligation to redeem, purchase or repay the Notes pursuant to any mandatory redemption, sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a Holder thereof.

The Notes are redeemable, at the option of the Partnership, at any time in whole, or from time to time in part, at a Redemption Price equal to the greater of: (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed; and (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Notes to be redeemed that would be due after the related Redemption Date but for such redemption (exclusive of interest accrued to the Redemption Date) discounted to the Redemption Date on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the applicable Treasury Yield plus 50 basis points; plus, in either case, accrued interest to the Redemption Date.

The actual Redemption Price, calculated as provided above, shall be calculated and certified to the Trustee and the Partnership by the Independent Investment Banker.

# ARTICLE V ADDITIONAL COVENANTS

In addition to the covenants set forth in the Base Indenture, the Notes shall be entitled to the benefit of the following covenants:

SECTION 5.1 Change of Control.

(a) If a Change of Control Triggering Event occurs, each Holder of Notes shall have the right to require the Partnership to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000) of that Holder's Notes pursuant to an offer (a "Change of Control Offer") on the terms set forth in this Indenture. In the Change of Control Offer, the Partnership will offer a payment in cash (a "Change of Control Payment") equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes repurchased to the date of purchase (the "Change of Control Payment Date"), subject to the rights of Holders of Notes on the relevant record date to receive interest, if any, due on the relevant interest payment date. Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event, the Partnership shall mail a notice to each Holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to repurchase Notes on the Change of Control Payment Date specified in such notice, which date shall be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed, pursuant to the procedures described in this Section 5.1. The Partnership shall comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Triggering Event provisions of this Indenture, the Partnership shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Change of Control Triggering Event provisions of this Indenture by virtue of such compliance.

- (b) On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Partnership shall, to the extent lawful:
- (i) accept for payment all Notes or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- (ii) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions thereof properly tendered; and
- (iii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions thereof being purchased by the Partnership.
- (c) The Paying Agent shall promptly mail to each Holder of Notes properly tendered the Change of Control Payment for such Notes (or, if all the Notes are then in global form, make such payment through the facilities of the Depositary), and the Trustee shall promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, if any; *provided* that

each such new Note shall be in a principal amount of \$1,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

- (d) The Partnership shall publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 5.1, the Partnership shall not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control Triggering Event if (i) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Section 5.1 and all other provisions of this Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Partnership and purchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer, or (ii) notice of redemption has been given pursuant to Section 3.04 and all other provisions of this Indenture applicable to a redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 4.1 of this First Supplemental Indenture, unless and until there is a default in payment of the applicable redemption price.
- (f) A Change of Control Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control, and conditioned upon the occurrence of such Change of Control, if a definitive agreement is in place for a Change of Control at the time of making the Change of Control Offer. Notes repurchased by the Partnership pursuant to a Change of Control Offer will have the status of Notes issued but not outstanding or will be retired and canceled, at the Partnership's option. Notes purchased by a third party pursuant to clause (e) of this Section 5.1 will have the status of Notes issued and outstanding.
- (g) Upon the commencement of the Change of Control Offer, the Partnership shall send, by first class mail, a notice to the Trustee and each of the Holders. The notice shall contain all instructions and materials necessary to enable such Holders to tender Notes pursuant to the Change of Control Offer. The Change of Control Offer shall be made to all Holders. The notice, which shall govern the terms of the Change of Control Offer, shall state:
  - (i) that the Change of Control Offer is being made pursuant to this Section 5.1, and the length of time the Change of Control Offer shall remain open;
  - (ii) the Change of Control Payment and the Change of Control Payment Date;
  - (iii) that any Note not tendered or accepted for payment shall continue to accrue interest;
- (iv) that, unless there is a default in making such payment on the Change of Control Payment Date, any Holder whose Notes (or any portion thereof) are tendered and accepted for payment pursuant to the Change of Control Offer shall not be entitled to receive any interest accruing on and after the Change of Control Payment Date on such Notes or any portion thereof so tendered and accepted;
- (v) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to the Change of Control Offer may elect to have Notes purchased equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 only;
- (vi) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to the Change of Control Offer shall be required to surrender the Note, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect

Purchase" on the reverse of the Note completed, or transfer by book entry transfer, to the Partnership, the Depositary, if appointed by the Partnership, or a Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice at least three days before the Change of Control Payment Date;

- (vii) that Holders shall be entitled to withdraw their election if the Partnership, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, receives, not later than the expiration of the offer period, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of the Note the Holder delivered for purchase and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have such Note purchased; and
- (viii) that Holders whose Notes were purchased only in part shall be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered (or transferred by book entry transfer).

On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Partnership shall, to the extent lawful, accept for payment all Notes tendered and shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that such Notes (or portions thereof) were accepted for payment by the Partnership in accordance with the terms of this Section 5.1. The Partnership, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, shall promptly (but in any case not later than three days after the Change of Control Payment Date) mail or deliver to each tendering Holder an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment of Notes tendered by such Holder, as the case may be, and accepted by the Partnership for purchase, and the Partnership shall promptly issue a new Note to such Holders whose Note was purchased only in part. The Trustee, upon written request from the Partnership shall authenticate and mail or deliver such new Note to such Holder, in a principal amount equal to any unpurchased portion of the Note surrendered. Any Note not so accepted for payment pursuant to the Change of Control Offer shall be promptly mailed or delivered by the Partnership to the respective Holder thereof.

# SECTION 5.2 Limitation on Liens.

- (a) The Partnership shall not, nor shall it permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create, assume or incur any Lien (other than any Permitted Lien) upon any Principal Property, whether owned on the date hereof or thereafter acquired, to secure any Indebtedness of the Partnership or any other Person (other than the Notes); provided, however, if a Collateral Release Event has occurred, the Partnership may, and may permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create, assume or incur any Lien upon any Principal Property to secure Indebtedness; provided that effective provisions are made whereby all of the outstanding Notes are secured equally and ratably with, or prior to, such Indebtedness so long as such Indebtedness is so secured (except that Liens securing Subordinated Indebtedness shall be expressly subordinate to any Lien securing the Notes to at least the same extent such Subordinated Indebtedness is subordinate to the Notes or a Subsidiary Guarantee, as the case may be).
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing in this Section 5.2, the Partnership may, and may permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create, assume, incur, or suffer to exist without securing the Notes, any Lien upon any Principal Property to secure Indebtedness (including, without limitation, Senior Loan Obligations under one or more Revolving Credit Facilities); *provided* that the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness then outstanding secured by such Lien and all similar Liens under this clause (b), together with all Attributable Indebtedness from Sale-

Leaseback Transactions (excluding Sale-Leaseback Transactions permitted by clauses (1) through (3), inclusive, of Section 5.3(a) hereof), does not exceed the greater of (x) \$250.0 million and (y) 10.0% of Net Tangible Assets.

#### SECTION 5.3 Restriction on Sale-Leasebacks.

- (a) The Partnership shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, engage in the sale or transfer by the Partnership or any Restricted Subsidiary of any Principal Property to a Person (other than the Partnership or a Restricted Subsidiary) and the taking back by the Partnership or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, of a lease of such Principal Property (a "Sale-Leaseback Transaction"), unless:
- (1) such Sale-Leaseback Transaction occurs within one year from the date of completion of the acquisition of the Principal Property subject thereto or the date of the completion of construction, development or substantial repair or improvement, or commencement of full operations on such Principal Property, whichever is later:
  - (2) the Sale-Leaseback Transaction involves a lease for a period, including renewals, of not more than three years; or
- (3) the Partnership or such Restricted Subsidiary, within a one-year period after such Sale-Leaseback Transaction, applies or causes to be applied an amount not less than the Attributable Indebtedness from such Sale-Leaseback Transaction to (a) the prepayment, repayment, redemption, reduction or retirement of any Indebtedness of the Partnership or any Restricted Subsidiary that is not Subordinated Indebtedness, or (b) the purchase of Principal Property used or to be used in the ordinary course of business of Partnership or the Restricted Subsidiaries.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Partnership may, and may permit any Subsidiary to, effect any Sale-Leaseback Transaction that is not excepted by clauses (1) through (3), inclusive, of the preceding paragraph, *provided* that the Attributable Indebtedness from such Sale-Leaseback Transaction, together with the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Indebtedness (other than the Notes) secured by Liens upon Principal Properties (other than Permitted Liens), does not exceed the greater of (x) \$250.0 million and (y) 10.0% of Net Tangible Assets.

## SECTION 5.4 Limitation on Transactions with Affiliates.

The Partnership shall not, and shall not cause or permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, enter into, amend or permit or suffer to exist any transaction or series of related transactions (including, without limitation, the purchase, sale, lease or exchange of any property, the guaranteeing of any Indebtedness or the rendering of any service, but excluding any cash distribution made by the Partnership, ETP or Regency to their respective general partners, limited partners or other equity owners in accordance with their respective partnership agreements or, in the case of any successors thereto, the respective constituent documents of any such successor entity) with, or for the benefit of, any of their respective Affiliates (each an "Affiliate Transaction"), other than any Affiliate Transaction that is on terms that either (i) are approved by the Conflicts Committee of the Board of Directors of the Partnership or (ii) taken as

a whole, are fair and reasonable to the Partnership or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary or are no less favorable to the Partnership or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary than those that might reasonably have been obtained in a comparable transaction at such time on an arm's-length basis from a Person that is not an Affiliate of the Partnership or such Restricted Subsidiary.

# ARTICLE VI COLLATERAL AND SECURITY

#### SECTION 6.1 Deemed Collateral Release Event.

Notwithstanding any term or provision to the contrary set forth in the Base Indenture or this First Supplemental Indenture, upon the Repayment of the Term Loans concurrently with the issuance of the Notes under this First Supplemental Indenture;

- (a) the Term Debt Lien Release Date shall be deemed to have occurred;
- (b) the Collateral Release Event shall be deemed automatically to have occurred, without the obligation of notice or action by or on behalf of any Person;
- (c) none of the Trustee, the Notes Collateral Agent, the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor shall be obligated to, nor shall any such Person, enter into, execute or deliver the Intercreditor Agreement or any Collateral Documents; nor shall any such Person otherwise be obligated to grant any security interest in, or incur or maintain any Liens on, any property or assets as security for the Note Obligations, in each case, except as may be required under Section 5.2(a) hereof;
- (d) the failure of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors, in reliance on and in compliance with this Section 6.1, to grant a Lien and to comply with any of Sections 6.2 through 6.12 shall not result in any default or Event of Default; and
- (e) no provision of Sections 6.2 through 6.12 below relating to the Intercreditor Agreement or collateral security shall impose any duty or obligation on the Trustee.

# SECTION 6.2 Security Documents.

(a) In order to secure the due and punctual payment of the principal and interest on the Notes, when the same shall be due and payable, whether on an Interest Payment Date, at Maturity, by acceleration, repurchase, redemption or otherwise, and interest on the overdue principal of and interest (to the extent permitted by law) on the Notes and performance of all other Note Obligations, (i) the Issuer and the Subsidiary Guarantors have, on the Issue Date simultaneously with the execution and delivery of this Indenture, entered into Collateral Documents granting the Notes Collateral Agent a Lien, subject only to Permitted Liens, on all property and assets (except as provided in the Intercreditor Agreement) that are subject to a Lien securing any Senior Obligations and (ii) the Issuer and the Subsidiary Guarantors agree that, unless a Collateral Release Event has occurred, they will take all such action as shall be required to ensure that the Note Obligations will at all times be secured by a Lien, subject only to Permitted Liens, on all assets (except as provided in the Intercreditor Agreement) that in the future are subjected to a Lien to secure the Partnership's existing and future Senior Obligations, which Lien shall be pursuant to documentation in form substantially similar to the

documentation granting the Lien securing the relevant Senior Obligations, except as otherwise contemplated by the Intercreditor Agreement and except for differences consistent with the forms of Collateral Documents and entered into on the Issue Date.

- (b) This Indenture and the Notes Collateral Documents (other than the Intercreditor Agreement) are subject to the terms, limitations and conditions set forth in the Intercreditor Agreement. Each Holder of Notes, by its acceptance of a Note, is deemed to have consented and agreed to the terms of each Notes Collateral Document, as originally in effect and as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time in accordance with its terms or the terms of the Indenture or the Intercreditor Agreement, to have authorized and directed the Notes Collateral Agent to enter into the Notes Collateral Documents to which it is a party, and to have authorized and empowered the Notes Collateral Agent and (through the Intercreditor Agreement) the Controlling Agent to bind the Holders of Notes and other holders of Senior Obligations as set forth in the Collateral Documents to which they are a party and to perform its obligations and exercise its rights and powers thereunder, including entering into amendments permitted by the terms of the Indenture, the Intercreditor Agreement or the Collateral Documents. To the extent that any provision of this Indenture or any Collateral Document is not consistent with or contradicts the Intercreditor Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement will govern.
- (c) Any Person which, after the Issue Date, becomes a Subsidiary Guarantor under this Indenture, shall, upon becoming a Subsidiary Guarantor under this Indenture, become a party to each applicable Collateral Document (on terms and conditions substantially the same as the then current Collateral Documents) with respect to the assets or property of such Person that are Collateral, unless a Collateral Release Event has occurred.

SECTION 6.3 Recording, Registration and Opinions; Trustee's Disclaimer Regarding Collateral.

(a) Unless a Collateral Release Event has occurred, the Partnership and, if applicable, the Subsidiary Guarantors shall take or cause to be taken all action required to perfect, maintain, preserve and protect the Lien on the Collateral granted by the Collateral Documents (subject only to Permitted Liens and to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement), or that are otherwise required by Section 314(b) of the TIA, including without limitation arranging for the filing of financing statements, continuation statements, mortgages and any instruments of further assurance, in such manner and in such places as may be required by law fully to preserve and protect the rights of the Holders and the Trustee and the Collateral Agent under this Indenture and the Collateral Documents to all property now or hereafter at any time comprising the Collateral. The Partnership shall from time to time promptly pay all financing, continuation statements and mortgage recording, registration and/or filing fees, charges and taxes relating to this Indenture and the Collateral Documents, any amendments thereto and any other instruments of further assurance required hereunder or pursuant to the Collateral Documents. Neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Agent shall have any obligation to, and neither of them shall be responsible for any failure to, so register, file or record. Promptly after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Partnership shall furnish to the Trustee and Collateral Agent an Opinion of Counsel that complies with TIA Section 314(b)(1).

- (b) Unless a Collateral Release Event has occurred, the Partnership shall furnish to the Trustee and the Collateral Agent each year, beginning with 2011, an Opinion of Counsel which complies with Section 314(b)(2) of the TIA.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Indenture or in any other Collateral Document, neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Agent shall be responsible for the existence, genuineness or value of any of the Collateral, or for the creation, validity, perfection, priority or enforceability of the Liens in any of the Collateral, whether impaired by operation of law or by reason of any action or omission to act on its part hereunder, for the validity or sufficiency of the Collateral or any agreement or assignment contained therein, for the validity of the title of the Partnership to the Collateral, for insuring the Collateral or for the payment of taxes, charges, assessments or Liens upon the Collateral or otherwise as to the maintenance of the Collateral.

SECTION 6.4 Possession, Use and Release of Collateral.

- (a) Each Holder, by accepting a Note, consents and agrees to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement, the Collateral Documents and this Indenture governing the possession, use and release of Collateral. Each Holder, by accepting a Note, consents and agrees that Collateral may, and, as applicable, shall, be released or substituted in accordance with the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement and the Collateral Documents.
  - (b) In addition to the foregoing, Liens on Collateral securing the Notes will be entitled to be released under the following circumstances:
- (1) in the event of satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture pursuant to Section 8.01(a) of the Base Indenture or a legal defeasance described in Section 8.01(c) of the Base Indenture;
  - (2) with the consent of the Holders in accordance with Section 9.02 of the Base Indenture; or
  - (3) if a Collateral Release Event has occurred.
- (c) If the Revolving Credit Facility Collateral Agent and the Term Loan Facility Collateral Agent release their Liens on any Collateral, then the Lien securing the Notes will automatically terminate.
- (d) The Collateral Agent shall execute and deliver all such authorizations and other instruments and take such actions (and the Holders will be deemed to have consented to and authorized the Collateral Agent to execute and deliver any such authorization or instrument and take any such action) as shall reasonably be requested by the Controlling Agent (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement) to evidence, confirm and effectuate any release of Collateral provided for in this Section 6.4(a), (b) or (c).
- (e) At the request of the Partnership and upon satisfaction of all applicable conditions to the permitted release of any Collateral (including the Collateral Agent's receipt of any indemnity requested under Section 7.07 of the Base Indenture), at the Partnership's cost and expense, the Collateral Agent will execute and deliver any documents, instructions or

instruments evidencing any permitted release of the Liens of the Collateral Agent on any Collateral. The Trustee and the Collateral Agent shall be entitled to receive an Opinion of Counsel and Officers' Certificate in connection with any release of Liens evidencing compliance with the terms of this Indenture and the Collateral Documents.

(f) The fair value of Collateral released from the Liens created by this Indenture and the Collateral Documents pursuant to the terms of this Section 6.4 shall not be considered in determining whether the aggregate fair value of the Collateral released from the Liens created by this Indenture and the Collateral Documents in any calendar year exceeds the 10% threshold specified in Section 3.14(d)(1) of the TIA.

SECTION 6.5 Suits to Protect Collateral.

(a) Subject to Sections 7.01 and 7.02 of the Base Indenture and the provisions of the Collateral Documents, the Trustee or Collateral Agent may, in its sole discretion and without the consent of the Holders, on behalf of the Holders, and shall at the direction of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes, take all actions it deems necessary or appropriate in order to enforce any of the terms of the Collateral Documents and collect and receive any and all amounts payable in respect of the Note Obligations. Subject to the provisions of the Collateral Documents, each of the Trustee and Collateral Agent shall have power, exercised in its sole discretion and without the consent of the Holders, or at the direction of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes, to institute and to maintain such suits and proceedings as it may deem expedient to prevent any impairment of the Collateral by any acts which may be unlawful or in violation of any of the Collateral Documents or the Indenture, and such suits and proceedings as the Trustee or Collateral Agent may deem expedient to preserve or protect its interests and the interests of the Trustee or Collateral Agent and the Holders in the Collateral (including power to institute and maintain suits or proceedings to restrain the enforcement of or compliance with any legislative or other governmental enactment, rule or order that may be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid if the enforcement of, or compliance with, such enactment, rule or order would impair the Lien and security interest created by the Indenture and the Collateral Documents or be prejudicial to the interests of the Holders, the Trustee or the Collateral Agent).

SECTION 6.6 Powers Exercisable by Receiver, Trustee or Collateral Agent.

(a) In case the Collateral shall be in the possession of a receiver or trustee, lawfully appointed, the powers conferred in this Article VI and the Collateral Documents upon the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors with respect to the release, sale or other disposition of such property may be exercised by such receiver, trustee or the Collateral Agent, and an instrument signed by such receiver or trustee shall be deemed the equivalent of any similar instrument of the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor or of any Officer or Officers of the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor required by the provisions of this Article VI.

SECTION 6.7 Determinations Relating to Collateral.

(a) In the event (i) the Trustee or Collateral Agent shall receive any written request from the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor under any Collateral Document for consent or approval with respect to any matter or thing relating to any Collateral or the Partnership's or any

Subsidiary Guarantor's obligations with respect thereto, (ii) there shall be required from the Trustee or Collateral Agent under the provisions of any Collateral Document any performance or the delivery of any instrument or (iii) a Trust Officer of the Trustee or the Collateral Agent shall receive written notice of any nonperformance by the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor of any covenant or any breach of any representation or warranty of the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor set forth in any Collateral Document, and, in the case of clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above, the Trustee reasonably believes that the Trustee's response or action is not otherwise specifically contemplated, or the Trustee does not have the discretion to undertake such response or action, hereunder or under the applicable Collateral Documents, then, in each such event, the Trustee or Collateral Agent shall, within 30 Business Days, advise the Holders, in writing and at the Partnership's expense, of the matter or thing as to which consent has been requested or the performance or instrument required to be delivered or the nonperformance or breach of which the Trustee has received written notice. The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes pursuant to Section 6.05 of the Base Indenture shall have the exclusive authority to direct the response of the Trustee or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be, to any of the circumstances contemplated in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above.

# SECTION 6.8 Certificates of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors.

(a) Whether or not this Indenture is then required to be qualified under the TIA, the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall comply (or cause compliance) with Section 313(b) of the TIA, relating to reports, and Section 314(d) of the TIA, relating to the release of property from the Lien of the Indenture and the Collateral Documents and relating to the substitution therefor of any property to be subjected to the Lien of the Indenture and the Collateral Documents. Any certificate or opinion required by Section 314(d) of the TIA may be made by an Officer of the Partnership or a Subsidiary Guarantor, as applicable, except in cases where Section 314(d) of the TIA requires that such certificate or opinion be made by an independent Person, which Person shall be an independent engineer, appraiser or other expert selected by the Partnership. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 6.8, the Partnership will not be required to comply with all or any portion of Section 314(d) of the TIA if it reasonably determines that under the terms of Section 314(d) of the TIA or any interpretation or guidance as to the meaning thereof of the SEC and its staff, including "no action" letters or exemptive orders, all or any portion of Section 314(d) of the TIA is inapplicable to any release or series of releases of Collateral.

# SECTION 6.9 Certificates of the Trustee as Collateral Agent.

In the event that the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor wishes to obtain from the Collateral Agent the release of Collateral in accordance with the Indenture and the Collateral Documents and has delivered the certificates and documents required by the Indenture and the Collateral Documents, the Collateral Agent shall determine whether it has received all documentation required by Section 314(d) of the TIA in connection with such release based on the Opinion of Counsel delivered pursuant to Section 6.4. The Collateral Agent, however, shall have no duty to confirm the legality or validity of such documents, its sole duty being to certify that it has received such documentation which on their face conform to Section 314(d) of the TIA.

#### SECTION 6.10 Purchaser Protected.

No purchaser or grantee of any property or rights purporting to be released herefrom shall be bound to ascertain the authority of the Trustee or Collateral Agent to execute the release or to inquire as to the existence of any conditions herein prescribed for the exercise of such authority; nor shall any purchaser or grantee of any property or rights permitted by the Indenture to be sold or otherwise disposed of by the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor be under any obligation to ascertain or inquire into the authority of the Partnership or such Subsidiary Guarantor to make such sale or other disposition.

## SECTION 6.11 Collateral Release.

The obligations of the Partnership and the Restricted Subsidiaries to maintain and grant Liens on Collateral securing the Note Obligations under the Indenture or the Collateral Documents (the "Collateral Obligations") shall, by written notice of such election given by the Partnership to the Collateral Agent and the Holders of Notes in the manner specified in the Indenture (a "Collateral Release Event Notice"), be terminated if the Term Debt Lien Release Date occurs, provided that no Default or Event of Default in either case relating to a failure to pay principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes when due has occurred and is continuing at the time of delivery of the Collateral Release Event Notice (the "Collateral Release Requirement"). Upon delivery of a valid Collateral Release Event Notice to the Trustee (as Collateral Agent), together with an Officers' Certificate and Opinion of Counsel stating that the Collateral Suspension Requirement has been satisfied, the Partnership and the Restricted Subsidiaries shall be entitled to the release of all Liens on the Collateral securing the Note Obligations in accordance with Section 6.4. The occurrence of the Term Debt Lien Release Date and the release of the Liens securing the Note Obligations in accordance with the foregoing is referred to as the "Collateral Release Event."

SECTION 6.12 Authorization of Actions to Be Taken by the Collateral Agent Under the Collateral Documents.

- U.S. Bank National Association is hereby appointed to act in its capacity as the Collateral Agent, and as "Authorized Representative," the "Senior Representative" and, if it becomes the "Major Senior Representative" under the Intercreditor Agreement, the "Controlling Agent" of the Holders under the Intercreditor Agreement. Subject to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement and the applicable Collateral Documents:
  - (a) the Collateral Agent shall execute and deliver the Collateral Documents and act in accordance with the terms thereof;
- (b) the Collateral Agent may, in its sole discretion and without the consent of the Trustee or the Holders, take all actions it deems necessary or appropriate in order to:
  - (1) enforce any of the terms of the Collateral Documents; and
- (2) collect and receive any and all amounts payable in respect of the Note Obligations of the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors to the Holders, the Collateral Agent or the Trustee under the Indenture, the Notes, the Notes Guarantees and the Collateral Documents.

# ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS TO ORIGINAL INDENTURE

With respect to the Notes, the Base Indenture is hereby amended as set forth below in this Article VII; *provided*, *however*, that each such amendment shall apply only to the Notes and not to any other series of Securities issued under the Indenture.

# SECTION 7.1 Defined Terms.

(a) Subject to the limitations set forth in the preamble to Article VII of this First Supplemental Indenture, Section 1.01 of the Base Indenture is hereby amended by restating, each of the following defined terms in its appropriate alphabetical position:

"Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For purposes of this definition, "control," as used with respect to any Person, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under direct or indirect common control with" have correlative meanings.

## "Board of Directors" means:

- (1) with respect to a corporation, the board of directors of the corporation or any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of such board;
- (2) with respect to a partnership, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the partnership;
- (3) with respect to a limited liability company, the managing member or members or any controlling committee of managers or members thereof or any board or committee serving a similar management function; and
- (4) with respect to any other Person, the individual, board or committee of such Person serving a management function similar to those described in clauses (1), (2) or (3) of this definition.
  - "Default" means any event which is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

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

"General Partner" means LE GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and its successors as general partner of the Partnership.

"Legal Holiday" means a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in the City of New York or at a Place of Payment are authorized by law, regulation or executive order to remain closed.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person:

- (1) any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of the Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency and after giving effect to any voting agreement that effectively transfers voting power) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees of the corporation, association or other business entity is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof); and
- (2) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are that Person or one or more Subsidiaries of that Person (or any combination thereof).

"Subsidiary Guarantor" means each Subsidiary of the Partnership that guarantees the Notes pursuant to the terms of the Indenture but only so long as such Subsidiary is a guarantor with respect to the Notes on the terms provided for in the Indenture.

(b) Section 1.01 of the Base Indenture is also amended by adding the following definition in alphabetical order therein:

"Notes" means Securities.

SECTION 7.2 Maintenance of Office or Agency.

Subject to the limitations set forth in the preamble to Article VII of this First Supplemental Indenture, Section 4.02 of the Base Indenture is amended to add the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph of Section 4.02 of the Base Indenture:

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Indenture, the Partnership shall be required to maintain at all times an office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee or the registrar or a co-registrar for the Securities)."

SECTION 7.3 SEC Reports; Financial Statements.

Subject to the limitations set forth in the preamble to Article VII of this First Supplemental Indenture, Section 4.03 of the Base Indenture is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as set forth below:

"Regardless of whether required by the rules and regulations of the SEC, so long as any Notes are outstanding, the Partnership will file with the SEC for public availability, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations (unless the SEC will not accept such a filing, in which case the Partnership will furnish to the Holders of Notes or cause the Trustee to furnish to the Holders of Notes, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations, and will post on the Partnership's website on a password-protected basis for availability solely for Holders of Notes):

- (1) all quarterly and annual reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if the Partnership were required to file such reports; and
  - (2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K if the Partnership were required to file such reports.

All such reports will be prepared in all material respects in accordance with all of the rules and regulations applicable to such reports. Each annual report on Form 10-K will include a report on the Partnership's consolidated financial statements by the Partnership's certified independent accountants.

If, at any time, the Partnership is no longer subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act for any reason, the Partnership will nevertheless continue filing the reports specified in the preceding paragraphs of this covenant with the SEC within the time periods specified above unless the SEC will not accept such a filing. The Partnership will not take any action for the purpose of causing the SEC not to accept any such filings. If, notwithstanding the foregoing, the SEC will not accept the Partnership's filings for any reason, the Partnership will post the reports referred to in the preceding paragraphs on its website on a password-protected basis for availability solely for Holders of Notes within the time periods that would apply if the Partnership were required to file those reports with the SEC."

# SECTION 7.4 Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets.

Subject to the limitations set forth in the preamble to Article VII of this First Supplemental Indenture, Sections 5.01 and 5.02 of the Base Indenture are hereby amended and restated in their entirety as set forth below:

# "Section 5.01 Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets.

- (a) The Partnership shall not: (1) consolidate or merge with or into another Person (regardless of whether the Partnership is the surviving Person); or (2) directly or indirectly sell, assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Partnership and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another Person, unless:
- (i) the Person formed by or resulting from any such consolidation or merger or to which such assets have been transferred (the "successor") is the Partnership or expressly assumes by supplemental indenture all of the Partnership's obligations and liabilities under this Indenture, the Notes and any other Note Documents;

- (ii) the successor is organized under the laws of the United States, any state or commonwealth within the United States, or the District of Columbia;
- (iii) immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing; and
- (iv) the Partnership has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger or transfer complies with this Indenture.
- (b) If the Partnership conveys or transfers all or substantially all of its assets, it shall be released from all liabilities and obligations under this Indenture and under the Notes except that no such release will occur in the case of a lease of all or substantially all of its assets.
- (c) This Section 5.01 shall not apply to (i) a merger of the Partnership with an Affiliate solely for the purpose of organizing the Partnership in another jurisdiction within the United States of America; or (ii) any merger or consolidation, or any sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance, lease or other disposition of assets between or among the Partnership and its Restricted Subsidiaries that are Subsidiary Guarantors.

# Section 5.02 Successor Person Substituted.

Upon any merger or consolidation, or any sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Partnership and its Restricted Subsidiaries in accordance with Section 5.01, the successor shall be substituted for the Partnership in this Indenture with the same effect as if it had been an original party to this Indenture, and thereafter the successor may exercise the rights and powers of the Partnership under this Indenture.

# SECTION 7.5 Events of Default.

Subject to the limitations set forth in the preamble to Article VII of this First Supplemental Indenture, Sections 6.01, 6.02, 6.04, 6.05 and 6.06 of the Base Indenture are hereby amended and restated in their entirety as set forth below:

"Section 6.01 Events of Default. Each of the following is an "Event of Default" with respect to the Notes:

- (a) default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on the Notes;
- (b) default in the payment of principal or premium, if any, on the Notes when due at their stated maturity, upon redemption, upon declaration or otherwise;
- (c) failure by the Partnership to comply with any of its agreements or covenants described under Article V of the First Supplemental Indenture or in respect of its obligations to make or consummate a Change of Control Offer when required;

- (d) a failure by the Partnership to comply with its other covenants or agreements in this Indenture applicable to the Notes for 60 days after written notice of default given by the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes;
- (e) any Indebtedness of the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor is not paid within any applicable grace period after final maturity or is accelerated by the holders thereof because of a default, and the total amount of such Indebtedness unpaid or accelerated exceeds \$25,000,000:
- (f) the Partnership or any Significant Subsidiary of the Partnership (or any group of Subsidiaries of the Partnership that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary of the Partnership) pursuant to or within the meaning of Bankruptcy Law:
  - (i) commences a voluntary case,
  - (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
  - (iii) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or
  - (iv) generally is not paying its debts as they become due;
  - (g) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
- (i) is for relief against the Partnership or any Significant Subsidiary of the Partnership (or any group of Subsidiaries of the Partnership that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary of the Partnership) in an involuntary case;
- (ii) appoints a Bankruptcy Custodian of the Partnership or any Significant Subsidiary of the Partnership (or any group of Subsidiaries of the Partnership that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary of the Partnership) or for all or substantially all of the property of the Partnership or any Significant Subsidiary of the Partnership (or any group of Subsidiaries of the Partnership that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary of the Partnership); or
- (iii) orders the liquidation of the Partnership or any Significant Subsidiary of the Partnership (or any group of Subsidiaries of the Partnership that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary of the Partnership);

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days;

- (h) except as permitted by this Indenture, any Subsidiary Guarantee is held in any judicial proceeding to be unenforceable or invalid or ceases for any reason to be in full force and effect, or any Subsidiary Guarantor, or any Person acting on behalf of any Subsidiary Guarantor, denies or disaffirms the obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee; and
- (i) any security interest and Lien purported to be created by any Notes Collateral Document with respect to any Collateral, individually or in the aggregate, having a Fair Market

Value in excess of \$25.0 million shall cease to be in full force and effect, or shall cease to give the Notes Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes, the Liens, rights, powers and privileges purported to be created and granted thereby (including a perfected first-priority security interest in and Lien on, all of the Collateral thereunder (except as otherwise expressly provided in the Indenture, the Notes Collateral Documents and the Intercreditor Agreement)) in favor of the Notes Collateral Agent, for a period of 30 days after notice by the Trustee or by the Holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, or shall be asserted by the Partnership or any Subsidiary Guarantor to not be a valid, perfected, first-priority (except as otherwise expressly provided in the Identure, the Notes Collateral Documents or the Intercreditor Agreement) security interest in or Lien on the Collateral covered thereby; except to the extent that any such loss of perfection or priority results from the failure of the Notes Collateral Agent or the Trustee (or an agent or trustee on its behalf) to maintain possession of certificates actually delivered to it (or such agent or trustee) representing securities pledged under the Notes Collateral Documents.

The term "Bankruptcy Custodian" means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator or similar official under Bankruptcy Law.

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

## Section 6.02 Acceleration.

- (a) If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default described in Section 6.01(f) or Section 6.01(g) with respect to the Partnership) occurs or is continuing, the Trustee by notice in writing to the Partnership, or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes by notice in writing to the Partnership and the Trustee, may, and the Trustee at the request of such Holders shall, declare the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on all the Notes to be due and payable, and upon such a declaration, such principal and accrued and unpaid interest shall be due and payable immediately.
- (b) Subject to the limitations of applicable law, if an Event of Default described in Section 6.01(f) or Section 6.01(g) with respect to the Partnership occurs, the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes shall become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration of acceleration, notice or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holders of the Notes.

## Section 6.04 Waiver of Defaults.

The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding by written notice to the Trustee may, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes, rescind any acceleration with respect to the Notes and annul its consequences under the Indenture, *provided* that such rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction and all existing Events of Default with respect to the Notes, other than the non-

payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes that have become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived.

Section 6.05 Control by Majority.

The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee with respect to such Notes. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture or that the Trustee determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of any other Holder, or that would involve the Trustee in personal liability; *provided*, *however*, that the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction. Prior to taking any action hereunder, the Trustee shall be entitled to security or indemnity satisfactory to it in its sole discretion from Holders directing the Trustee against any cost, liability or expense caused by taking or not taking such action.

## Section 6.06 Limitations on Suits.

Subject to Section 6.07 hereof, no Holder may pursue any remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Notes unless:

- (a) such Holder has previously given the Trustee notice that an Event of Default with respect to the Notes is continuing;
- (b) Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes have requested in writing that the Trustee pursue the remedy;
- (c) such Holders have offered the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee in its sole discretion against any cost, liability or expense;
- (d) the Trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after the receipt of the request and the offer of security or indemnity; and
- (e) the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes have not given the Trustee a direction that, in the opinion of the Trustee, is inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.

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

SECTION 7.6 Discharge of Indenture.

- (a) Subject to the limitations set forth in the preamble to Article VII of this First Supplemental Indenture, clause (c)(i) of Section 8.01 of the Base Indenture is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as set forth below:
- "(i) no Default or Event of Default under clauses (f) and (g) of Section 6.01 hereof, with respect to the Partnership, shall have occurred at any time during the period ending on the

91st day after the date of deposit contemplated by Section 8.01(b) (it being understood that this condition shall not be deemed satisfied until the expiration of such period);"

(b) Subject to the limitations set forth in the preamble to Article VII of this First Supplemental Indenture, the antepenultimate paragraph of Section 8.01(b) of the Base Indenture is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as set forth below:

"Upon the Partnership's exercise of the option applicable to this Section 8.01(b), the Partnership and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Section 8.01(b), be released from each of their obligations under the covenants contained in Section 4.03 and Section 4.05 hereof as well as the covenants contained in Article V of the First Supplemental Indenture, and the Securities will thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but will continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Securities will not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, covenant defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Securities and Guarantees, the Partnership and the Subsidiary Guarantors may fail to comply with and will have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such failure to comply will not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.01 hereof, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Securities and Guarantees will be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Company's exercise of the option applicable to this Section 8.01(b), subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Section 8.01(b), any Event of Default pursuant to Sections 6.01(c), 6.01(d), 6.01(e), 6.01(h), or 6.01(i) will no longer constitute an Event of Default and any Event of Default pursuant to Sections 6.01(g) and 6.01(f), with respect to Subsidiaries of the Partnership, will no longer constitute an Event of Default."

SECTION 7.7 Supplemental Indentures and Amendments without the Consent of Holders.

Subject to the limitations set forth in the preamble to Article VII of this First Supplemental Indenture, Section 9.01 of the Base Indenture is hereby amended as set forth below:

(a) the first sentence of Section 9.01 of the Base Indenture is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as set forth below:

"The Partnership and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture, the Securities, the Intercreditor Agreement (as defined in the First Supplemental Indenture dated as of September 20, 2010 to this Indenture) or the Notes Collateral Documents (as defined in the First Supplemental Indenture dated as of September 20, 2010 to this Indenture) or waive any provision hereof or thereof without the consent of any Holder:"

(b) clause (c) of Section 9.01 of the Base Indenture is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as set forth below:

- "(c) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes;"
- (c) the word "material" is hereby deleted from each of clauses (h) and (j) of Section 9.01 of the Base Indenture.
- (d) the following clauses are hereby inserted after clause (h) of Section 9.01 of the Base Indenture with those clauses that follow to be re-lettered as appropriate:
- "(i) to give effect to the provisions of Section 6.1 of the First Supplemental Indenture or to confirm and evidence the release, termination or discharge of any Lien securing any of the Securities when such release, termination or discharge is permitted hereby, by the Notes Collateral Documents or the Intercreditor Agreement;
- (j) conform the text hereof or the Notes to any provision of the Description of Notes to the extent that such provision of the Description of Notes was intended to be a verbatim recitation of a provision hereof, of the Subsidiary Guarantees or the Notes, as certified by an Officers' Certificate delivered to the Trustee:
- (k) in the case of the Intercreditor Agreement, in order to subject the security interests in the Collateral in respect of any Additional Senior Secured Debt Obligations and Senior Loan Obligations to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, in each case to the extent the Incurrence of such Indebtedness, and the grant of all Liens on the Collateral held for the benefit of such Indebtedness were permitted hereunder;
- (l) with respect to any Notes Collateral Document, to the extent such amendment is reasonably necessary to comply with the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement;"
  - SECTION 7.8 Supplemental Indentures and Amendments with the Consent of Holders.
- (a) Subject to the limitations set forth in the preamble to Article VII of this First Supplemental Indenture, Section 9.02 of the Base Indenture is hereby amended as set forth below:
  - (i) clause (d) of the fifth paragraph of Section 9.02 of the Base Indenture is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as set forth below:
- "(d) reduce the premium, if any payable upon the redemption of any Security or change the time at which any Security may or shall be redeemed; provided, however, that any purchase or repurchase of any Security, including pursuant to a Change of Control Offer, shall not be deemed a redemption of any Security;"
  - (ii) the following is inserted after the third word of clause (g) of the fifth paragraph of Section 9.02 of the Base Indenture:
  - "of any Holder to receive payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such Holder's Security or"

- (iii) clause (j) of the fifth paragraph of Section 9.02 of the Base Indenture is hereby deleted, the word "or" is inserted after clause (h) of the fifth paragraph of Section 9.02 of the Base Indenture and the semi-colon and word "or" at the end of clause (i) of the fifth paragraph of Section 9.02 of the Base Indenture is replaced with a period.
- (b) Subject to the limitations set forth in the preamble to Article VII of this First Supplemental Indenture, the following paragraph shall be inserted as the penultimate paragraph of Section 9.02 of the Base Indenture:

"Without the consent of the Holders of at least two-thirds in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, an amendment or waiver may not make any change in any Notes Collateral Document, any Intercreditor Agreement or the provisions in the Indenture dealing with the Collateral or the Notes Collateral Documents or the application of trust proceeds of the Collateral in any case that would release all or substantially all of the Collateral from the Liens of the Notes Collateral Documents (except as permitted by the terms of the Indenture, the Notes Collateral Documents and the Intercreditor Agreement) or change or alter the priority of the security interests in the Collateral."

## ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 8.1 Ratification of Base Indenture.

The Base Indenture, as supplemented by this First Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and this First Supplemental Indenture shall be deemed part of the Base Indenture in the manner and to the extent herein and therein provided.

SECTION 8.2 Trustee Not Responsible for Recitals.

The recitals contained herein and in the Notes, except with respect to the Trustee's certificates of authentication, shall be taken as the statements of the Partnership, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for the correctness of the same. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this First Supplemental Indenture or of the Notes.

SECTION 8.3 Table of Contents, Headings, etc.

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

SECTION 8.4 Counterpart Originals.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this First Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

SECTION 8.5 Governing Law.

THIS FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE AND THE NOTES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

(Signature Pages Follow)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this First Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

## **ISSUER:**

ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

By: LE GP, LLC, Its: General Partner

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds

Name: John W. McReynolds

Title: President and Chief Financial Officer

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## TRUSTEE:

## U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Steven A. Finklea
Name: Steven A. Finklea
Title: Vice President

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#### FORM OF NOTE

#### [FACE OF SECURITY]

[UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY ("DTC") (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10041) TO THE PARTNERSHIP OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.]\*

[TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR

TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL B LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO HEREIN.]
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ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.
7.500% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2020
ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership," which term includes any successor under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co.* or its registered assigns, the principal sum of [] U.S. doll (\$[]), [or such greater or lesser principal sum as is shown on the attached Schedule of Increases and Decreases in Global Security]*, on October 15, 2020 in such coin and currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, and to pay interest thereon at an annual rate of 7.500% payable on April 15 and October 15 of each year, to the person in whose name the Security is registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest, which shall be the preceding April 1 and October 1 (each, a "Regular Rec Date"), respectively, payable commencing on April 15, 2011, with interest accruing from September 20, 2010, or the most recent date to which interest sha have been paid.  * To be included in a Book Entry Note.
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Reference is made to the further provisions of this Security set forth on the reverse hereof. Such further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

The statements in the legends set forth in this Security are an integral part of the terms of this Security and by acceptance hereof the Holder of this Security agrees to be subject to, and bound by, the terms and provisions set forth in each such legend.

This Security is issued in respect of a series of Debt Securities of an initial aggregate principal amount of \$1,800,000,000 designated as the 7.500% Senior Notes due 2020 of the Partnership and is governed by the Indenture dated as of September 20, 2010 (the "Base Indenture"), duly executed and delivered by the Partnership, as issuer, to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture dated as of September 20, 2010, duly executed by the Partnership and the Trustee (the "First Supplemental Indenture", and together with the Base Indenture, the "Indenture"). The terms of the Indenture are incorporated herein by reference. This Security shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits as definitive Debt Securities under the Indenture.

If and to the extent any provision of the Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with any other provision of the Indenture that is required to be included in the Indenture or is deemed applicable to the Indenture by virtue of the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "TIA"), such required provision shall control.

This Security shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been manually signed by the Trustee under the Indenture.

	ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.	
		LE GP, LLC General Partner
	By: Name: Title:	
	By: Name: Title:	
TRUSTEE'S CERTIF	FICATE O	F AUTHENTICATION:
This is one of the Debt Securities of the series designated therein refer	rred to in t	he within-mentioned Indenture.
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee		
By:Authorized Signatory		
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Partnership has caused this instrument to be duly executed by its sole General Partner.

Dated: September 20, 2010

#### [REVERSE OF SECURITY]

## ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

#### **7.500% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2020**

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the Partnership (the "Debt Securities") of the series hereinafter specified, all issued or to be issued under and pursuant to the Indenture, to which Indenture reference is hereby made for a description of the rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Trustee, the Partnership and the Holders of the Debt Securities. The Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series, which different series may be issued in various aggregate principal amounts, may mature at different times, may bear interest (if any) at different rates, may be subject to different sinking, purchase or analogous funds (if any) and may otherwise vary as provided in the Indenture. This Security is one of a series designated as the 7.500% Senior Notes due 2020 of the Partnership, in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$1,800,000,000 (the "Securities").

#### 1. Interest.

The Partnership promises to pay interest in cash on the principal amount of this Security at the rate of 7.500% per annum.

The Partnership will pay interest semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15 of each year (each an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing April 15, 2011. Interest on the Securities will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid on the Securities, from September 20, 2010. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The Partnership shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any applicable bankruptcy laws) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace period) and on overdue principal and premium, if any, from time to time on demand at the same rate per annum, in each case to the extent lawful.

#### 2. Method of Payment.

The Partnership shall pay interest on the Securities (except Defaulted Interest) to the persons who are the registered Holders at the close of business on the Regular Record Date immediately preceding the Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for ("Defaulted Interest") may be paid to the persons who are registered Holders at the close of business on a special record date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, or in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which such Securities may then be listed if such manner of payment shall be deemed practicable by the Trustee, as more fully provided in the Indenture. The Partnership shall pay principal, premium, if any, and interest in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for payment of public and private debts. Payments in respect of a Global Security (including principal, premium, if any, and interest) will be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the Depositary. Payments in respect of Securities in definitive form (including principal, premium, if any, and

interest) will be made at the office or agency of the Partnership maintained for such purpose within the City of New York, which initially will be at the corporate trust office of the Trustee located at 100 Wall Street, Suite 1600, New York, New York 10005, Mail Station: EX-NY-WALL, or, at the option of the Partnership, payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the Holders on the relevant record date at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders maintained by the Registrar or at the option of the Holder, payment of interest on Securities in definitive form will be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to any account maintained in the United States, provided such Holder has requested such method of payment and provided timely wire transfer instructions to the Paying Agent. The Holder must surrender this Security to a Paying Agent to collect payment of principal.

#### 3. Paying Agent and Registrar.

Initially, U.S. Bank National Association will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Partnership may change any Paying Agent or Registrar at any time upon notice to the Trustee and the Holders. The Partnership may act as Paying Agent.

#### 4. Indenture.

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of Debt Securities of the Partnership issued and to be issued in one or more series under the Indenture.

Capitalized terms herein are used as defined in the Indenture unless otherwise defined herein. The terms of the Securities include those stated in the Base Indenture, those made part of the Indenture by reference to the TIA, as in effect on the date of the Base Indenture, and those terms stated in the First Supplemental Indenture. The Securities are subject to all such terms, and Holders of Securities are referred to the Base Indenture, the First Supplemental Indenture and the TIA for a statement of them. The Securities of this series are general unsecured obligations of the Partnership limited to an initial aggregate principal amount of \$1,800,000,000; provided, however, that the authorized aggregate principal amount of such series may be increased from time to time as provided in the First Supplemental Indenture.

#### 5. Redemption.

The Securities are redeemable, at the option of the Partnership, at any time in whole, or from time to time in part, at a Redemption Price equal to the greater of: (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Securities to be redeemed; or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Securities to be redeemed that would be due after the related Redemption Date but for such redemption (exclusive of interest accrued to the Redemption Date) discounted to the Redemption Date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the applicable Treasury Yield plus 50 basis points; plus, in either case, accrued interest to the Redemption Date.

The actual Redemption Price, calculated as provided above, shall be calculated and certified to the Trustee and the Partnership by the Independent Investment Banker.

Except as set forth above, the Securities will not be redeemable prior to their Stated Maturity and will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

#### 6. Denominations; Transfer; Exchange.

The Securities are to be issued in registered form, without coupons, in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. A Holder may register the transfer of, or exchange, Securities in accordance with the Indenture. The Registrar may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture.

#### 7. Person Deemed Owners.

The registered Holder of a Security may be treated as the owner of it for all purposes.

#### 8. Amendment; Supplement; Waiver.

Subject to certain exceptions, the Indenture may be amended or supplemented, and any existing Event of Default or compliance with any provision may be waived, with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Debt Securities of each series affected. Without consent of any Holder of a Security, the parties thereto may amend or supplement the Indenture to, among other things, cure any ambiguity or omission, to correct any defect or inconsistency, or to make any other change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holder of a Security. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security (unless revoked as provided in the Indenture) shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders and owners of this Security and any Securities which may be issued in exchange or substitution herefor, irrespective of whether or not any notation thereof is made upon this Security or such other Securities.

## 9. Defaults and Remedies.

Certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency are Events of Default that will result in the principal amount of the Securities, together with premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest thereon, becoming due and payable immediately upon the occurrence of such Events of Default. If any other Event of Default with respect to the Securities occurs and is continuing, then in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities then outstanding may declare the principal amount of all the Securities, together with premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest thereon, to be due and payable immediately in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, however, if at any time after such a declaration of acceleration has been made, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities, by written notice to the Trustee, may rescind such declaration and annul its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court already rendered and if all Events of Default with respect to the Securities, other than the nonpayment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest which has become due solely by such declaration acceleration, shall have been cured or shall have been waived. No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or shall impair any right consequent thereon. Holders of Securities may not enforce the Indenture or the Securities except as provided in the Indenture. The Trustee may require indemnity or security satisfactory to it before it enforces the Indenture or the Securities. Subject to certain limitations,

Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities then outstanding may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power.

#### 10. Trustee Dealings with Partnership.

The Trustee under the Indenture, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Partnership or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Partnership or its Affiliates as if it were not the Trustee.

#### 11 Authentication

This Security shall not be valid until the Trustee signs the certificate of authentication on the other side of this Security.

#### 12. Abbreviations and Defined Terms.

Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder of a Security or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (tenant in common), TEN ENT (tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (Custodian), and U/G/M/A (Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

#### 13. CUSIP Numbers.

Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Partnership has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Securities as a convenience to the Holders of the Securities. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such number as printed on the Securities and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed hereon.

#### 14. Absolute Obligation.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Security or the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Partnership, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Security in the manner, at the respective times, at the rate and in the coin or currency herein prescribed.

#### 15. No Recourse.

No director, officer, employee, limited partner or shareholder, as such, of the Partnership or the General Partner shall have any personal liability in respect of the obligations of the Partnership under the Securities, the Indenture or any Guarantee by reason of his, her or its status. Each Holder by accepting the Securities waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Securities.

#### 16. Governing Law.

This Security shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of New York.

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this instrument, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

UNIF GIFT MIN ACT -TEN COM – as tenants in common

(Cust.)

 $TEN\ ENT-$  as tenants by entireties

Custodian for:

(Minor)

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{JT}}\xspace \ensuremath{\mathsf{TEN}}\xspace - \ensuremath{\mathsf{as}}\xspace$  joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in

common

Under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act of

(State)

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

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#### ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER

IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

Please print or type name and address including postal zip code of assignee:

the within Security and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing to transfer said Security on the books of the Partnership, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated Registered Holder

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# SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL SECURITY\*

The following increases or decreases in this Global Security have been made:

			Principal Amount of	
	Amount of Decrease	Amount of Increase	tĥis Global	Signature of
	in Principal Amount	in Principal Amount	Security following	authorized officer
	of this Global	of this Global	such decrease (or	of Trustee or
Date of Exchange	Security	Security	increase)	<u>Depositary</u>
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\* To be included in a Book-Entry Note.

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## LATHAM & WATKINS LLP

September 20, 2010

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Re: Registration Statement No. 333-164414; \$1,800,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of 7.500% Senior Notes due 2020

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "*Partnership*"), in connection with the issuance of \$1,800,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 7.500% Senior Notes due 2020 (the "*Notes*") under an Indenture dated as of the date hereof as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture dated as of the date hereof (collectively, the "*Indenture*") between the Partnership and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "*Trustee*"), and pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "*Act*"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*Commission*") on January 20, 2010 (Registration No. 333-164414) (the "*Registration Statement*"). This opinion is being furnished in connection with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Act, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or related prospectus, other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the issue of the Notes.

As such counsel, we have examined such matters of fact and questions of law as we have considered appropriate for purposes of this letter. With your consent, we have relied upon certificates and other assurances of officers of LE GP, LLC, the general partner of the Partnership (the "General Partner") and others as to factual matters without having independently verified such factual matters. We are opining herein as to the internal laws of the State of New York and the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (the "Delaware LP Act"), and we express no opinion with respect to the applicability thereto, or the effect thereon, of the laws of any other jurisdiction or, in the case of the Delaware LP Act, any other laws, or as to any matters of municipal law or the laws of any local agencies within any state.

Subject to the foregoing and the other matters set forth herein, it is our opinion that, as of the date hereof, when the Notes have been duly executed, issued, and authenticated in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and delivered against payment therefor in the

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circumstances contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement dated as of September 15, 2010 (the "*Underwriting Agreement*"), by and among the Partnership and the underwriters party thereto, the Notes will have been duly authorized by all necessary limited partnership action of the Partnership and will be legally valid and binding obligations of the Partnership, enforceable against the Partnership in accordance with their terms.

Our opinion is subject to: (i) the effect of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, preference, fraudulent transfer, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors; (ii) the effect of general principles of equity, whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law (including the possible unavailability of specific performance or injunctive relief), concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing, and the discretion of the court before which a proceeding is brought; (iii) the invalidity under certain circumstances under law or court decisions of provisions providing for the indemnification of or contribution to a party with respect to a liability where such indemnification or contribution is contrary to public policy; and (iv) we express no opinion as to (a) any provision for liquidated damages, default interest, late charges, monetary penalties, make-whole premiums or other economic remedies to the extent such provisions are deemed to constitute a penalty, (b) consents to, or restrictions upon, governing law, jurisdiction, venue, arbitration, remedies, or judicial relief, (c) the waiver of rights or defenses contained in Section 4.06 of the Indenture; (d) any provision requiring the payment of attorneys' fees, where such payment is contrary to law or public policy; (e) any provision permitting, upon acceleration of any indebtedness, collection of that portion of the stated principal amount thereof which might be determined to constitute unearned interest thereon; (f) provisions purporting to waive modifications of any guaranteed obligation to the extent such modification constitutes a novation; (g) advance waivers of claims, defenses, rights granted by law, or notice, opportunity for hearing, evidentiary requirements, statutes of limitation, trial by jury or at law, or other procedural rights; (h) waivers of broadly or vaguely stated rights; (i) covenants not to compete; (j) provisions for exclusivity, election or cumulation of rights or remedies; (k) provisions authorizing or validating conclusive or discretionary determinations; (l) grants of setoff rights; (m) proxies, powers and trusts; (n) provisions prohibiting, restricting, or requiring consent to assignment or transfer of any right or property; and (o) the severability, if invalid, of provisions to the foregoing effect.

With your consent, we have assumed (a) that the Indenture and the Notes (collectively, the "**Documents**") have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the parties thereto other than the Partnership, (b) that the Documents constitute legally valid and binding obligations of the parties thereto other than the Partnership, enforceable against each of them in accordance with their respective terms, and (c) that the status of the Documents as legally valid and binding obligations of the parties is not affected by any (i) breaches of, or defaults under, agreements or instruments, (ii) violations of statutes, rules, regulations or court or governmental orders, or (iii) failures to obtain required consents, approvals or authorizations from, or make required registrations, declarations or filings with, governmental authorities.

This opinion is for your benefit in connection with the Registration Statement and may be relied upon by you and by persons entitled to rely upon it pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. We consent to your filing this opinion as an exhibit to the Partnership's Form 8-K dated

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September 20, 2010 and to the reference to our firm contained in the prospectus under the heading "Legal Matters." In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Latham & Watkins LLP Latham & Watkins LLP

# Revolving Credit Facility CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of September 20, 2010

among

## **ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.,**

as the Borrower,

## CREDIT SUISSE AG,

as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent, and

The Other Lenders Party Hereto

## CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC,

as

Sole Lead Arranger and Sole Bookrunner

\$200,000,000 Five Year Revolving Credit Facility

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#### CREDIT AGREEMENT

This CREDIT AGREEMENT is entered into as of September 20, 2010, among ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Borrower"), formerly known as Energy Transfer Company, L.P., CREDIT SUISSE AG as Administrative Agent, Collateral Agent, LC Issuer and Swingline Lender, each lender from time to time party to this Agreement (collectively, the "Lenders" and individually, a "Lender").

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and in consideration of the loans which may hereafter be made by the Lenders to, and the Letters of Credit that may hereafter be issued by the LC Issuer for the account of, the Borrower, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

# ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND ACCOUNTING TERMS

- **1.01 Defined Terms.** As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:
- "ABR", when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Alternate Base Rate.
  - "Act" has the meaning given to such term in Section 10.16.
  - "Administrative Agent" means Credit Suisse AG in its capacity as administrative agent for the Lenders hereunder.
- "<u>Administrative Agent's Office</u>" means the Administrative Agent's address and, as appropriate, account as set forth on <u>Schedule 4</u>, or such other address or account as the Administrative Agent may from time to time notify to the Borrower and the Lenders.
  - "Administrative Questionnaire" means an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by the Administrative Agent.
- "Affiliate" means, with respect to a specified 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.
- "Aggregate Commitments" means the Commitments of all the Lenders. The initial amount of the Aggregate Commitments is \$200,000,000, subject to optional reductions in Commitments pursuant to <u>Section 2.16</u> and increases in Commitments as provided in <u>Section 2.18</u>.
- "Agreement" means this Credit Agreement, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Alternate Base Rate" means, for any day, an interest rate per annum equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on that day, (b) the Federal Funds Rate in effect on that day plus ½ of 1%, and (c) the LIBO Rate for a one-month Interest Period on that day (or if that day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) plus 1% per annum; provided that for the avoidance of doubt the LIBO Rate for any day shall be based on the rate determined on that day at approximately 11:00 a.m. (London time) by reference to the British Bankers' Association Interest Settlement Rates for deposits in dollars (as set forth by any service selected by the Administrative Agent that has been nominated by the British Bankers' Association as an authorized vendor for the purpose of displaying such rates.

"Applicable ETP Credit Agreement" means the ETP Credit Agreement, as amended, modified, suspended, waived, restated, refinanced, extended or renewed after the Closing Date.

"Applicable Hedging Contract Termination Payments" means payments due upon the novation or early termination of a Hedging Contract in connection with the termination of the Existing Credit Agreement.

"Applicable Leverage Level" means the level set forth below that corresponds to the applicable Leverage Ratio:

Leverage Level
Level I Leverage Ratio
less than or equal to 2.50 to 1.00

Applicable

Level II

greater than 2.50 to 1.00 but less than or equal to 3.00 to 1.00

Level III greater than 3.00 to 1.00 but less than or equal to 3.50 to 1.00

Level IV greater than 3.50 to 1.00

On the Closing Date, the Applicable Leverage Level will be Level II. Thereafter, the Applicable Leverage Level will be determined after each Quarterly Testing Date using the Consolidated Funded Debt of the Borrower outstanding on such day and using Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower for the four Fiscal Quarter period ending on such day. On the date on which financial statements are delivered pursuant to Section 6.02(b), the Administrative Agent will confirm or determine the Leverage Ratio of the Borrower set forth in the Compliance Certificate delivered with such financial statements and determine the Applicable Leverage Level on or within two Business Days after such date. The Applicable Leverage Level shall become effective on the Business Day following such determination by the Administrative Agent and shall remain effective until the next such determination by the Administrative Agent. If the Borrower shall fail to deliver the financial statements by the time required pursuant to Section 6.02(b), the Applicable Leverage Level shall be deemed to be Level IV until such financial

statements have been delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Administrative Agent has so confirmed or determined the Leverage Ratio.

"Applicable MLP Credit Agreement" means the Applicable ETP Credit Agreement and the Applicable Regency Credit Agreement.

"Applicable Percentage" means with respect to any Lender, the percentage of the Aggregate Commitments represented by such Lender's Commitment; provided that for purposes of Section 2.17(b) and (c), "Applicable Percentage" shall mean the percentage of the total Aggregate Commitments (disregarding the Commitment of any Defaulting Lender to the extent its Applicable Percentage of the outstanding Swingline Loans or LC Obligations is reallocated to the non-Defaulting Lenders) represented by such Lender's Commitment. If the Commitments have terminated or expired, the Applicable Percentages shall be determined based upon the Commitments most recently in effect, giving effect to any assignments.

"Applicable Rate" means, on any day, with respect to any Eurodollar Loan, ABR Loan or Commitment Fee hereunder, the percentage per annum set forth below under the caption "Eurodollar Loans Applicable Rate," "ABR Loans Applicable Rate" and "Commitment Fee," respectively, based on the Applicable Leverage Level in effect on such day.

Applicable Leverage Level	Eurodollar Loans Applicable Rate	ABR Loans Applicable Rate	Commitment Fee
Level I	2.75%	1.75%	0.50%
Level II	3.00%	2.00%	0.50%
Level III	3.50%	2.50%	0.75%
Level IV	3.75%	2.75%	0.75%

Each change in the Applicable Rate shall apply during the period commencing on the effective date of such change and ending on the date immediately preceding the effective date of the next such change.

"Applicable Regency Credit Agreement" means the Regency Credit Agreement, as amended, modified, supplemented, waived, restated, refinanced, extended or renewed after the Closing Date.

"Approved Fund" means any Fund that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

"Arranger" means Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC.

"Asset Sale" means a sale, lease or sublease (as lessor or sublessor), sale and leaseback, assignment, conveyance, transfer or other disposition to, or any exchange of property with, any

Person (other than a Restricted Person), in one transaction or a series of transactions, of all or any part of a Restricted Person's businesses, assets or properties of any kind, whether real, personal, or mixed and whether tangible or intangible, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, including, without limitation, the Equity Interests of an MLP or any of the Borrower's Subsidiaries.

"Assignment and Assumption" means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 10.06(b)), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in substantially the form of Exhibit A or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

"Attributable Debt" means, with respect to any Sale and Lease-Back Transaction not involving a Capital Lease Obligation, as of any date of determination, the total obligation (discounted to present value at the rate of interest implicit in the lease included in such transaction) of the lessee for rental payments (other than accounts required to be paid on account of property taxes, maintenance, repairs, insurance, assessments, utilities, operating and labor costs and other items which do not constitute payments for property rights) during the remaining portion of the term (including extensions which are at the sole option of the lessor) of the lease included in such transaction (in the case of any lease which is terminable by the lessee upon the payment of a penalty, such rental obligation shall also include the amount of such penalty, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated).

"Auto-Extension Letter of Credit" has the meaning given to such term in Section 2.07(b).

"Board" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States of America.

"Borrower" has the meaning given such term in the introductory paragraph hereto.

"Borrowing" means Loans of the same Type, made, Converted or Continued on the same date and, in the case of Eurodollar Loans, as to which a single Interest Period is in effect.

"Business Day" means any day other than (i) 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 (ii) if such day relates to any Eurodollar Loan, a day on which banks are not open for dealings in Dollar deposits in the London interbank eurodollar market.

"Capital Lease" means a lease with respect to which the lessee is required concurrently to recognize the acquisition of an asset and the incurrence of a liability in accordance with GAAP.

"<u>Capital Lease Obligation</u>" means, with respect to any Person and a Capital Lease, the amount of the obligation of such Person as the lessee under such Capital Lease that would, in accordance with GAAP, appear as a liability on a balance sheet of such Person.

"Cash" means money, currency or a credit balance in any deposit account.

"<u>Cash Collateralize</u>" means to pledge and deposit with or deliver to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the LC Issuer and the Lenders, as collateral for the LC Obligations, Cash pursuant to documentation in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the LC Issuer. Derivatives of such term have corresponding meanings.

#### "Cash Equivalents" means Investments in:

- (a) marketable obligations, maturing within 12 months after acquisition thereof, issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the United States or an instrumentality or agency thereof and entitled to the full faith and credit of the United States;
- (b) demand deposits and time deposits (including certificates of deposit) maturing within 12 months from the date of deposit thereof, (i) with any office of any Lender or (ii) with a domestic office of any national or state bank or trust company which is organized under the Laws of the United States or any state therein, which has capital, surplus and undivided profits of at least \$500,000,000, and whose long-term certificates of deposit are rated BBB+ or Baa1 or better, respectively, by any of the Rating Agencies;
- (c) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in subsection (a) above entered into with (i) any Lender or (ii) any other commercial bank meeting the specifications of subsection (b) above;
  - (d) open market commercial paper, maturing within 270 days after acquisition thereof, which are rated at least P-1 by Moody's or A-1 by S&P; and
  - (e) money market or other mutual funds substantially all of whose assets comprise securities of the types described in subsections (a) through (d) above.

"Change in Law" means the occurrence, after the date of this Agreement, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority.

"Change of Control" means the existence of any of the following: (a) any person or group (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act), other than an Exempt Person, shall be the direct or indirect legal or beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then total Equity Interests of the General Partner or (b) the General Partner shall not be the sole legal and beneficial owner of all of the general partner interests of the Borrower. As used herein "Exempt Person" means (i) any of Ray C. Davis, Kelcy L. Warren, the heirs at law of such individuals, entities or trusts owned by or established for the benefit of such individuals or their respective heirs at law (such as entities or trusts established for estate planning purposes) or (ii) entities owned solely by existing and former management employees of the General Partner.

"Closing Date" means the first date on which all the conditions precedent in Section 4.01 and Section 4.02 are satisfied or waived in accordance with Section 10.01.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, together with all rules and regulations promulgated with respect thereto.

"Collateral" means, collectively, all of the real, personal and mixed property (including Equity Interests) in which Liens are purported to be granted pursuant to the Collateral Documents as security for the Obligations and Lender Hedging Obligations.

"Collateral Agent" means Credit Suisse AG in its capacity as collateral agent for the Lenders under the Collateral Documents.

"Collateral Documents" means the Pledge and Security Agreement and all other instruments, documents and agreements delivered by any Restricted Person pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document in order to grant to Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders, a Lien on any real, personal or mixed property of such Restricted Person as security for the Obligations and the Lender Hedging Obligations.

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

"Commitment" means, as to each Lender, (a) its Commitment to make Loans to the Borrower in an aggregate principal amount set forth as its Commitment on Schedule 1 or in an Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, or in a commitment increase document pursuant to Section 2.18 pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, in each case as applicable, as increased or decreased in an Assignment and Assumption, decreased from time to time pursuant to Section 2.16, or increased in a commitment increase document pursuant to Section 2.18, in each case as applicable, and (b) such Lender's corresponding Commitment to purchase participations in LC Obligations and Swingline Loans.

"Commitment Period" means the period from and including the Closing Date to the earliest of (a) the Maturity Date, (b) the date of termination of the Aggregate Commitments pursuant to Section 2.16, and (c) the date of termination of the Commitment of each Lender to make Loans and of the obligation of the LC Issuer to make LC Credit Extensions pursuant to Section 8.02.

"Compliance Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B.

"Consolidated" refers to the consolidation of any Person, in accordance with GAAP, with its properly consolidated subsidiaries. References herein to a Person's Consolidated financial statements, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, assets, liabilities, etc. refer to the consolidated financial statements, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, assets, liabilities, etc. of such Person and its properly consolidated subsidiaries.

"Consolidated EBITDA of ETP" means, for any period, "Consolidated EBITDA" as defined in the ETP Credit Agreement, except that for purposes of this Agreement all references

to the "Restricted Subsidiaries" of "Borrower" in such definition and in the defined terms used therein (such as "Consolidated Net Income") shall mean "subsidiaries" of "ETP", including all subsidiaries of ETP whether designated as "Restricted Subsidiaries" or "Unrestricted Subsidiaries" in the ETP Credit Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the adjustments in such definitions for general and administrative expenses allocated to the HOLP Companies and for dividends and distributions from HOLP and its subsidiaries shall be disregarded.

"Consolidated EBITDA of Regency" means, for any period, "Consolidated EBITDA" as defined in the Regency Credit Agreement.

"Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower" means, for any period of four Fiscal Quarters, the sum of:

- (a) the product of four times the amount of cash distributions payable with respect to the last Fiscal Quarter in such period by an MLP to the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of limited partnership units in such MLP to the extent actually received on or prior to the date the financial statements with respect to such Fiscal Quarter referred in Section 6.02 are required to be delivered by the Borrower; provided that if the Borrower has acquired or disposed of any limited partnership units in such MLP or made a Specified Acquisition at any time after the first day of such Fiscal Quarter, the determinations in this clause (a) shall be made (other than for purposes of Section 7.12(c)) giving pro forma effect to such acquisition or disposition as if such acquisition or disposition had occurred on the first day of the Fiscal Quarter; plus
- (b) the product of four times the amount of cash distributions payable with respect to the last Fiscal Quarter in such period by an MLP to the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of the general partnership interests or incentive distribution rights to the extent actually received on or prior to the date the financial statements with respect to such Fiscal Quarter referred in <u>Section 6.02</u> are required to be delivered by the Borrower; plus
- (c) Consolidated Net Income of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such four Fiscal Quarter period, plus (i) each of the following to the extent deducted in determining such Consolidated Net Income (A) all Consolidated Interest Expense, (B) all income taxes (including any franchise taxes to the extent based upon net income), (C) all depreciation and amortization (including amortization of good will and debt issue costs), and (D) any other non-cash charges or losses, minus (ii) each of the following (A) all non-cash items of income or gain which were included in determining such Consolidated Net Income, and (B) any cash payments made during such period in respect of items described in clause (i)(D) of this clause (c) subsequent to the Fiscal Quarter in which the relevant non-cash charges or losses were reflected as a charge in the statement of Consolidated Net Income; provided that the determinations in this clause (c) shall be made excluding each MLP and its subsidiaries. For the avoidance of doubt, the determinations in this clause (c) shall not include Consolidated Net Income attributable to distributions by an MLP.

"Consolidated Fixed Charges" means, for any period, without duplication, the sum of (i) the preferred distributions paid in cash during such period on the Restructuring Preferred Units plus (ii) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period.

"Consolidated Funded Debt of ETP" means, as at any date of determination, the sum of the following (without duplication): (i) all Indebtedness on a Consolidated balance sheet of ETP and its subsidiaries prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP, (ii) Indebtedness for borrowed money of ETP and its subsidiaries outstanding under a revolving credit or similar agreement, notwithstanding the fact that any such borrowing is made within one year of the expiration of such agreement, (iii) obligations of ETP and its subsidiaries in respect of Capital Leases, and (iv) all Indebtedness in respect of any Guarantee by ETP or any of its subsidiaries of Indebtedness of any Person other than ETP or any of its subsidiaries, but excluding (i) Attributable Debt of ETP and its subsidiaries and (ii) Performance Guaranties (as defined in the ETP Credit Agreement); provided, however, on each day Consolidated Funded Debt of ETP shall exclude the amount of Excluded Inventory Indebtedness (as defined in the ETP Credit Agreement).

"Consolidated Funded Debt of Regency." means, as at any date of determination, the sum of the following (without duplication): (i) all Indebtedness on a Consolidated balance sheet of Regency and its subsidiaries prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP, (ii) Indebtedness for borrowed money of Regency and its subsidiaries outstanding under a revolving credit or similar agreement, notwithstanding the fact that any such borrowing is made within one year of the expiration of such agreement, (iii) obligations of Regency and its subsidiaries in respect of Capital Leases, and (iv) all Indebtedness in respect of any Guarantee by Regency or any of its subsidiaries of Indebtedness of any Person other than Regency or any of its subsidiaries, but excluding Attributable Debt of Regency and its subsidiaries.

"Consolidated Funded Debt of the Borrower" means, as at any date of determination, the sum of the following (without duplication): (i) all Indebtedness on a Consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP, (ii) Indebtedness for borrowed money of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding under a revolving credit or similar agreement, notwithstanding the fact that any such borrowing is made within one year of the expiration of such agreement, (iii) obligations of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of Capital Leases, (iv) all Indebtedness in respect of any Guarantee by a Restricted Person of Indebtedness of any Person other than a Restricted Person; provided that the determinations in this definition shall be made excluding each MLP and its subsidiaries, and (v) the maximum amount required to be paid to the holders thereof in cash upon the exercise of any redemption (other than an optional redemption elected by the Borrower) or put right in respect of the Restructuring Preferred Units.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" means, for any period, all interest reflected on the income statement of the Borrower during such period on, and all fees and related charges in respect of, Indebtedness which was deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income of the Borrower during such period; provided that the determinations in this definition shall be made excluding each MLP and its subsidiaries.

"Consolidated Net Income" means, for any Person and any period, such Person's and its subsidiaries' gross revenues for such period, minus such Person's and its subsidiaries' expenses and other proper charges against income (including taxes on income to the extent imposed), determined on a Consolidated basis after eliminating earnings or losses attributable to

outstanding minority interests and excluding the net earnings or losses of any Person, other than a subsidiary of such Person, in which such Person or any of its subsidiaries has an ownership interest. Consolidated Net Income shall not include (a) any gain or loss from the sale of assets other than in the ordinary course of business, (b) any extraordinary gains or losses, or (c) any non-cash gains or losses resulting from mark to market activity as a result of SFAS 133. Consolidated Net Income of a Person for any period shall include any cash dividends and distributions actually received during such period from any Person, other than a subsidiary, in which such Person or any of its subsidiaries has an ownership interest.

"Continue," "Continuation," and "Continued" refer to the continuation pursuant to Section 2.04 of a Eurodollar Loan as a Eurodollar Loan from one Interest Period to the next Interest Period.

"Control" 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. "Controlling" and "Controlled" have meanings correlative thereto.

"Convert," "Conversion," and "Converted" refers to a conversion pursuant to Section 2.04 or Article III of one Type of Loan into another Type of Loan.

"Credit Extension" means each of the following: (a) a Borrowing and (b) an LC Credit Extension.

"<u>Debtor Relief Laws</u>" means the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, 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.

"<u>Default</u>" 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.

"<u>Default Rate</u>" means, at the time in question, (a) for any Eurodollar Loan (up to the end of the applicable Interest Period), 2.00% per annum plus the Applicable Rate for Eurodollar Loans plus the LIBO Rate then in effect, (b) for each ABR Loan, each Swingline Loan and each LC Obligation, 2.00% per annum plus the Applicable Rate for ABR Loans plus the Alternate Base Rate, and (c) for each Letter of Credit, 2.00% per annum plus the Applicable Rate for Eurodollar Loans; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, the Default Rate shall never exceed the Maximum Rate.

"<u>Default Rate Period</u>" means (i) any period during which any Event of Default specified in <u>Section 8.01(a)</u>, <u>8.01(b)</u> or <u>8.01(j)</u> is continuing and (ii) upon the request of the Majority Lenders, any period during which any other Event of Default is continuing.

"<u>Defaulting Lender</u>" means any Lender, as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent, that has (a) failed to fund any portion of its Loans or participations in Swingline Loans or Letters of Credit within three Business Days of the date required to be funded by it hereunder

(unless (i) that Lender and at least one other unaffiliated Lender have notified the Administrative Agent and the Borrower in writing of their good faith determination that a condition to their obligation to fund Loans or participations in Swingline Loans or Letters of Credit has not been satisfied and (ii) Lenders representing a majority in interest of the Commitments have not advised the Administrative Agent in writing of their determination that such condition has been satisfied), (b) notified the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, any LC Issuer or any Lender in writing that it does not intend to comply with any of its funding obligations under this Agreement or has made a public statement to the effect that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations under this Agreement or under other agreements in which it commits to extend credit, (c) failed, within three Business Days after request by the Administrative Agent, to confirm that it will comply with the terms of this Agreement relating to its obligations to fund prospective Loans and participations in then outstanding Swingline Loans or Letters of Credit (unless such Lender has notified the Administrative Agent and the Borrower in writing of its good faith determination that one or more conditions to its obligation to fund Loans or participations in Swingline Loans or Letters of Credit has not been satisfied), (d) otherwise failed to pay over to the Administrative Agent or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder within three Business Days of the date when due, unless the subject of a good-faith dispute, or (e) become the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee or custodian appointed for it, or has consented to, approved of or acquiesced in any such proceeding or appointment or has a parent company that has become the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee or custodian appointed for it, or has consented to, approved of or acquiesced in any such proceeding or appointment; provided that (i) if a Lender would be a "Defaulting Lender" solely by reason of events relating to a parent company of that Lender as described in clause (e) above, the Administrative Agent may, in its discretion, determine that such Lender is not a "Defaulting Lender" if and for so long as the Administrative Agent is satisfied that such Lender will continue to perform its funding obligations hereunder and (ii) the Administrative Agent may, by notice to the Borrower and the Lenders, declare that a Defaulting Lender is no longer a "Defaulting Lender" if the Administrative Agent determines, in its discretion, that the circumstances that resulted in that Lender becoming a "Defaulting Lender" no longer apply.

"Disclosure Schedule" means Schedule 2 hereto.

"Dollar" and "\$" mean lawful money of the United States.

"Eligible Assignee" means (a) a Lender; (b) an Affiliate of a Lender; (c) an Approved Fund; and (d) any other Person (other than a natural person) approved by (i) the Administrative Agent and the LC Issuer, and (ii) unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower (each such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); <u>provided</u> that notwithstanding the foregoing, "Eligible Assignee" shall not include the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries.

"Environmental Laws" means any and all Laws relating to the environment, to the protection of wildlife, or to emissions, discharges, releases or threatened releases of pollutants, contaminants, chemicals, or industrial, toxic or hazardous substances or wastes into the environment including ambient air, surface water, ground water, or land, or otherwise relating to

the manufacture, processing, distribution use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport, or handling of pollutants, contaminants, chemicals, or industrial, toxic or hazardous substances or wastes.

"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 non-voting, and whether or not such shares, warrants, options, rights or other interests are outstanding on any date of determination.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, together with all rules and regulations promulgated with respect thereto.

"ERISA Affiliate" means each Restricted Person and all members of a controlled group of corporations and all trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated) under common control that, together with such Restricted Person, are treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

"ERISA Plan" means any employee pension benefit plan subject to Title IV of ERISA maintained by any ERISA Affiliate with respect to which any Restricted Person has a fixed or contingent liability.

"ETP" means Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, or the corporate, partnership or limited liability successor thereto.

"ETP Credit Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of June 20, 2007, by and among ETP, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as administrative agent and the other agents and the lenders from time to time party thereto, as amended, modified, waived or otherwise supplemented prior to the date hereof.

"ETP Credit Documents" means the ETP Credit Agreement and all other documents, instruments or agreements executed and delivered by ETP and its subsidiaries in connection therewith.

"ETP GP" means Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, or the corporate, partnership or limited liability successor thereto, in either case which is the sole general partner of ETP.

"ETP LLC" means Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, or the corporate, partnership or limited liability successor thereto, in either case which is the general partner of ETP GP.

"ETP Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse effect on (i) the financial condition, operations, properties or prospects of ETP and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (ii) the ability of ETP to perform its obligations under the Applicable ETP Credit Agreement or the ability of its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to perform their respective obligations under the guarantee of the Applicable ETP Credit Agreement, or (iii) the validity or enforceability of the Applicable ETP Credit Agreement and related documents.

"ETP Reporting" means all information or reports that relate to ETP and its subsidiaries (including their respective financial condition, operations, properties, prospects, business, liabilities, or compliance): (i) required to be provided pursuant to Section 6.02 or 6.04; (ii) provided to the management of the Borrower; or (iii) that has become publicly available.

"Eurodollar Loan" means a Loan or portion of a Loan that bears interest at a rate based on the LIBO Rate.

"Event of Default" has the meaning given to such term in Section 8.01.

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

"Excluded Taxes" means, with respect to the Administrative Agent, any Lender, the LC 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 overall net income (however denominated), and franchise taxes imposed on it (in lieu of net income taxes) by the United States of America (or any political subdivision thereof), 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 Lender, in which its applicable Lending Office is located, (b) any branch profits taxes imposed by the United States or any similar tax imposed by any other jurisdiction in which the Borrower is located and (c) in the case of a Foreign Lender (other than an assignee pursuant to a request by the Borrower under Section 10.13), any withholding tax that is imposed on amounts payable to such Foreign Lender at the time such Foreign Lender becomes a party hereto (or designates a new Lending Office) or is attributable to such Foreign Lender's failure or inability (other than as a result of a Change in Law) to comply with Section 3.01(e), except to the extent that such Foreign Lender (or its assignor, if any) was entitled, at the time of designation of a new Lending Office (or assignment), to receive additional amounts from the Borrower with respect to such withholding tax pursuant to Section 3.01.

"Existing Credit Agreement" means that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of May 19, 2010, among Borrower, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, LC Issuer, and Swingline Lender and the syndication agents, documentation agents, and lenders party thereto.

"Facility Usage" means, at the time in question, the aggregate amount of outstanding Loans, LC Obligations and Swingline Loans at such time.

"Federal Funds Rate" 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 the Administrative Agent on such day on such transactions as determined by the Administrative Agent.

"Fee Letter" means the letter agreement, dated August 2, 2010, among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC.

"Fiscal Quarter" means a three-month period ending on the last day of March, June, September and December or such other four consecutive three-month periods in a Fiscal Year as may be adopted by the General Partner.

"Fiscal Year" means a twelve-month period ending on December 31 or such other day as may be adopted by the General Partner.

"<u>Foreign Lender</u>" means any Lender that is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which the Borrower is resident for tax purposes. For purposes of this definition, the United States, each State thereof and the District of Columbia shall be deemed to constitute a single jurisdiction.

"Fund" means any Person (other than a natural person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course.

"GAAP" means those generally accepted accounting principles and practices which are recognized as such by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (or any generally recognized successor) and which, in the case of the Borrower and its Consolidated subsidiaries, are applied for all periods after the date hereof in a manner consistent with the manner in which such principles and practices were applied to the Initial Financial Statements. If any change in any accounting principle or practice is required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (or any such successor) in order for such principle or practice to continue as a generally accepted accounting principle or practice, all reports and financial statements required hereunder with respect to the Borrower or with respect to the Borrower and its Consolidated subsidiaries may be prepared in accordance with such change, but all calculations and determinations to be made hereunder may be made in accordance with such change only after notice of such change is given to each Lender, and the Borrower and Majority Lenders agree to such change insofar as it affects the accounting of the Borrower or of the Borrower and its Consolidated subsidiaries.

"GE EFS" means, collectively, General Electric Energy Financial Services, a unit of General Electric Capital Corporation and Regency GP Acquirer, L.P.

"General Partner" means LE GP, LLC, a Delaware limited partnership, or the corporate, partnership or limited liability successor thereto, in either case, so long as such Person is the sole general partner of the Borrower.

"Governmental Authority" means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank)

"Guarantee" means, as to any Person, (a) any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of such Person guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation payable or performable by another Person (the "primary obligor") 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 obligation, (ii) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance of such Indebtedness or other obligation, (iii) to maintain working capital, equity capital or any other financial statement condition 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 obligation, or (iv) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part), or (b) any Lien on any assets of such Person securing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person, whether or not such Indebtedness or other obligation is assumed by such Person (or any right, contingent or otherwise, of any holder of such Indebtedness to obtain any such Lien). The term "Guarantee" shall exclude endorsements in the ordinary course of business of negotiable instruments in the course of collection. The amount of any Guarantee shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the stated or determinable amount of the related primary obligation, or portion thereof, in respect of which such Guarantee is made, or (ii) if not stated or determinable or if such Guarantee by its terms is limited to less than the full amount of such primary obligation, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability

"Guarantors" means any Subsidiary of the Borrower that now or hereafter executes and delivers a Guaranty to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 6.11.

"Guaranty" means, collectively, one or more Guarantees of the Obligations made by the Guarantors in favor of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, substantially in the form of Exhibit C, including any supplements to an existing Guaranty in substantially the form that is a part of Exhibit C.

"Haynesville JV" means RIGS Haynesville Partnership Co., a general partnership that owns 100 percent of Regency Intrastate Gas LP.

"<u>Hazardous Materials</u>" means any substances regulated under any Environmental Law, whether as pollutants, contaminants, or chemicals, or as industrial, toxic or hazardous substances or wastes, or otherwise.

"<u>Hedging Contract</u>" means (a) any agreement providing for options, swaps, floors, caps, collars, forward sales or forward purchases involving interest rates, commodities or commodity prices, equities, currencies, bonds, or indexes based on any of the foregoing, (b) any option, futures or forward contract traded on an exchange, and (c) any other derivative agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement.

"Hedging Termination Value" means, in respect of any one or more Hedging Contracts, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such Hedging Contracts, (a) for any date on or after the date such Hedging 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 Hedging Contracts, as determined based upon one or more mid-market or other readily available quotations provided by any recognized dealer in such Hedging Contracts (which may include a Lender or any Affiliate of a Lender).

"Increase Effective Date" has the meaning given to such term in Section 2.18(a)(v).

- "Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, without duplication:
- (a) indebtedness for borrowed money, all obligations upon which interest charges are customarily paid and all obligations evidenced by any bond, note, debenture or other similar instrument that such Person has directly or indirectly created, incurred or assumed;
- (b) obligations of others secured by any Lien in respect of property owned by such Person, whether or not such Person has assumed or become liable for the payment of such indebtedness; <u>provided</u> that the amount of such Indebtedness, if such Person has not assumed the same or become liable therefor, shall in no event be deemed to be greater than the fair market value from time to time of the property subject to such Lien;
- (c) indebtedness, whether or not for borrowed money (excluding trade payables and accrued expenses arising in the ordinary course of business and payable in the ordinary course of business), with respect to which such Person has become directly or indirectly liable and which represents the deferred purchase price (or a portion thereof) or has been incurred to finance the purchase price (or a portion thereof) of any property or service or business acquired by such Person, whether by purchase, consolidation, merger or otherwise;
- (d) the principal component of Capital Lease Obligations to the extent such obligations would, in accordance with GAAP, appear on a balance sheet of such Person;
  - (e) Attributable Debt of such Person in respect of Sale and Lease-Back Transactions not involving a Capital Lease Obligation;

- (f) mandatory obligations of such Person to purchase, redeem, retire, defease or otherwise make any payment in cash in respect of any Equity Interest in such Person or any other Person, valued at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference <u>plus</u> accrued and unpaid dividends or distribution;
- (g) obligations, contingent or fixed, of such Person as an account party in respect of letters of credit (other than letters of credit incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice or letters of credit outstanding on the effective date of this Agreement);
- (h) liabilities of such Person in respect of unfunded vested benefits under pension plans (determined on a net basis for all such plans) and all asserted withdrawal liabilities of such Person or a commonly controlled entity to a multi-employer plan;
- (i) obligations of such Person in respect of bankers' acceptances (other than in respect of accounts payable to suppliers incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice);
- (j) Guarantees by such Person in respect of obligations of the character referred to in clause (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) or (i) of this definition of any other Person;
- (k) obligations of the character referred to in clause (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) or (j) of this definition deemed to be extinguished under GAAP but for which such Person remains legally liable;
- (l) amendment, supplement, modification, deferral, renewal, extension or refunding of any obligation or liability of the types referred to in clauses (a) through (k) above; and
- (m) obligations arising out of Hedging Contracts (on a net basis to the extent netting is provided for in the applicable Hedging Contract); <u>provided</u> that only the Hedging Termination Value of Lender Hedging Obligations shall be deemed "Indebtedness" for any purposes under <u>Section 7.12</u>.
  - "Indemnified Taxes" means Taxes other than Excluded Taxes.
  - "Indemnitee" has the meaning given to such term in Section 10.04(b).
  - "Indenture" means the Indenture dated as of September 20, 2010, between the Borrower and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
- "Initial Borrower Financial Statements" means (a) the audited Consolidated annual financial statements of the Borrower as of December 31, 2009, and (b) the unaudited Consolidated interim financial statements of the Borrower as of June 30, 2010.
- "<u>Initial ETP Financial Statements</u>" means (a) the audited Consolidated annual financial statements of ETP as of December 31, 2009, and (b) the unaudited Consolidated interim financial statements of ETP as of June 30, 2010.

"Initial Financial Statements" means (a) the Initial Borrower Financial Statements, (b) the Initial ETP Financial Statements and (c) the Initial Regency Financial Statements.

"Initial Regency Financial Statements" means (a) the audited Consolidated annual financial statements of Regency as of December 31, 2009 and (b) the unaudited Consolidated interim financial statements of Regency as of June 30, 2010.

"Interest Payment Date" means (a) as to any Eurodollar Loan, the last day of each Interest Period applicable to such Loan and the Maturity Date; provided, however, that if any Interest Period for a Eurodollar 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 ABR Loan or Swingline Loan, the last Business Day of each Fiscal Quarter and the Maturity Date.

"Interest Period" means, as to each Eurodollar Loan, the period commencing on the date such Eurodollar Loan is disbursed or Converted to or Continued as a Eurodollar Loan and ending on the date one, two, three or six months thereafter, as selected by the Borrower in its Loan Notice, or such period that is nine or twelve months thereafter if requested by the Borrower and consented to by all the Lenders; provided 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 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 capital stock or other securities 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 equity participation or interest in, another Person, including any partnership or joint venture interest in such other Person and any arrangement pursuant to which the investor Guarantees obligations of such other 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. For purposes of determining the outstanding amount of an Investment, the amount of any Investment shall be the amount actually invested (without adjustment for subsequent increases or decreases in the value of such Investment) reduced by the cash proceeds received upon the sale, liquidation, repayment or disposition of such Investment (less all costs thereof) or other cash proceeds received as a return of capital of such Investment in an aggregate amount up to but not in excess of the amount of such Investment.

"<u>Issuer Documents</u>" means with respect to any Letter of Credit, the Letter of Credit Request, and any other document, agreement and instrument entered into by the LC Issuer and the Borrower (or any Restricted Subsidiary) or in favor of the LC Issuer and relating to any such Letter of Credit.

"<u>Laws</u>" means any statute, law, regulation, ordinance, rule, treaty, judgment, order, decree, permit, concession, franchise, license, agreement or other governmental restriction of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof or of any foreign country or any department, state, province or other political subdivision thereof.

"LC Collateral" means cash or deposit account balances pledged and deposited with or delivered to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the LC Issuer and the Lenders, as collateral for the LC Obligations.

"LC Conditions" has the meaning given to such term in Section 2.07.

"LC 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.

"LC Issuer" means Credit Suisse AG, acting through any of its Affiliates or branches, in its capacity as issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder or any successor issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder.

"LC Obligations" means, as at any date of determination, the aggregate amount available to be drawn under all outstanding Letters of Credit <u>plus</u> the aggregate of all Matured LC Obligations. 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 "International Standby Practices 1998" (published by the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance), such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be "outstanding" in the amount so remaining available to be drawn.

"LC Participation Fee" has the meaning given such term in Section 2.12(c).

"Lender" has the meaning given to such term in the introductory paragraph hereto. Unless the context otherwise requires, the term "Lenders" includes the Swingline Lender.

"Lender Hedging Obligations" means all obligations arising from time to time under Hedging Contracts entered into from time to time between the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and a counterparty that is a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender; provided that (a) if such counterparty ceases to be a Lender hereunder or an Affiliate of a Lender hereunder, Lender Hedging Obligations shall only include such obligations to the extent arising from transactions entered into at the time such counterparty was a Lender hereunder or an Affiliate of a Lender hereunder, and (b) for any of the foregoing to be included within "Lender Hedging Obligations" hereunder, the applicable counterparty or Borrower must have provided the Administrative Agent written notice of the existence thereof certifying that such transaction is a Lender Hedging Obligation and is not prohibited under this Agreement.

"<u>Lending Office</u>" means, as to any Lender, the office or offices of such Lender described as such in such Lender's Administrative Questionnaire, or such other office or offices as a 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 Request" means, on any date, a request for the issuance of a Letter of Credit in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

"Leverage Ratio of the Borrower" means, on any date, the ratio of (a) Consolidated Funded Debt of the Borrower outstanding on the specified date to (b) the Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower for the four Fiscal Quarter period most recently ended.

"<u>Liabilities</u>" means, as to any Person, all indebtedness, liabilities and obligations of such Person, whether matured or unmatured, liquidated or unliquidated, primary or secondary, direct or indirect, absolute, fixed or contingent, and whether or not required to be considered liabilities pursuant to GAAP.

"LIBO Rate" means, for any Interest Period, (a) the rate per annum determined by the Administrative Agent at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the date that is two Business Days prior to the commencement of that Interest Period by reference to the British Bankers' Association Interest Settlement Rates for deposits in Dollars (as set forth by the Bloomberg Information Service or any successor thereto or any other service selected by the Administrative Agent which has been nominated by the British Bankers' Association as an authorized information vendor for the purpose of displaying such rates) for a period equal to that Interest Period or (b) if at any time the rate specified in clause (a) of this definition is not provided by any such service (or any successor or substitute page or any such successor to or substitute for such service), "LIBO Rate" means, with respect to each day during each Interest Period pertaining to applicable Eurodollar Borrowings comprising part of the same Borrowing, the rate per annum equal to the rate at which the Administrative Agent is offered deposits in dollars at approximately 11:00 a.m., London, England time, two Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period in the London interbank market for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period for the number of days comprised therein; provided that, to the extent that an interest rate is not ascertainable pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this definition, the "LIBO Rate" shall be the interest rate per annum determined by the Administrative Agent to be the average of the rates per annum at which deposits in Dollars are offered for such relevant Interest Period to major banks in the London interbank market in London, England by the Administrative Agent approximately 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the date that is two Business Days prior to the beginning of that Interest Period.

"<u>Lien</u>" means, with respect to any property or assets, any right or interest therein of a creditor to secure Liabilities owed to it or any other arrangement with such creditor that provides for the payment of such Liabilities out of such property or assets or that allows such creditor to have such Liabilities satisfied out of such property or assets prior to the general creditors of any owner thereof, including any lien, mortgage, security interest, pledge, deposit, production payment, rights of a vendor under any title retention or conditional sale agreement or lease

substantially equivalent thereto, tax lien, mechanic's or materialman's lien, or any other charge or encumbrance for security purposes, whether arising by Law or agreement or otherwise, but excluding any right of offset which arises without agreement in the ordinary course of business. "Lien" also means any filed financing statement, any registration of a pledge (such as with an issuer of uncertificated securities), or any other arrangement or action that would serve to perfect a Lien described in the preceding sentence, regardless of whether such financing statement is filed, such registration is made, or such arrangement or action is undertaken before or after such Lien exists.

"Loan Documents" means this Agreement, each Note, each Issuer Document, the Fee Letter, each Guaranty, the Perfection Certificate, each Collateral Document and all other agreements, certificates, documents, instruments and writings at any time delivered in connection herewith or therewith (exclusive of term sheets and commitment letters).

"<u>Loan Notice</u>" means a notice of (a) a Borrowing, (b) a Conversion of Loans from one Type to the other, pursuant to <u>Section 2.04</u>, or (c) a Continuation of Eurodollar Loans, pursuant to <u>Section 2.04</u>, which, if in writing, shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit E</u>.

"Loans" means the loans made by the Lenders to the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement, including the Loans and the Swingline Loans.

"Majority Lenders" means, as of any date of determination, Lenders having more than 50% of the Aggregate Commitments or, if the Commitment of each Lender to make Loans and the obligation of the LC Issuer to make LC Credit Extensions have been terminated pursuant to Section 8.02, Lenders holding in the aggregate more than 50% of the Facility Usage (with the aggregate amount of each Lender's risk participation and funded participation in LC Obligations being deemed "held" by such Lender for purposes of this definition); provided that the Commitments or Facility Usage, as applicable, held or deemed held by any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded for purposes of making a determination of Majority Lenders.

"Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse effect on (a) the financial condition, operations, properties or prospects of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, (b) the ability of any Restricted Person to fully and timely perform its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party, (c) the validity or enforceability against a Restricted Person of a Loan Document to which it is a party, or (d) the material rights, remedies and benefits available to, or conferred upon, the Administrative Agent or any Lender under any Loan Document.

"Matured LC Obligations" means all amounts paid by LC Issuer on drafts or demands for payment drawn or made under or purported to be under any Letter of Credit and all other amounts due and owing to LC Issuer under any Letter of Credit Request, to the extent the same have not been repaid to LC Issuer (with the proceeds of Loans or otherwise).

"Maturity Date" means September 20, 2015.

"Maximum Rate" has the meaning given to such term in Section 10.09.

"MEP Interests" means (a) ETP's 100% interest in Midcontinent Express Pipeline III, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company and the owner of a 49.9% interest in Midcontinent Express Pipeline, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and (b) an Option Agreement to acquire ETP's 100% interest in Midcontinent Express Pipeline II, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company and the owner of a .1% interest in Midcontinent Express Pipeline, LLC.

"MLP" means either of ETP or Regency, as applicable, and "MLPs" means both of ETP and Regency.

"MLP Credit Document" means the Applicable MLP Credit Agreement and all other documents, instruments or agreements executed and delivered by the MLP party thereto or its subsidiaries in connection therewith.

"MLP Limited Partnership Agreement" means the Agreement of Limited Partnership of each of ETP and Regency, in each case as in effect on the date of this Agreement.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or its successor.

"Net Asset Sale Proceeds" means, with respect to any Asset Sale, an amount equal to (a) Cash payments (including any Cash received by way of deferred payment pursuant to, or by monetization of, a note receivable or otherwise, but only as and when so received) received by the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries from such Asset Sale, minus (b) any bona fide direct costs incurred in connection with such Asset Sale, including income or gains taxes payable by the seller as a result of any gain recognized in connection with such Asset Sale.

"Net Issuance Proceeds" means, an amount equal to (a) Cash payments received by any Restricted Person (other than from another Restricted Person) from (i) the issuance and sale of any capital stock or other equity interest by the Borrower or any other Cash contribution to the equity capital of a Restricted Person, except to the extent that Cash proceeds are intended at the time of receipt to be used to fund a Permitted Acquisition, an acquisition of limited partnership units of an MLP or a capital expenditure (other than capital expenditures for repair, replacement or maintenance of existing capital assets of a Restricted Person) by a Restricted Person and are so used within 120 days after such receipt (or in the case of such a capital expenditure, construction with respect thereto has begun within 120 days), or (ii) from the incurrence of Indebtedness for borrowed money by a Restricted Person, other than as permitted by clauses (a) through (g) of Section 7.01, minus (b) the sum of (i) only in the case of the incurrence of Senior Note Indebtedness, the Indebtedness outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement on the date of such incurrence, (ii) the payment of any Applicable Hedging Contract Termination Payments, and (iii) any bona fide direct costs incurred in connection with such sale, contribution or issuance.

"New Lenders" has the meaning given to such term in Section 2.18(a).

"Note" means a promissory note made by the Borrower in favor of a Lender evidencing Loans made by such Lender, substantially in the form of Exhibit F-1, in the case of any Loans other than Swingline Loans, or the form of Exhibit F-2, in the case of Swingline Loans.

"Obligations" means all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants and duties of, any Restricted Person arising under any Loan Document or otherwise with respect to any Loan or Letter of Credit, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), 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 Restricted Person or any Affiliate thereof 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.

"Other Taxes" means all present or future stamp or documentary 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 or enforcement of, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

"Participant" has the meaning given to such term in Section 10.06(d).

"Partnership Agreement" means the Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Borrower as in effect on the date of this Agreement.

"<u>Perfection Certificate</u>" means a certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit G</u> that provides information with respect to the personal or mixed property of any Restricted Person.

"Permitted Acquisitions" means (a) the acquisition of all of the Equity Interests in a Person (exclusive of director-qualifying shares and other Equity Interests required to be held by an Affiliate to comply with a requirement of Law), (b) any other acquisition of all or a substantial portion of the business, assets or operations of a Person (whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions), or (c) a merger or consolidation of any Person with or into a Restricted Person so long as the survivor is or becomes a Restricted Person upon consummation thereof (and Borrower is the survivor, if it is a party); provided, that (i) prior to and after giving effect to such acquisition, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (ii) all representations and warranties contained in the Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects as if restated immediately following the consummation of such acquisition, and (iii) the Borrower has provided to the Administrative Agent an officer's certificate, in form satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, certifying that each of the foregoing conditions has been satisfied.

# "Permitted Investments" means:

- (a) Cash Equivalents;
- (b) Investments in any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (c) (i) Investments held directly by ETP GP in its general partnership units and incentive distribution rights of ETP, plus additional contributions by ETP GP to maintain its general partnership interest in ETP, and (ii) Investments held directly by Regency GP in its general partnership units and incentive distribution rights of Regency, plus additional contributions by Regency GP to maintain its general partnership interest in Regency;

- (d) unsecured Guarantees of Indebtedness of Unrestricted Persons (other than an MLP and their respective subsidiaries) in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 at any one time;
  - (e) Investments held directly by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary in limited partnership units of an MLP;
- (f) Investments (other than Guarantees) in Unrestricted Persons (other than an MLP and their respective subsidiaries) made after the Closing Date in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 at any one time outstanding to the extent permitted by Section 6.11; and
- (g) Investments (other than Guarantees) in Unrestricted Persons sourced from funds derived from equity offerings of the Borrower not to exceed \$75,000,000 at any one time outstanding.
  - "Permitted Lien" has the meaning given to such term in Section 7.02.
- "<u>Permitted Line of Business</u>" means, with respect to the specified Person, lines of business engaged in by such Person and its subsidiaries such that such Person and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, are substantially engaged in businesses that are (i) qualified business of master limited partnerships and (ii) energy-related.
- "Person" means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.
- "Pledge and Security Agreement" means the Pledge and Security Agreement to be executed by Borrower and each Restricted Subsidiary (other than ETP GP and Regency GP) substantially in the form of Exhibit H, as it may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.
- "<u>Prime Rate</u>" means the rate of interest per annum established from time to time by Credit Suisse AG as its prime rate in effect at its principal office in New York City. Each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective from and including the date such change is established as being effective.
  - "Quarterly Testing Date" means the last day of each Fiscal Quarter.
- "Rating" means, as to each Rating Agency and on any day, the rating maintained by such Rating Agency on such day for senior, unsecured, non-credit enhanced, long-term debt of the Borrower.
  - "Rating Agency" means Fitch, S&P or Moody's.
  - "Regency" means Regency Energy Partners LP, a Delaware limited partnership.
- "Regency Credit Agreement" means the Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated March 3, 2010 among Regency, Regency Gas Services LP, as borrower, the subsidiary guarantors named therein, Well Fargo Bank, National Association, successor to Wachovia Bank,

National Association, as administrative agent, and the other agents and the lenders from time to time party thereto, as amended, modified, waived or otherwise supplemented prior to the date hereof.

"Regency GP" means Regency GP LP, a Delaware limited partnership, or the corporate, partnership or limited liability successor thereto, in either case which is the general partner of Regency.

"Regency LLC" means Regency GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, or the corporate, partnership or limited liability successor thereto, in either case which is the general partner of Regency GP.

"Regency Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse effect on (i) the financial condition, operations, properties or prospects of Regency and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (ii) the ability of Regency to perform its obligations under the Applicable Regency Credit Agreement or the ability of its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to perform their respective obligations under the guarantee of the Applicable Regency Credit Agreement, or (iii) the validity or enforceability of the Applicable Regency Credit Agreement and related documents.

"Regency Reporting" means all information or reports that relates to Regency and its subsidiaries (including their respective financial condition, operations, properties, prospects, business, liabilities, or compliance): (i) required to be provided pursuant to Sections 6.02 or 6.04, (ii) provided to the management of the Borrower, or (iii) that has become publicly available.

"Register" has the meaning given to such term in Section 10.06(c).

"Related Parties" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, trustees, officers, employees, agents and advisors of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.

"Responsible Officer" means the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer or treasurer of a Restricted Person. Any document delivered hereunder that is signed by a Responsible Officer of a Restricted Person shall be conclusively presumed to have been authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership and/or other action on the part of such Restricted Person and such Responsible Officer shall be conclusively presumed to have acted on behalf of such Restricted Person.

"Restricted Payment" means any dividends on, or other distribution in respect of, any Equity Interests in any Restricted Person, or any purchase, redemption, acquisition, or retirement of any Equity Interests in any Restricted Person (whether such interests are now or hereafter issued, outstanding or created), or any reduction or retirement of the Equity Interest of any Restricted Person, except, in each case, distributions, dividends or any other of the above actions payable solely in shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Restricted Person, or warrants, options or other rights for the purchase or acquisition from such Restricted Person of shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Restricted Person.

"Restricted Person" means each of the Borrower, ETP GP, ETP LLC, Regency GP, Regency LLC and any other Person who is designated a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.11.

"Restricted Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of the Borrower other than the Unrestricted Persons.

"Restructuring Transactions" means (i) the redemption by ETP of 12,273,830 common limited partnership units of ETP held by the Borrower in exchange for the MEP Interests, (ii) the exchange by the Borrower with Regency of the MEP Interests for 26,266,791 limited partnership units of Regency, and (iii) the acquisition by the Borrower from GE EFS and certain of Regency GP's management parties of 100% of the equity interest in Regency GP and Regency LLC in consideration for the Restructuring Preferred Units.

"Restructuring Preferred Units" means the 3,000,000 units of the class of new units of the Borrower designated as the "Series A Convertible Preferred Units" of the Borrower issued pursuant to the Restructuring Transactions with an aggregate redemption value of \$300,000,000 on the date of issuance, with a quarterly cumulative preferred distribution of \$2.00 per unit (8% per annum) and subject to mandatory redemption and other provisions as described in Schedule 3.

"Risk Management Policy" means the Risk Management Policy of the Borrower in effect on the date of this Agreement as amended from time to time.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services (a division of McGraw Hill, Inc.) or its successor.

"Sale and Lease-Back Transaction" means, with respect to any Person (a "Transferor"), any arrangement (other than between the Borrower and a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a Restricted Person or between Wholly Owned Subsidiaries of the Borrower that are each Restricted Persons) whereby (a) property (the "Subject Property") has been or is to be disposed of by such Transferor to any other Person with the intention on the part of such Transferor of taking back a lease of such Subject Property pursuant to which the rental payments are calculated to amortize the purchase price of such Subject Property substantially over the useful life of such Subject Property, and (b) such Subject Property is in fact so leased by such Transferor or an Affiliate of such Transferor.

"Senior Note Indebtedness" means the Indebtedness of the Borrower evidenced by the Senior Notes.

"Senior Note Refinancing Indebtedness" has the meaning assigned to that term in Section 7.01(j).

"Senior Notes" means the senior notes issued by the Borrower pursuant to the Indenture.

"<u>Specified Acquisition</u>" means an acquisition of assets or entities or operating lines or divisions by a Restricted Person for a purchase price of not less than \$25,000,000; for avoidance of doubt, it is agreed that the Restructuring Transactions constitute a Specified Acquisition.

"Specified Acquisition Period" means a period elected by the Borrower that commences on the date elected by the Borrower, by notice to the Administrative Agent, following the occurrence of a Specified Acquisition and ending on the earliest of (a) the third Quarterly Testing Date occurring after the consummation of such Specified Acquisition, (b) the date of a Specified Equity Offering and (c) if the Leverage Ratio is less than or equal to 4.50 to 1.00 on such date, the date of the Borrower's delivery of a notice to the Administrative Agent terminating such Specified Acquisition Period accompanied by a certificate reflecting compliance with such Leverage Ratio; provided, in the event the Leverage Ratio exceeds 4.50 to 1.00 as of the end of any Fiscal Quarter in which a Specified Acquisition has occurred, the Borrower shall be deemed to have so elected a Specified Acquisition Period with respect thereto on such last day of such Fiscal Quarter; provided, further, following the election (or deemed election) of a Specified Acquisition Period, the Borrower may not elect (or be deemed to have elected) a subsequent Specified Acquisition Period unless, at the time of such subsequent election, the Leverage Ratio does not exceed 4.50 to 1.00. Only one Specified Acquisition Period may be elected (or deemed elected) with respect to any particular Specified Acquisition.

"Specified Equity Offering" means the date (or the last such date if more than one issuances are aggregated) that the proceeds are received by the Borrower of one or more issuances of equity by the Borrower for aggregate net cash proceeds of not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the aggregate purchase price of the Specified Acquisition. For purposes of clarification, nothing in this Agreement, including this definition, shall obligate the Borrower at any time to issue equity for the purpose of financing all or any portion of the purchase price associated with a Specified Acquisition.

"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.

"Subsidiary" means, except as used in connection with Consolidated financial statements, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, assets, liabilities, etc., or unless otherwise specified, any subsidiary of the Borrower, excluding each MLP and its respective subsidiaries.

"Swingline Commitment" means the commitment of the Swingline Lender to make Swingline Loans, as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Agreement by the Borrower and the Swingline Lender. The Swingline Commitment is \$10,000,000.

"Swingline Lender" means Credit Suisse AG, acting through any of its Affiliates or branches, in its capacity as lender of Swingline Loans hereunder, or any successor issuer of Swingline Loans.

"Swingline Lender's Office" means such address or account as the Swingline Lender may from time to time notify to the Borrower and the Lenders.

"Swingline Loan" has the meaning assigned to that term in Section 2.02.

"<u>Taxes</u>" means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings, assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

"Termination Event" means (a) the occurrence with respect to any ERISA Plan of (i) a reportable event described in Sections 4043(c)(5) or (6) of ERISA or (ii) any other reportable event described in Section 4043(c) of ERISA other than a reportable event not subject to the provision for 30-day notice to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation pursuant to a waiver by such corporation under Section 4043(a) of ERISA, (b) the withdrawal of any ERISA Affiliate from an ERISA Plan during a plan year in which it was a "substantial employer" as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA, (c) the filing of a notice of intent to terminate any ERISA Plan or the treatment of any ERISA Plan amendment as a termination under Section 4041 of ERISA, (d) the institution of proceedings to terminate any ERISA Plan by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation under Section 4042 of ERISA, or (e) any other event or condition which might constitute grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any ERISA Plan.

"Tribunal" means any government, any arbitration panel, any court or any governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality of the United States or any state, province, commonwealth, nation, territory, possession, county, parish, town, township, village or municipality, whether now or hereafter constituted or existing.

"Type" means, with respect to a Loan, its character as an ABR Loan or a Eurodollar Loan.

"<u>UCC</u>" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York from time to time.

"United States" and "U.S." mean the United States of America.

"<u>Unrestricted Persons</u>" means each MLP and its respective subsidiaries and, unless subsequently designated as a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to <u>Section 6.11</u>, any Subsidiary of the Borrower that is designated as an Unrestricted Person pursuant to <u>Section 6.11</u>.

"<u>Value</u>" means as of any date of determination (i) the combined market value of limited partnership units of each MLP held by the Borrower as determined by reference to the price of the common units of such MLP as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange at the close of business on the date of determination plus (ii) 12 times Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower

derived from the general partnership interests and incentive distribution rights under the Agreement of Limited Partnership of such MLP as in effect from time to time (other than expenses relating to the Borrower) for the four Fiscal Quarter period most recently ended prior to the date of determination (for clarity, being the product of 4 times such amount for the last Fiscal Quarter in such period) as set forth in clause (b) of the definition of "Consolidated EBITDA" of the Borrower.

"Wholly Owned Subsidiary" means, with respect to a Person, any subsidiary of such Person, all of the issued and outstanding stock, limited liability company membership interests, or partnership interests of which (including all rights or options to acquire such stock or interests) are directly or indirectly (through one or more subsidiaries) owned by such Person, excluding any general partner interests owned, directly or indirectly, by General Partner in any such subsidiary that is a partnership, in each case such general partner interests not to exceed two percent (2%) of the aggregate ownership interests of any such partnership and directors' qualifying shares if applicable.

**1.02 Other Interpretive Provisions.** With reference to this Agreement and each other Loan Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Loan Document:

(a) The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "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 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, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and 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 "asset" and "property." shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

(b) In the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including;" the words "to" and "until" each mean "to but excluding;" and the word "through" means "to and including."

(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) <u>Generally</u>. 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 on a consistent basis, as in effect from time to time, applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the Initial Financial Statements, except as otherwise specifically prescribed herein.
- (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 Majority Lenders shall so request, the Administrative Agent, the 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 Majority 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 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.
- **1.04 Rounding.** Any financial ratios required to be maintained by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio 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 Times of Day.** 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, all references herein to 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; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that with respect to any Letter of Credit that, by its terms or the terms of any Issuer Document related thereto, provides for one or more automatic increases in the stated amount thereof, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be the maximum stated amount of such Letter of Credit after giving effect to all such increases, whether or not such maximum stated amount is in effect at such time.

# ARTICLE II. THE COMMITMENTS AND CREDIT EXTENSIONS

**2.01 Loans**. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, each Lender agrees to make Loans to the Borrower upon the Borrower's request from time to time during the Commitment Period, <u>provided</u> that (a) subject to <u>Sections 3.03</u>, <u>3.04</u> and <u>3.06</u>, all Lenders are requested to make Loans of the same Type in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages and as part of the same Borrowing, and (b) after giving effect to such Loans, the Facility Usage does not exceed the Aggregate Commitments, and the Loans of any Lender plus such Lender's Applicable Percentage of all LC Obligations and Swingline Loans does not exceed such Lender's Commitment. The aggregate amount of all Loans that are ABR Loans in any Borrowing must be equal to \$1,000,000 or any higher integral multiple of \$500,000. The aggregate amount of all Eurodollar Loans in any Borrowing must be equal to \$3,000,000 or any higher integral multiple of \$1,000,000. The Borrower may have no more than eight (8) Borrowings of Eurodollar Loans outstanding at any time. All Loans shall be due and payable in full on the Maturity Date, subject to prepayments provided herein. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Borrower may borrow, repay, and reborrow Loans under this <u>Section 2.01</u>.

# 2.02 Swingline Loans.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Swingline Lender agrees to make swingline loans ("Swingline Loans") to the Borrower from time to time during the Commitment Period; provided, that the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Swingline Loans (after giving effect to any amount requested), shall not exceed the lesser of (i) the Aggregate Commitments less the sum of all outstanding Loans and the LC Obligations and (ii) the Swingline Commitment; provided further that the Swingline Lender will not make a Swingline Loan from and after the date which is one (1) day after it has received written notice from the Borrower or any Lender that one or more of the applicable conditions to Credit Extensions specified in Section 4.01 is not then satisfied until such conditions are satisfied or waived in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement (and the Swingline Lender shall be entitled to conclusively rely on any such notice and shall have no obligation to independently investigate the accuracy of such notice and shall have no liability to the Borrower in respect thereof if such notice proves to be inaccurate). The amount of any Swingline Loan shall not be subject to a minimum amount or increment

(b) Swingline Loans shall be refunded by the Lenders on demand by the Swingline Lender. Such refundings of any Swingline Loan shall be made by each Lender in an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage with respect thereto and shall thereafter be reflected as Loans of the Lenders on the books and records of the Administrative Agent. Each Lender shall fund such amount upon demand by the Swingline Lender but in no event later than 1:00 p.m. on the next succeeding Business Day after such demand is made. No Lender's obligation to fund its Applicable Percentage of a Swingline Loan shall be affected by any other Lender's failure to fund its Applicable Percentage of a Swingline Loan, nor shall any Lender's Applicable Percentage be increased as a result of any such failure of any other Lender to fund its Applicable Percentage of a Swingline Loan.

- (c) The Borrower shall pay to the Swingline Lender the amount of each Swingline Loan (unless such Swingline Loan is fully refunded by the Lenders pursuant to Section 2.02(b)), on demand and in no event later than the Maturity Date. In addition, the Borrower hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to charge any account maintained by the Borrower with the Swingline Lender (up to the amount available therein) in order to immediately pay the Swingline Lender the amount of such Swingline Loans. If any portion of any such amount paid to the Swingline Lender shall be recovered by or on behalf of the Borrower from the Swingline Lender in bankruptcy or otherwise, the loss of the amount so recovered shall be ratably shared among all the Lenders in accordance with their Applicable Percentages (unless the amounts so recovered by or on behalf of the Borrower pertain to a Swingline Loan extended after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default of which the Administrative Agent has received notice in the manner required pursuant to Section 10.02 and which such Event of Default has not been waived by the Majority Lenders or the Lenders, as applicable).
- (d) Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to refund Swingline Loans in accordance with the terms of this Section 2.02 is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including non-satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Article IV. Further, each Lender agrees and acknowledges that if prior to the refunding of any outstanding Swingline Loans pursuant to this Section 2.02, one of the events described in subsections 8.01(j)(j), 8.01(j)(ji) or 8.01(j)(jii) shall have occurred, each Lender will, on the date the applicable Loan would have been made, purchase an undivided, irrevocable and unconditional participating interest in the Swingline Loans to be refunded in an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage of the aggregate amount of such Swingline Loans. Each Lender will immediately transfer to the Swingline Lender, in immediately available funds, the amount of its participation, and upon receipt thereof, the Swingline Lender will deliver to such Lender a certificate evidencing such participation dated the date of receipt of such funds and for such amount. Whenever, at any time after the Swingline Lender has received from any Lender such Lender's participating interest in a Swingline Loan, the Swingline Lender receives any payment on account thereof, the Swingline Lender will distribute to such Lender its participating interest in such amount (appropriately adjusted, in the case of interest payments, to reflect the period of time during which such Lender's participating interest was outstanding and funded). Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.02(d), a Lender shall have no obligation to refund a Swingline Loan pursuant to Section 2.02(b) if (i) a Default shall exist at the time such refunding is requested by the Swingline Lender, (ii) such Default had occurred and was continuing at the time such Swingline Loan was made by the Swingline Lender of such Swingline Loan, that such Default has occurred and is continuing and that such Lend

**2.03 Requests for New Loans**. The Borrower must give to the Administrative Agent written notice (or telephonic notice promptly confirmed in writing) of any requested Borrowing of Loans or Swingline Loans to be funded by the Lenders or the Swingline Lender. Each such notice constitutes a Loan Notice hereunder and must:

(a) specify (i) the aggregate amount of any such Borrowing of ABR Loans and the date on which such ABR Loans are to be advanced, (ii) the aggregate amount of any such Borrowing of Eurodollar Loans, the date on which such Eurodollar Loans are to be advanced (which shall be the first day of the Interest Period which is to apply thereto), and the length of the applicable Interest Period, or (iii) the aggregate amount of any such Borrowing of Swingline Loans and the date on which such Swingline Loans are to be advanced; and

(b) be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. on (i) the day on which any such ABR Loans or Swingline Loans are to be made, or (ii) the third Business Day preceding the day on which any such Eurodollar Loans are to be made.

Each such written request or confirmation must be made in the form and substance of the Loan Notice, duly completed. Each such telephonic request shall be deemed a representation, warranty, acknowledgment and agreement by the Borrower as to the matters which are required to be set out in such written confirmation. Upon receipt of any such Loan Notice requesting Loans, the Administrative Agent shall give each Lender prompt notice of the terms thereof. Upon receipt of any such Loan Notice requesting Swingline Loans, the Administrative Agent shall give the Swingline Lender prompt notice of the terms thereof. In the case of Loans, if all conditions precedent to such new Loans have been met, each Lender will by 1:00 p.m. New York time on the date requested promptly remit to the Administrative Agent at the Administrative Agent's Office the amount of such Lender's Loan in immediately available funds, and upon receipt of such funds, unless to its actual knowledge any conditions precedent to such Loans have been neither met nor waived as provided herein, the Administrative Agent shall promptly make such Loans available to the Borrower. In the case of Swingline Loans, if all conditions precedent to such new Loans have been met, the Swingline Loan in immediately available funds, unless to its actual knowledge any conditions precedent to such Swingline Loan have been neither met nor waived as provided herein. Loans to be made for the purpose of refunding Swingline Loans shall be made by the Lenders as provided in Section 2.02(b).

**2.04** Continuations and Conversions of Existing Loans. The Borrower may make the following elections with respect to Loans already outstanding: to Convert, in whole or in part, ABR Loans to Eurodollar Loans; to Convert, in whole or in part, Eurodollar Loans to ABR Loans on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto; and to Continue, in whole or in part, Eurodollar Loans beyond the expiration of such Interest Period by designating a new Interest Period to take effect at the time of such expiration. In making such elections, the Borrower may combine existing Loans made pursuant to separate Borrowings into one new Borrowing or divide existing Loans made pursuant to one Borrowing into separate new Borrowings, provided, that (i) the Borrower may have no more than eight (8) Borrowings of Eurodollar Loans outstanding at any time, (ii) the aggregate amount of all ABR Loans in any Borrowing must be equal to \$1,000,000 or any higher integral multiple of \$500,000, and (iii) the aggregate amount of all Eurodollar Loans in any Borrowing must be equal to \$3,000,000 or any higher integral multiple of \$1,000,000. To make any such election, the Borrower must give to the Administrative Agent written notice (or telephonic notice promptly confirmed in writing) of any such Conversion or Continuation of existing Loans, with a separate notice given for each new Borrowing. Each such notice must:

- (a) specify the existing Loans which are to be Continued or Converted;
- (b) specify (i) the aggregate amount of any Borrowing of ABR Loans into which such existing Loans are to be Continued or Converted and the date on which such Continuation or Conversion is to occur, or (ii) the aggregate amount of any Borrowing of Eurodollar Loans into which such existing Loans are to be Continued or Converted, the date on which such Continuation or Conversion is to occur (which shall be the first day of the Interest Period which is to apply to such Eurodollar Loans), and the length of the applicable Interest Period; and
- (c) be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. on (i) the day on which any such Conversion to ABR Loans is to occur, or (ii) the third Business Day preceding the day on which any such Continuation or Conversion to Eurodollar Loans is to occur.

Each such written request or confirmation must be made in the form and substance of the Loan Notice, duly completed. Each such telephonic request shall be deemed a representation, warranty, acknowledgment and agreement by the Borrower as to the matters which are required to be set out in such written confirmation. Upon receipt of any such Loan Notice, the Administrative Agent shall give each Lender prompt notice of the terms thereof. Each Loan Notice shall be irrevocable and binding on the Borrower. During the continuance of any Default, the Borrower may not make any election to Convert existing Loans into Eurodollar Loans or Continue existing Loans as Eurodollar Loans beyond the expiration of their respective and corresponding Interest Period then in effect. If (due to the existence of a Default or for any other reason) the Borrower fails to timely and properly give any Loan Notice with respect to a Borrowing of existing Eurodollar Loans at least three days prior to the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto, such Eurodollar Loans, to the extent not prepaid at the end of such Interest Period, shall automatically be Converted into ABR Loans at the end of such Interest Period. No new funds shall be repaid by the Borrower or advanced by any Lender in connection with any Continuation or Conversion of existing Loans pursuant to this Section, and no such Continuation or Conversion shall be deemed to be a new advance of funds for any purpose; such Continuations and Conversions merely constitute a change in the interest rate, Interest Period or Type applicable to already outstanding Loans.

**2.05** Use of Proceeds. The Borrower shall use the proceeds of all Loans for general business purposes of the Borrower. The Letters of Credit shall be used for general business purposes of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries. No part of the proceeds of any Loan will be used, whether directly or indirectly, (i) to repay Indebtedness outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement or (ii) for any purpose that entails a violation of, or is inconsistent with, any of the Regulations of the Board, including Regulations T, U and X. Without limiting the foregoing, (i) the Borrower represents and warrants that the Borrower is not engaged principally, or as one of the Borrower's important activities, in the business of extending credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock, and (ii) no proceeds of any Credit Extension shall be used to purchase or carry margin stock (as those terms are used in such Regulations T, U and X), including MLP partnership units, unless the Borrower and the Lenders (or the Administrative Agent with the approval of the Lenders) shall have executed an appropriate Form U-1 evidencing compliance with Regulations T, U, and X.

# 2.06 Prepayments of Loans.

- (a) <u>Voluntary Prepayments</u>. The Borrower may, upon notice to the Administrative Agent at any time or from time to time, voluntarily prepay Loans in whole or in part without premium or penalty (other than Eurodollar Loan breakage costs, if any, pursuant to <u>Section 3.05</u>) if (a) such notice is received by the Administrative Agent not later than 1:00 p.m. three Business Days prior to any date of prepayment; and (b) any partial prepayment is in a principal amount of \$3,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof or, if less, the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding. Each such notice must specify the date and amount of such prepayment and the Loans to be prepaid. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of its receipt of each such notice, and of the amount of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such prepayment. Any prepayment of a Eurodollar Loan must be accompanied by all accrued interest thereon. No Lender may reject any voluntary prepayment pursuant to this <u>Section 2.06</u>.
- (b) <u>Mandatory Prepayment upon Asset Sales and Issuance of Equity or Indebtedness</u>. In the event that the Leverage Ratio exceeds 4.00 to 1.00, no later than the third Business Day following the date of receipt by the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of any Net Asset Sale Proceeds (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Net Asset Sale Proceeds received by the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries from any Asset Sale of Equity Interests of its Subsidiaries or of Equity Interests of an MLP), the Borrower shall prepay, without premium or penalty, the Loans with 50% of such Net Asset Sale Proceeds until such time as the Leverage Ratio is less than 4.00 to 1.00.
- (c) <u>Mandatory Prepayment upon Facility Usage Exceeding Aggregate Commitments</u>. If the sum of the Facility Usage exceeds the Aggregate Commitments, the Borrower shall, within one Business Day after the occurrence of that event, first, repay or prepay the Loans, and second, replace or cash collateralize outstanding Letters of Credit in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.11, in an amount sufficient to eliminate the excess.
- (d) <u>Prepayment Certificate</u>. Concurrently with any prepayment of the Loans pursuant to <u>Section 2.06(b)</u>, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent a certificate of a Responsible Officer demonstrating the calculation of the amount of the applicable Net Asset Sale Proceeds. In the event that the Borrower shall subsequently determine that the actual amount received exceeded the amount set forth in such certificate, the Borrower shall promptly make an additional prepayment of the Loans in an amount equal to such excess, and the Borrower shall concurrently therewith deliver to the Administrative Agent a certificate of a Responsible Officer demonstrating the derivation of such excess amount.
- (e) <u>Application of Prepayments</u>. Any prepayment of a Loan pursuant to this <u>Section 2.06</u> shall be applied to reduce the principal on the Loan (but without reduction of the Commitments) and shall be applied first to ABR Loans to the full extent thereof before application to Eurodollar Loans, in each case in a manner which minimizes the amount of any payments required to be made by the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 3.05</u>.

- **2.07 Letters of Credit**. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, from the date of this Agreement until the date 30 days prior to the Maturity Date, the Borrower may request the LC Issuer to issue, amend, or extend the expiration date of, one or more Letters of Credit for the account of the Borrower or any or its Restricted Subsidiaries, <u>provided</u> that:
- (a) after taking such Letter of Credit into account (i) the aggregate amount of all outstanding LC Obligations does not exceed \$50,000,000 and (ii) the Facility Usage does not exceed the Aggregate Commitments at such time;
- (b) the expiration date of such Letter of Credit is prior to the earlier of (i) 365 days after the issuance thereof, <u>provided</u> that such Letter of Credit may provide for automatic extensions of such expiration date (such Letter of Credit, an "<u>Auto-Extension Letter of Credit</u>") for additional periods of 365 days thereafter, and (ii) five Business Days prior to the end of the Commitment Period;
- (c) the issuance of such Letter of Credit will be in compliance with all applicable governmental restrictions, policies, and guidelines and will not subject LC Issuer to any cost that is not reimbursable under Article III;
  - (d) such Letter of Credit is in form and upon terms as shall be acceptable to LC Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion;
- (e) the LC issuer has received a Letter of Credit request at least three Business Days (or such shorter period as may be agreed by the LC Issuer) prior to the proposed date of issuance of such Letter of Credit; and
  - (f) all other conditions in this Agreement to the issuance of such Letter of Credit have been satisfied.
- LC Issuer will honor any such request if the foregoing conditions (a) through (e) (the "LC Conditions") have been met as of the date of issuance, amendment, or extension of such Letter of Credit.
- **2.08 Requesting Letters of Credit.** The Borrower must make a written request for any Letter of Credit at least three Business Days (or such shorter period as may be agreed upon by the LC Issuer) before the date on which the Borrower desires the LC Issuer to issue such Letter of Credit. By making any such written request, unless otherwise expressly stated therein, the Borrower shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that the LC Conditions will be met as of the date of issuance of such Letter of Credit. Each such written request for a Letter of Credit must be made in the form of the Letter of Credit Request. If all LC Conditions for a Letter of Credit have been met on any Business Day before 11:00 a.m., LC Issuer will issue such Letter of Credit on the same Business Day at LC Issuer's Lending Office. If the LC Conditions are met on any Business Day on or after 11:00 a.m., LC Issuer will issue such Letter of Credit on the next succeeding Business Day at LC Issuer's Lending Office. If any provisions of any Letter of Credit Request conflict with any provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall govern and control. Unless otherwise directed by the LC Issuer, the Borrower

shall not be required to make a specific request to the LC Issuer for any extension of an Auto-Extension Letter of Credit. Once an Auto-Extension Letter of Credit has been issued, the Lenders shall be deemed to have authorized (but may not require) the LC Issuer to permit the extension of such Letter of Credit at any time to an expiry date not later than five Business Days prior to the end of the Commitment Period; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the LC Issuer shall not permit any such extension if (a) the LC Issuer has determined that it would not be permitted at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its revised form (as extended) under the terms hereof, or (b) it has received notice from the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Borrower (which may be by telephone or in writing) on or before the day that is five Business Days before the last day in which notice of non-extension for such Letter of Credit may be given that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in <u>Section 4.01</u> is not then satisfied, and directing the LC Issuer not to permit such extension.

# 2.09 Reimbursement and Participations.

- (a) <u>Reimbursement</u>. Each Matured LC Obligation shall constitute a loan by the LC Issuer to the Borrower. The Borrower promises to pay to the LC Issuer, or to the LC Issuer's order, on demand, the full amount of each Matured LC Obligation together with interest thereon (i) at the Alternate Base Rate plus the Applicable Rate for ABR Loans to and including the second Business Day after the Matured LC Obligation is incurred, subject to <u>Section 2.09(b)</u>, and (ii) at the Default Rate applicable to ABR Loans on each day thereafter.
- (b) <u>Letter of Credit Advances</u>. If the beneficiary of any Letter of Credit makes a draft or other demand for payment thereunder, then the Borrower shall be deemed to have requested the Lenders to make Loans to the Borrower in the amount of such draft or demand, which Loans shall be made concurrently with the LC Issuer's payment of such draft or demand and shall be immediately used by the LC Issuer to repay the amount of the resulting Matured LC Obligation. Such deemed request by the Borrower shall be made in compliance with all of the provisions hereof, <u>provided</u> that for the purposes of the first sentence of <u>Section 2.01</u>, the amount of such Loans shall be considered, but the amount of the Matured LC Obligation to be concurrently paid by such Loans shall not be considered.
- (c) <u>Participation by Lenders</u>. The LC Issuer irrevocably agrees to grant and hereby grants to each Lender, and, to induce the LC Issuer to issue Letters of Credit hereunder, each Lender irrevocably agrees to accept and purchase and hereby accepts and purchases from the LC Issuer, on the terms and conditions hereinafter stated and for such Lender's own account and risk an undivided interest equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the LC Issuer's obligations and rights under each Letter of Credit issued hereunder and the amount of each Matured LC Obligation paid by the LC Issuer thereunder. Each Lender unconditionally and irrevocably agrees with the LC Issuer that, if a Matured LC Obligation is paid under any Letter of Credit for which the LC Issuer is not reimbursed in full by the Borrower in accordance with the terms of this Agreement (including any reimbursement by means of concurrent Loans or by the application of LC Collateral), such Lender shall (in all circumstances and without set-off or counterclaim) pay to the LC Issuer on demand, in immediately available funds at the LC Issuer's Lending Office, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Matured LC Obligation (or any portion thereof that has not been reimbursed by the Borrower). Each Lender's obligation to pay

the LC Issuer pursuant to the terms of this subsection is irrevocable and unconditional. If any amount required to be paid by any Lender to the LC Issuer pursuant to this subsection is paid by such Lender to the LC Issuer within three Business Days after the date such payment is due, the LC Issuer shall, in addition to such paid amount, be entitled to recover from such Lender, on demand, interest thereon calculated from such due date at the Federal Funds Rate. If any amount required to be paid by any Lender to the LC Issuer pursuant to this subsection is not paid by such Lender to the LC Issuer within three Business Days after the date such payment is due, the LC Issuer shall, in addition to such amount to be paid, be entitled to recover from such Lender, on demand, interest thereon calculated from such due date at the Alternate Base Rate plus the Applicable Rate for ABR Loans.

- (d) <u>Distributions to Participants</u>. Whenever the LC Issuer has in accordance with this Section received from any Lender payment of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of any Matured LC Obligation, if the LC Issuer thereafter receives any payment of such Matured LC Obligation or any payment of interest thereon (whether directly from the Borrower or by application of LC Collateral or otherwise, and excluding only interest for any period prior to the LC Issuer's demand that such Lender make such payment of its Applicable Percentage), the LC Issuer will distribute to such Lender its Applicable Percentage of the amounts so received by the LC Issuer; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if any such payment received by the LC Issuer must thereafter be returned by the LC Issuer, such Lender shall return to the LC Issuer the portion thereof that the LC Issuer has previously distributed to it.
- (e) <u>Calculations</u>. A written advice setting forth in reasonable detail the amounts owing under this Section, submitted by the LC Issuer to the Borrower or any Lender from time to time, shall be conclusive, absent manifest error, as to the amounts thereof.
- (f) Obligations Absolute. The Borrower's obligation to reimburse Matured LC Obligations shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be performed strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under any and all circumstances whatsoever and irrespective of (i) any lack of validity or enforceability of any Letter of Credit or this Agreement, or any term or provision therein, (ii) any draft or other document presented under a Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent or invalid in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect, (iii) payment by the LC Issuer under a Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or other document that does not comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit, or (iv) any other event or circumstance whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, that might, but for the provisions of this Section, constitute a legal or equitable discharge of, or provide a right of setoff against, the Borrower's obligations hereunder. Neither the Administrative Agent, the Lenders nor the LC Issuer, nor any of their Related Parties, shall have any liability or responsibility by reason of or in connection with the issuance or transfer of any Letter of Credit or any payment or failure to make any payment thereunder (irrespective of any of the circumstances referred to in the preceding sentence), or any error, omission, interruption, loss or delay in transmission or delivery of any draft, notice or other communication under or relating to any Letter of Credit (including any document required to make a drawing thereunder), any error in interpretation of technical terms or any consequence arising from causes beyond the control of the LC Issuer; provided, that the foregoing shall not be construed to excuse the LC Issuer from liability to the Borrower to the extent of any direct

damages (as opposed to consequential damages, claims in respect of which are hereby waived by the Borrower to the extent permitted by applicable law) suffered by the Borrower that are caused by the LC Issuer's failure to exercise care when determining whether drafts and other documents presented under a Letter of Credit comply with the terms thereof. The parties hereto expressly agree that, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the LC Issuer (as finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction), the LC Issuer shall be deemed to have exercised care in each such determination. In furtherance of the foregoing and without limiting the generality thereof, the parties agree that, with respect to documents presented that appear on their face to be in substantial compliance with the terms of a Letter of Credit, the LC Issuer may, in its sole discretion, either accept and make payment upon such documents without responsibility for further investigation, regardless of any notice or information to the contrary, or refuse to accept and make payment upon such documents if such documents are not in strict compliance with the terms of such Letter of Credit.

## 2.10 No Duty to Inquire.

- (a) <u>Drafts and Demands</u>. The LC Issuer is authorized and instructed to accept and pay drafts and demands for payment under any Letter of Credit without requiring, and without responsibility for, any determination as to the existence of any event giving rise to said draft, either at the time of acceptance or payment or thereafter. The LC Issuer is under no duty to determine the proper identity of anyone presenting such a draft or making such a demand (whether by tested telex or otherwise) as the officer, representative or agent of any beneficiary under any Letter of Credit, and payment by the LC Issuer to any such beneficiary when requested by any such purported officer, representative or agent is hereby authorized and approved. The Borrower releases the LC Issuer and each Lender from, and agrees to hold the LC Issuer and each Lender harmless and indemnified against, any liability or claim in connection with or arising out of the subject matter of this Section, which indemnity shall apply whether or not any such liability or claim is in any way or to any extent caused, in whole or in part, by any negligent act or omission of any kind by the LC Issuer or any Lender, provided only that neither the LC Issuer nor any Lender shall be entitled to indemnification for that portion, if any, of any liability or claim that is proximately caused by its own individual gross negligence or willful misconduct, as determined in a final judgment.
- (b) Extension of Maturity. If the maturity of any Letter of Credit is extended by its terms or by Law or governmental action, if any extension of the maturity or time for presentation of drafts or any other modification of the terms of any Letter of Credit is made at the request of the Borrower, or if the amount of any Letter of Credit is increased or decreased at the request of the Borrower, this Agreement shall be binding upon all Restricted Persons with respect to such Letter of Credit as so extended, increased, decreased or otherwise modified, with respect to drafts and property covered thereby, and with respect to any action taken by the LC Issuer, the LC Issuer's correspondents, or any Lender in accordance with such extension, increase, decrease or other modification.
- (c) <u>Transferees of Letters of Credit</u>. If any Letter of Credit provides that it is transferable, the LC Issuer shall have no duty to determine the proper identity of anyone appearing as transferee of such Letter of Credit, nor shall the LC Issuer be charged with

responsibility of any nature or character for the validity or correctness of any transfer or successive transfers, and payment by the LC Issuer to any purported transferee or transferees as determined by the LC Issuer is hereby authorized and approved, and the Borrower releases the LC Issuer and each Lender from, and agrees to hold the LC Issuer and each Lender harmless and indemnified against, any liability or claim in connection with or arising out of the foregoing, which indemnity shall apply whether or not any such liability or claim is in any way or to any extent caused, in whole or in part, by any negligent act or omission of any kind by the LC Issuer or any Lender, provided only that neither the LC Issuer nor any Lender shall be entitled to indemnification for that portion, if any, of any liability or claim which is proximately caused by its own individual gross negligence or willful misconduct, as determined in a final judgment.

## 2.11 LC Collateral.

- (a) <u>Acceleration of LC Obligations</u>. If the Obligations or any part thereof become immediately due and payable pursuant to <u>Section 8.02</u>, then, unless the Administrative Agent, acting on the instruction of Majority Lenders, shall otherwise specifically elect to the contrary (which election may thereafter be retracted by the Administrative Agent, acting on the instruction of Majority Lenders, at any time), the Borrower shall be obligated to pay to the LC Issuer immediately an amount equal to the aggregate LC Obligations that are then outstanding to be held as LC Collateral. Nothing in this subsection shall, however, limit or impair any rights that the LC Issuer may have under any other document or agreement relating to any Letter of Credit, LC Collateral or LC Obligation, including any Letter of Credit Request, or any rights which the LC Issuer or any Lender may have to otherwise apply any payments by the Borrower and any LC Collateral under <u>Section 2.14</u>.
- (b) Investment of LC Collateral. Pending application thereof, all LC Collateral shall be invested by the LC Issuer in such Cash Equivalents as the LC Issuer may choose in its sole discretion. All interest on (and other proceeds of) such Investments shall be reinvested or applied to Matured LC Obligations or other Obligations that are due and payable. When all Obligations have been satisfied in full, including all LC Obligations, all Letters of Credit have expired or been terminated, and all of the Borrower's reimbursement obligations in connection therewith have been satisfied in full, the LC Issuer shall release to the Borrower any remaining LC Collateral. The Borrower hereby assigns and grants to the LC Issuer for the benefit of the Lenders a continuing security interest in all LC Collateral paid by it to the LC Issuer, all Investments purchased with such LC Collateral, and all proceeds thereof to secure its Matured LC Obligations and its Obligations under this Agreement, each Note, and the other Loan Documents. The Borrower further agrees that the LC Issuer shall have all of the rights and remedies of a secured party under the UCC with respect to such security interest and that an Event of Default under this Agreement shall constitute a default for purposes of such security interest.
- (c) <u>Payment of LC Collateral</u>. If the Borrower is required to provide LC Collateral for any reason but fails to do so as required, the LC Issuer or the Administrative Agent may, without prior notice to the Borrower or any other Restricted Person, provide such LC Collateral (whether by transfers from other accounts maintained with the LC Issuer, or otherwise) using any available funds of the Borrower or any other Person also liable to make such payments, and

the LC Issuer or the Administrative Agent will give notice thereof to the Borrower promptly after such application or transfer. Any such amounts that are required to be provided as LC Collateral and that are not provided on the date required shall be considered past due Obligations owing hereunder.

#### 2.12 Interest Rates and Fees.

- (a) Interest Rates. Unless the Default Rate shall apply, (i) each ABR Loan shall bear interest on each day outstanding at the Alternate Base Rate plus the Applicable Rate for ABR Loans in effect on such day, (ii) each Eurodollar Loan shall bear interest on each day during the related Interest Period at the related LIBO Rate plus the Applicable Rate for Eurodollar Loans in effect on such day, and (iii) each Swingline Loan shall bear interest on each day outstanding at the Alternate Base Rate plus the Applicable Rate for ABR Loans in effect on such day, with accrued unpaid interest being due and payable on each Interest Payment Date and, on past due amounts, on demand. During a Default Rate Period, all Loans and other Obligations shall bear interest on each day outstanding at the applicable Default Rate. The interest rate shall change whenever the applicable Alternate Base Rate, the Applicable Rate for ABR Loans, the LIBO Rate, or the Applicable Rate for Eurodollar Loans changes. In no event shall the interest rate on any Loan exceed the Maximum Rate.
- (b) <u>Commitment Fees</u>. In consideration of each Lender's commitment to make Loans, the Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender a commitment fee determined on a daily basis equal to the Applicable Rate for commitment fees in effect on such day times such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the unused portion of the Aggregate Commitments on each day during the Commitment Period, determined for each such day by deducting from the amount of the Aggregate Commitments at the end of such day the Facility Usage. Solely for purposes of calculating the commitment fee pursuant to this subsection, the aggregate amount of outstanding Swingline Loans shall not be included in the determination of Facility Usage. This commitment fee shall be due and payable in arrears on the last Business Day of each Fiscal Quarter and at the end of the Commitment Period.
- (c) <u>Letter of Credit Fees</u>. The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of all Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages, a letter of credit fee at an annual rate equal to the Applicable Rate for Eurodollar Loans in effect each day times the face amount of such Letter of Credit ("<u>LC Participation Fee</u>"). The LC Participation Fee will be payable in arrears on the last Business Day of each Fiscal Quarter. In addition, the Borrower will pay to the LC Issuer an administrative issuance fee equal to the greater of (i) \$150 and (ii) 0.25% per annum of the face amount of each Letter of Credit and such other fees and charges customarily charged by the LC Issuer in respect of any issuance, amendment or negotiation of any Letter of Credit in accordance with the LC Issuer's published schedule of such charges effective as of the date of such amendment or negotiation; such fees will be payable in arrears on the last Business Day of each Fiscal Quarter.
- (d) <u>Administrative Agent's Fees</u>. In addition to all other amounts due to the Administrative Agent under the Loan Documents, the Borrower shall pay fees to the Administrative Agent as described in the Fee Letter.

- (e) <u>Calculations and Determinations</u>. All calculations of interest chargeable with respect to the LIBO Rate and of fees shall be made on the basis of actual days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day) and a year of 360 days. All calculations under the Loan Documents of interest chargeable with respect to the Alternate Base Rate (except when based on the LIBO Rate for one month) shall be made on the basis of actual days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day) and a year of 365 or 366 days, as appropriate.
- (f) <u>Past Due Obligations</u>. The Borrower hereby promises to pay to each Lender interest at the Default Rate on all Obligations (including Obligations to pay fees or to reimburse or indemnify any Lender) that the Borrower has in this Agreement promised to pay to such Lender and that are not paid when due. Such interest shall accrue from the date such Obligations become due until they are paid.

#### 2.13 Evidence of Debt.

- (a) <u>Credit Extensions</u>. The Credit Extensions made by each Lender shall be evidenced by one or more accounts or records maintained by such Lender and by the Administrative Agent in the ordinary course of business. The accounts or records maintained by the Administrative Agent and each Lender shall be conclusive absent manifest error of the amount of the Credit Extensions made by the 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 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 Lender made through the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall execute and deliver to such Lender (through the Administrative Agent) a Note (in the form of <u>Exhibit F-1</u> in the case of Loans and in the form of <u>Exhibit F-2</u> in the case of Swingline Loans), which shall evidence such Lender's Loans in addition to such accounts or records. Each Lender may attach schedules to its Note and endorse thereon the date, Type (if applicable), amount and maturity of its Loans and payments with respect thereto.
- (b) <u>Letters of Credit</u>. In addition to the accounts and records referred to in <u>Section 2.13(a)</u>, each Lender and the Administrative Agent shall maintain, in accordance with its usual practice, accounts or records evidencing the purchases and sales by such 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 Lender in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of the Administrative Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error.

## 2.14 Payments Generally; Administrative Agent's Clawback.

(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 (i) with respect to Loans, to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the respective Lenders to which

such payment is owed and (ii) with respect to Swingline Loans, to the Swingline Lender. Each such payment shall be made at the Administrative Agent's Office or the Swingline Lender's Office, as applicable, in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 3:00 p.m. on the date specified herein. Subject to Section 2.17, the Administrative Agent will promptly distribute to each Lender its Applicable Percentage (or other applicable share as provided herein) of each such payment with respect to Loans in like funds as received by wire transfer to such Lender's Lending Office. All payments received by the Administrative Agent after 2:00 p.m. may, in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion, be deemed received on the next succeeding Business Day and any applicable interest or fee shall continue to accrue. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, 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 applicable.

- (b) (i) Funding by Lenders; Presumption by Administrative Agent. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed time of any Borrowing that such Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Lender's share of such Borrowing, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with Section 2.01 and Section 2.03 and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable 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 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 and (B) in the case of a payment to be made by the Borrower, the interest rate applicable to ABR Loans. If the Borrower and such 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 Lender pays its share of the applicable Borrowing to the Administrative Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Borrowing. Any payment by the Borrower shall be without prejudice to any claim the Borrower may have against a Lender that shall have failed to make such payment to the Administrative Agent.
  - (ii) <u>Payments by Borrower</u>; <u>Presumptions by Administrative Agent</u>. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders or the LC 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 Lenders or the LC 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 Lenders or the LC Issuer, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or the LC 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 Lender or the Borrower with respect to any amount owing under this subsection (b) shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

- (c) <u>Failure to Satisfy Conditions Precedent</u>. If any Lender makes available to the Administrative Agent funds for any Loan to be made by such 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 Lender) to such Lender, without interest.
- (d) Obligations of Lenders Several. The obligations of the Lenders hereunder to make Loans, to fund participations in Letters of Credit and to make payments pursuant to Section 10.04(c) are several and not joint. The failure of any Lender to make any Loan, to fund any such participation or to make any payment under Section 10.04(c) on any date required hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender of its corresponding obligation to do so on such date, and no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to so make its Loan, to purchase its participation or to make its payment under Section 10.04(c).
- (e) <u>Funding Source</u>. Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate any Lender to obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by any Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner.
- **2.15 Sharing of Payments by Lenders.** If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of the Loans made by it, or the participations in LC Obligations held by it resulting in such Lender's receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of such Loans or participations and accrued interest thereon greater than its <u>pro rata</u> share thereof as provided herein, then the 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 Loans and subparticipations in LC Obligations of the other Lenders, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Loans and other amounts owing them, <u>provided</u> that:
- (a) 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; and

(b) the provisions of this Section shall not be construed to apply to (i) any payment made by the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or (ii) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment or sale of a participation in any of its Loans or subparticipations in LC Obligations to any assignee or participant, other than to the Borrower or any Subsidiary thereof (as to which the provisions of this Section shall apply).

Each Restricted Person consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against such Restricted Person rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of such Restricted Person in the amount of such participation.

**2.16 Reductions in Commitment.** The Borrower shall have the right from time to time to permanently reduce the Aggregate Commitments, without penalty, <u>provided</u> that (i) notice of such reduction is given not less than two Business Days prior to such reduction, (ii) the resulting Aggregate Commitments are not less than the Facility Usage, and (iii) each partial reduction shall be in an amount at least equal to \$3,000,000 and in multiples of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof.

## 2.17 Defaulting Lenders.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then the following provisions shall apply for so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender:

- (a) the Commitment Fee shall cease to accrue on the Commitment of such Lender so long as it is a Defaulting Lender (except to the extent it is payable to the LC Issuer pursuant to  $\underline{\text{clause }(b)(v)}$  below);
  - (b) if any Swingline Loans or LC Obligations are outstanding at the time a Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender then:
    - (i) if no Default has occurred and is continuing, all or any part of such outstanding Swingline Loans and LC Obligations shall be reallocated among the non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages but only to the extent the Facility Usage (excluding the Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Facility Usage) plus such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of such outstanding Swingline Loans and LC Obligations does not exceed the total of all non-Defaulting Lenders' Commitments;
    - (ii) if the reallocation described in clause (i) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected (whether by reason of the occurrence and continuance of a Default or the non-Defaulting Lenders' Commitments being exceeded by such reallocation), Borrower shall within one Business Day following notice by the

Administrative Agent (x) first, prepay the Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the outstanding Swingline Loans and (y) second, cash collateralize the Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the LC Obligations (after giving effect to any partial reallocation pursuant to clause (i) above) in accordance with the procedures set forth in <u>Section 2.11</u> for so long as such LC Obligations are outstanding;

- (iii) if any portion of the Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the LC Obligations is cash collateralized pursuant to <u>clause (ii)</u> above, Borrower shall not be required to pay any LC Participation Fee with respect to the Applicable Percentage of the Defaulting Lender's LC Obligations so long as it is cash collateralized;
- (iv) if any portion of the Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the outstanding LC Obligations is reallocated to the non-Defaulting Lenders pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> above, then the LC Participation Fee with respect to such portion shall be allocated among the non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their Applicable Percentages; or
- (v) if any portion of such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the outstanding LC Obligations is neither cash collateralized nor reallocated pursuant to this Section 2.17(b), then, without prejudice to any rights or remedies of the LC Issuer or any Lender hereunder, the LC Participation Fee payable with respect to such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the outstanding LC Obligations shall be payable to the LC Issuer until such portion of the Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the outstanding LC Obligations is cash collateralized and/or reallocated;
- (c) so long as any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, the Swingline Lender shall not be required to fund any Swingline Loan and the LC Issuer shall not be required to issue, amend or increase any Letter of Credit, unless it is satisfied that the related exposure will be 100% covered by the Commitments of the non-Defaulting Lenders and/or cash collateralized in accordance with Section 2.17(b), and participations in any such newly issued or increased Letter of Credit or newly made Swingline Loan shall be allocated among non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages (and Defaulting Lenders shall not participate therein); and
- (d) any amount payable to such Defaulting Lender hereunder (whether on account of principal, interest, fees or otherwise and including any amount that would otherwise be payable to such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.15 but excluding Section 10.13(b)) may, in lieu of being distributed to such Defaulting Lender, be retained by the Administrative Agent and, subject to any applicable requirements of Law, be applied (i) first, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder, (ii) second, pro rata, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the LC Issuer or Swingline Lender hereunder, (iii) third, to the funding of any Loan or the funding or cash collateralization of any participation in any Swingline Loan or Letter of Credit 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 and (iv) <u>fourth</u>, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; *provided* that if such payment is (x) a prepayment of the principal amount of any Loans or reimbursement obligations under <u>Section 2.09(a)</u> in respect of an LC Credit Extension which a Defaulting Lender has funded its participation obligations and (y) made at a time when the conditions set forth in <u>Section 4.02</u> are satisfied, such payment shall be applied solely to prepay the Loans of, and reimbursement obligations under <u>Section 2.09(a)</u> owed to, all non-Defaulting Lenders pro rata prior to being applied to the prepayment of any Loans, or reimbursement obligations under <u>Section 2.09(a)</u> owed to, any Defaulting Lender.

In the event that the Administrative Agent, Borrower, the LC Issuer or the Swingline Lender, as the case may be, each agrees that a Defaulting Lender has adequately remedied all matters that caused such Lender to be a Defaulting Lender, then the Applicable Percentages of the outstanding Swingline Loans and LC Obligations of the Lenders shall be readjusted to reflect the inclusion of such Lender's Commitment and on such date such Lender shall purchase at par such of the Loans of the other Lenders as the Administrative Agent shall determine may be necessary in order for such Lender to hold such Loans in accordance with its Applicable Percentage. The rights and remedies against a Defaulting Lender under this Section 2.17 are in addition to other rights and remedies that Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the LC Issuer, the Swingline Lender and the non-Defaulting Lenders may have against such Defaulting Lender. The arrangements permitted or required by this Section 2.17 shall be permitted under this Agreement, notwithstanding any limitation on Liens or the pro rata sharing provisions or otherwise.

- **2.18 Increase of Commitments.** (a) The Borrower shall have the option, without the consent of the Lenders, from time to time to cause one or more increases in the Aggregate Commitments by adding, subject to the prior approval of the Administrative Agent (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld), to this Agreement one or more financial institutions as Lenders (collectively, the "New Lenders") or by allowing one or more Lenders to increase their respective Commitments, subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:
  - (i) prior to and after giving effect to the increase, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred hereunder and be continuing;
  - (ii) no such increase shall cause the aggregate increases in Commitments pursuant to this Section 2.18 to exceed \$100,000,000;
  - (iii) no Lender's Commitment shall be increased without such Lender's consent;
  - (iv) no more than three requests may be made for increases in Commitments pursuant to this Section 2.18; and
  - (v) such increase shall be evidenced by an incremental commitment agreement in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and executed by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, New Lenders, if any, and Lenders

increasing their Commitments, if any, and which shall indicate the amount and allocation of such increase in the Aggregate Commitments and the effective date of such increase (the "Increase Effective Date").

Each financial institution that becomes a New Lender pursuant to this Section by the execution and delivery to the Administrative Agent of the applicable incremental commitment agreement shall be a "Lender" for all purposes under this Agreement on the applicable Increase Effective Date. The Borrower shall borrow and prepay Loans on each Increase Effective Date (and pay any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 3.05) to the extent necessary to keep the outstanding Loans of each Lender ratable with such Lender's revised Applicable Percentage after giving effect to any nonratable increase in the Aggregate Commitments under this Section.

- (b) As a condition precedent to each increase pursuant to subsection (a) above, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent, to the extent requested by the Administrative Agent, the following in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:
  - (i) a certificate dated as of the Increase Effective Date, signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower certifying that each of the conditions to such increase set forth in this Section shall have occurred and been complied with and that, before and after giving effect to such increase, (A) the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the Increase Effective Date after giving effect to such increase, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they were true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date, and (B) no Default or Event of Default exists;
  - (ii) such certificates of resolutions or other action, incumbency certificates and/or other certificates of Responsible Officers of the Borrower and each Guarantor as the Administrative Agent may require evidencing the identity, authority and capacity of each Responsible Officer thereof authorized to act as a Responsible Officer in connection with such increase agreement and any Guarantors' Consent to such increase agreement, and such documents and certifications as the Administrative Agent may require to evidence that the Borrower and each Guarantor is validly existing and in good standing in its jurisdiction of organization; and
  - (iii) a favorable opinion of independent legal counsel reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, relating to such increase agreement and any Guarantors' Consent to such increase agreement, addressed to the Administrative Agent and each Lender.

# ARTICLE III. TAXES, YIELD PROTECTION AND ILLEGALITY

## 3.01 Taxes.

- (a) <u>Payments Free of Taxes</u>. Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall be made free and clear of, and without reduction or withholding for, any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes, <u>provided</u> that if the Borrower shall be required by applicable law to deduct any Indemnified Taxes (including any Other Taxes) from such payments, then (i) the sum payable shall be increased as necessary so that after making all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the Administrative Agent, Lender or LC Issuer, as the case may be, receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions been made, (ii) the Borrower shall make such deductions and (iii) the Borrower shall timely pay the full amount deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.
- (b) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower</u>. Without limiting the provisions of <u>Section 3.01(a)</u> above, the Borrower shall timely pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.
- (c) <u>Indemnification by the Borrower</u>. The Borrower shall indemnify the Administrative Agent, each Lender and the LC Issuer, within 10 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) paid by the Administrative Agent, such Lender or the LC Issuer, as the case may be, and any penalties, interest and reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto (<u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not indemnify the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the LC Issuer for any such penalties, interest and reasonable expenses arising solely from such party's failure to notify the Borrower of such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes within a reasonable period of time after such party has actual knowledge of such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes), whether or not such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Lender or the LC Issuer (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender or the LC Issuer, shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.
- (d) <u>Evidence of Payments</u>. As soon as practicable after any payment of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes by the Borrower to a Governmental Authority, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (e) <u>Status of Lenders</u>. Any Foreign Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding tax under the law of the jurisdiction in which the Borrower is resident for tax purposes, or any treaty to which such jurisdiction is a party, with respect to payments

hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall deliver to the Borrower (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), at the time or times prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation prescribed by applicable law as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any Foreign Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, but only if such Foreign Lender is legally entitled to do so), whichever of the following is applicable:

- (i) duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN claiming eligibility for benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party;
  - (ii) duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI;
- (iii) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate to the effect that such Foreign 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) duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN; or
- (iv) any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in United States Federal withholding tax duly completed together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made.
- (f) <u>Treatment of Certain Refunds</u>. If the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the LC Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, that it has received a refund of any 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 Taxes or Other Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses of the Administrative Agent, such Lender or the LC Issuer, as the case may be, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund), <u>provided</u> that the Borrower, upon the request of the Administrative Agent, such Lender or the LC 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 Lender or the LC Issuer in the event the Administrative Agent, such Lender or the LC Issuer is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. This subsection shall not be construed to require the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the LC 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.

3.02 Illegality. If any Lender determines that any Law has made it unlawful, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful, for any Lender or its applicable Lending Office to make, maintain or fund Eurodollar Loans, or to determine or charge interest rates based upon the LIBO Rate, or any Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of such Lender to purchase or sell, or to take deposits of, Dollars in the London interbank market, then, on notice thereof by such Lender to the Borrower through the Administrative Agent, any obligation of such Lender to make or continue Eurodollar Loans or to Convert ABR Loans to Eurodollar Loans shall be suspended until such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer exist. Upon receipt of such notice, the Borrower shall, upon demand from such Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), prepay or, if applicable, Convert all Eurodollar Loans of such Lender to ABR Loans, either on the last day of the Interest Period therefor, if such Lender may lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Loans to such day, or immediately, if such Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Loans to Souch ago, or immediately, if such Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Loans to Souch ago, or immediately, if such Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Loans to Souch ago, or immediately, if such Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Loans to Souch ago, or immediately, if such Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Loans to Souch ago, or immediately, if such Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Loans to Souch ago, or immediately interest on the amount so prepaid or Converted.

3.03 Inability to Determine Rates. If the Majority Lenders determine that for any reason in connection with any request for a Eurodollar Loan or a Conversion to or Continuation thereof that (a) Dollar deposits are not being offered to banks in the London interbank eurodollar market for the applicable amount and Interest Period of such Eurodollar Loan, (b) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for determining the LIBO Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed Eurodollar Loan, or (c) the LIBO Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed Eurodollar Loan does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding such Loan, the Administrative Agent will promptly so notify the Borrower and each Lender. Thereafter, the obligation of the Lenders to make or maintain Eurodollar Loans shall be suspended until the Administrative Agent (upon the instruction of the Majority Lenders) revokes such notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the Borrower may revoke any pending request for a Borrowing of, Conversion to or Continuation of Eurodollar Loans or, failing that, will be deemed to have converted such request into a request for a Borrowing of ABR Loans in the amount specified therein.

#### 3.04 Increased Costs; Reserves on Eurodollar 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 Lender or the LC Issuer;

- (ii) subject any Lender or the LC 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 Loan made by it, or change the basis of taxation of payments to such Lender or the LC Issuer in respect thereof (except for Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes covered by Section 3.01 and the imposition of, or any change in the rate of, any Excluded Tax payable by such Lender or the LC Issuer); or
- (iii) impose on any Lender or the LC Issuer or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense affecting this Agreement or Eurodollar Loans made by such 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 Lender of making or maintaining any Eurodollar Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan), or to increase the cost to such Lender or the LC 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 Lender or the LC Issuer hereunder (whether of principal, interest or any other amount), then, upon request of such Lender or the LC Issuer, the Borrower will pay to such Lender or the LC Issuer, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the LC Issuer, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

- (b) <u>Capital Requirements</u>. If any Lender or the LC Issuer determines that any Change in Law affecting such Lender or the LC Issuer or any Lending Office of such Lender or such Lender's or the LC Issuer's holding company, if any, regarding capital requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or the LC Issuer's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or the LC Issuer's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Commitments of such Lender or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by the LC Issuer, to a level below that which such Lender or the LC Issuer or such Lender's or the LC Issuer's holding company, if any, could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or the LC Issuer's policies and the policies of such Lender's or the LC Issuer's holding company, if any, with respect to capital adequacy), then from time to time the Borrower will pay to such Lender or the LC Issuer, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the LC Issuer or such Lender's or the LC Issuer's holding company, if any, for any such reduction suffered.
- (c) <u>Certificates for Reimbursement</u>. A certificate of a Lender or the LC Issuer setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or the LC Issuer or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in <u>Sections 3.04(a)</u> and <u>3.04(b)</u> and delivered to the Borrower shall be conclusive, absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender or the LC Issuer, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 10 days after receipt thereof.

- (d) <u>Delay in Requests</u>. Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or the LC Issuer to demand compensation pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or the LC Issuer's right to demand such compensation, <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or the LC 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 Lender or the LC Issuer, as the case may be, notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's or the LC Issuer's intention to claim compensation therefor (except that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the nine-month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).
- **3.05 Compensation for Losses.** Upon demand of any Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) from time to time, the Borrower shall promptly compensate such Lender for and hold such Lender harmless from any loss, cost or expense incurred by it as a result of:
- (a) any Continuation, Conversion, payment or prepayment of any Loan other than an ABR Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period for such 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 Lender to make a Loan) to prepay, borrow, Continue or Convert any Loan other than an ABR Loan on the date or in the amount notified by the Borrower; or
- (c) any assignment of a Eurodollar 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 10.13;

including any loss or expense arising from the liquidation or reemployment of funds obtained by it to maintain such Loan or from fees payable to terminate the deposits from which such funds were obtained (but excluding any loss of anticipated profits). The Borrower shall also pay any customary administrative fees charged by such Lender in connection with the foregoing.

For purposes of calculating amounts payable by the Borrower to the Lenders under this Section, each Lender shall be deemed to have funded each Eurodollar Loan made by it at the LIBO Rate for such 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 Loan was in fact so funded.

### 3.06 Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders.

(a) <u>Designation of a Different Lending Office</u>. If any Lender requests compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u>, or the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u>, or if any Lender gives a notice pursuant to <u>Section 3.02</u>, then such Lender shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different Lending Office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts

payable pursuant to <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 Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

- (b) <u>Replacement of Lenders</u>. If any Lender requests compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u>, if the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u> or if any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, the Borrower may replace such Lender in accordance with <u>Section 10.13</u>.
- **3.07 Survival**. All of the Borrower's obligations under this <u>Article III</u> shall survive termination of the Aggregate Commitments and repayment of all other Obligations hereunder.

# ARTICLE IV. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO CREDIT EXTENSIONS

- **4.01 Conditions of Effectiveness**. This Agreement shall become effective when the following conditions precedent have been satisfied or waived in accordance with Section 10.01:
  - (a) The Administrative Agent shall have received all of the following, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:
  - (i) counterparts of this Agreement executed by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the LC Issuer, the Swingline Lender and the Lenders listed on the signature pages to this Agreement;
    - (ii) a Note executed by the Borrower in favor of each Lender requesting a Note;
  - (iii) the Pledge and Security Agreement executed by the parties thereto and all UCC financing statements and other documents or instruments necessary or advisable to perfect the security interests created by the Pledge and Security Agreement;
    - (iv) [Intentionally Omitted]:
  - (v) such certificates of resolutions or other action, incumbency certificates and/or other certificates of Responsible Officers of the Borrower as the Administrative Agent may require, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, evidencing the identity, authority and capacity of each Responsible Officer thereof authorized to act as a Responsible Officer in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which the Borrower is a party;
  - (vi) such documents and certifications as the Administrative Agent may reasonably require, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, to evidence that each Restricted Person is duly organized or formed, and that each

Restricted Person is validly existing, in good standing and qualified to engage in business in each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect:

- (vii) a favorable opinion of each of (i) Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell L.L.P., counsel to the Restricted Persons, and (ii) the General Counsel of ETP LLC, in each case in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, addressed to the Administrative Agent and each Lender; the Borrower hereby requests such counsel to deliver such opinion;
- (viii) a certificate of a Responsible Officer of each Restricted Person either (A) attaching copies of all consents, licenses and approvals required in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by such Restricted Person and the validity against such Restricted Person of the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and such consents, licenses and approvals shall be in full force and effect, or (B) stating that no such consents, licenses or approvals are so required;
- (ix) a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower certifying that (A) the conditions specified in <u>Sections 4.02(a)</u> and <u>4.02(b)</u> have been satisfied, (B) there has been no event or circumstance since the date of the Initial Financial Statements that has had or could be reasonably expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect and (C) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing under the Existing Credit Agreement;
- (x) a duly completed pro forma Compliance Certificate as of the last day of the Fiscal Quarter of the Borrower most recently ended prior to the Closing Date, signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower;
  - (xi) evidence that all insurance required to be maintained pursuant to Section 6.08 has been obtained and is in effect;
  - (xii) [Intentionally Omitted];
- (xiii) Evidence that (A) the gross cash proceeds from the issuance of the Senior Notes on or before the date of this Agreement are at least \$1,800,000,000, (B) such gross cash proceeds have been applied to repay all loans and other obligations under the Existing Credit Agreement, (C) the commitments to make loans under the Existing Credit Agreement have been released or terminated contemporaneously with the making of such payments and the termination of such commitments, and (E) arrangements satisfactory to the Administrative Agent have been made for the recording and filing of such releases;
- (xiv) the Administrative Agent shall have received a Form U-1 with respect to each Lender that is a bank and a Form G-3 with respect to each Lender that is not a bank, each duly completed and executed by the Borrower;

- (xv) such other assurances, certificates, documents, consents or opinions as the Administrative Agent, the LC Issuer or the Majority Lenders reasonably may require.
- (b) Any fees required to be paid by the Borrower on or before the Closing Date shall have been paid.
- (c) Unless waived by the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall have paid all fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the Administrative Agent to the extent invoiced prior to or on the Closing Date, plus such additional amounts of such fees, charges and disbursements as shall constitute its reasonable estimate of such fees, charges and disbursements incurred or to be incurred by it through the closing proceedings (<u>provided</u> that such estimate shall not thereafter preclude a final settling of accounts between the Borrower and the Administrative Agent).
- (d) The Lenders shall have received, to the extent requested, all documentation and other information required by regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA PATRIOT Act.

Without limiting the generality of the provisions of Section 9.04, for purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in this Section, each Lender that has executed and delivered 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 Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

- **4.02 Conditions to all Credit Extensions**. No Lender has any obligation to make any Loan (including its first), and the LC Issuer has no obligation to issue, amend, renew or extend any Letter of Credit (including its first), unless the following conditions precedent have been satisfied:
- (a) The representations and warranties of the Borrower set forth in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date of such Borrowing or the date of issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable (but with respect to any amendment, renewal or extension, only in the event that the face amount of such Letter of Credit is actually increased), both before and after giving effect to such Borrowing or other Credit Extension, provided, however, for purposes of this Section, (i) to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, they shall be true and correct as of such earlier date, and (ii) the representations and warranties contained in Section 5.06(a) shall be deemed to refer to the most recent financial statements furnished pursuant to Section 6.02; and
- (b) At the time of and immediately after giving effect to such Borrowing or the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

Each Borrowing and each issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of a Letter of Credit shall be deemed to constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrower on the date thereof as to the matters specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section.

# ARTICLE V. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

To confirm each Lender's understanding concerning Restricted Persons and Restricted Persons' businesses, properties and obligations and to induce each Lender to enter into this Agreement and to extend credit hereunder, the Borrower represents and warrants to each Lender that:

- **5.01 No Default**. No Restricted Person is in default in the performance of any of the covenants and agreements contained in any Loan Document. No event has occurred and is continuing that constitutes a Default.
- **5.02 Organization and Good Standing**. Each of the Restricted Persons and the General Partner is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of its jurisdiction of organization, having all powers required to carry on its business and enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated hereby. Each of the Restricted Persons and the General Partner is duly qualified, in good standing, and authorized to do business in all other jurisdictions wherein the character of the properties owned or held by it or the nature of the business transacted by it makes such qualification necessary except where the failure to so qualify has not had, and could not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.
- **5.03 Authorization**. Each Restricted Person has duly taken all action necessary to authorize the execution and delivery by it of the Loan Documents to which it is a party and to authorize the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby and the performance of its obligations thereunder. The Borrower is duly authorized to borrow funds hereunder and obtain Letters of Credit hereunder.
- **5.04 No Conflicts or Consents**. The execution and delivery by the various Restricted Persons of the Loan Documents to which each is a party, the performance by each of its obligations under such Loan Documents, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the various Loan Documents, do not and will not (a) conflict with any provision of (i) any Law, (ii) the organizational documents of the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or the General Partner, or (iii) any material agreement, judgment, license, order or permit applicable to or binding upon the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or the General Partner, or (c) result in or require the creation of any Lien upon any assets or properties of the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or the General Partner. Except as expressly contemplated in the Loan Documents or disclosed in the Disclosure Schedule, no permit, consent, approval, authorization or order of, and no notice to or filing, registration or qualification with, any Tribunal or third party is required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by any Restricted Person of any Loan Document or to consummate any transactions contemplated

by the Loan Documents. Neither the Borrower, nor any of its Subsidiaries nor the General Partner is in breach of or in default under any instrument, license or other agreement applicable to or binding upon it, which breach or default has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

**5.05 Enforceable Obligations**. This Agreement is, and the other Loan Documents when duly executed and delivered will be, legal, valid and binding obligations of each Restricted Person that is a party hereto or thereto, enforceable in accordance with their terms except as such enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar Laws of general application relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights.

### 5.06 Initial Financial Statements; No Material Adverse Effect.

- (a) The Borrower has heretofore delivered to the Lenders true, correct and complete copies of the Initial Financial Statements. The Initial Borrower Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Initial Borrower Financial Statements fairly present the Borrower's Consolidated financial position at the date thereof, the Consolidated results of the Borrower's operations for the periods thereof and the Borrower's Consolidated cash flows for the periods thereof.
- (b) Since the date of the unaudited Initial Borrower Financial Statements, no event or circumstance has occurred that has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect. Since the date of the unaudited Initial ETP Financial Statements, based upon the ETP Reporting, no event or circumstance has occurred that has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, an ETP Material Adverse Effect. Since the date of the unaudited Initial Regency Financial Statements, based upon the Regency Reporting, no event or circumstance has occurred that has had or would reasonably be expected to have an Regency Material Adverse Effect.
- **5.07 Taxes and Obligations**. No Restricted Person has any outstanding Liabilities of any kind (including contingent obligations, tax assessments, and unusual forward or long term commitments) that exceed \$10,000,000 in the aggregate and not shown in the Initial Financial Statements, disclosed in the Disclosure Schedule or otherwise permitted under <u>Section 7.01</u>. Each Restricted Person has timely filed all tax returns and reports required to have been filed and has paid all taxes, assessments, and other governmental charges or levies imposed upon it or upon its income, profits or property, except to the extent that any of the foregoing is not yet due or is being in good faith contested as permitted by <u>Section 6.07</u>.

**5.08 Full Disclosure**. No written certificate, statement or other information, taken as a whole, delivered herewith or heretofore by any Restricted Person to any Lender in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement or in connection with any transaction contemplated hereby contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein or therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the date made or deemed made. All information regarding the Borrower's Consolidated financial position or results of operations and all other written information regarding Restricted Persons, taken as a whole, furnished after the date

hereof by or on behalf of any Restricted Person to the Administrative Agent, LC Issuer or any Lender in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby will be true, complete and accurate in every material respect in light of the circumstances in which made, or based on reasonable estimates on the date as of which such information is stated or certified. There is no fact known to any Restricted Person that has not been disclosed to each Lender in writing that has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

**5.09 Litigation**. Except as disclosed in the Initial Financial Statements, the Applicable Regency Credit Agreement, or in the Applicable ETP Credit Agreement and except for matters that could not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect (a) there are no actions, suits or legal, equitable, arbitrative or administrative proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened, by or before any Tribunal against the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or the General Partner or affecting any property of the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or the General Partner or affecting any property of the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or the General Partner or affecting any property of the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or the General Partner. Since the date of this Agreement, there has been no change in the status of any matters disclosed in the Initial Financial Statements or in the Disclosure Schedule that, individually or in the aggregate, has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

**5.10 ERISA**. All currently existing ERISA Plans are listed in the Disclosure Schedule. Except as disclosed in the Initial Financial Statements or in the Disclosure Schedule, no Termination Event has occurred with respect to any ERISA Plan and all ERISA Affiliates are in compliance with ERISA in all material respects. No ERISA Affiliate is required to contribute to, or has any other absolute or contingent liability in respect of, any "multiemployer plan" as defined in Section 4001 of ERISA. Except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedule: (a) no "accumulated funding deficiency" (as defined in Section 412(a) of the Code) exists with respect to any ERISA Plan, whether or not waived by the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate, and (b) the current value of each ERISA Plan's benefits does not exceed the current value of such ERISA Plan's assets available for the payment of such benefits by more than \$10,000,000.

**5.11 Compliance with Laws**. Except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedule, each of the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and the General Partner has all permits, licenses and authorizations required in connection with the conduct of its businesses, except to the extent failure to have any such permit, license or authorization has not had, and could not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect. Each of the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and the General Partner is in compliance with the terms and conditions of all such permits, licenses and authorizations, and is also in compliance with all other limitations, restrictions, conditions, standards, prohibitions, requirements, obligations, schedules and timetables contained in any Law or in any regulation, code, plan, order, decree, judgment, injunction, notice or demand letter issued, entered, promulgated or approved thereunder, except to the extent failure to comply has not had, and could not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect. Each of the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and the General Partner (a) has filed and maintained all tariffs applicable to its business with each applicable agency, (b) all such tariffs are in compliance with all Laws

administered or promulgated by each applicable agency and (*c*) has imposed charges on its customers in compliance with such tariffs, all contracts applicable to its business and all applicable Laws except to the extent such failure to file or impose has not had, and could not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect. As used herein, "agency" includes the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and each other United States federal, state, or local governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality having jurisdiction over any Restricted Person or its properties.

- **5.12 Environmental Laws**. Without limiting the provisions of <u>Section 5.11</u> and except as disclosed in the Disclosure Schedule or as has not had, and could not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect (or with respect to (c), (d) and (e) below, where the failure to take such actions has not had, and could not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect):
- (a) Neither any property of any of the Borrower, or its Subsidiaries nor the operations conducted thereon violate any order or requirement of any Governmental Authority or any Environmental Laws;
- (b) Without limitation of clause (a) above, no property of any of the Borrower, or its Subsidiaries nor the operations currently conducted thereon or, to the best knowledge of the Borrower, by any prior owner or operator of such property or operation, are in violation of or subject to any existing, pending or threatened action, suit, investigation, inquiry or proceeding by or before any Governmental Authority or to any remedial obligations under Environmental Laws:
- (c) All notices, permits, licenses or similar authorizations, if any, required to be obtained or filed in connection with the operation or use of any and all property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, including without limitation past or present treatment, storage, disposal or release of a hazardous substance, hazardous waste or solid waste into the environment, have been duly obtained or filed, and the Borrower and its Subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms and conditions of all such notices, permits, licenses and similar authorizations;
- (d) All hazardous substances, hazardous waste, solid waste, and oil and gas exploration and production wastes, if any, generated at any and all property of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries have in the past been transported, treated and disposed of in accordance with Environmental Laws and so as not to pose an endangerment to public health or welfare or the environment, and, to the best knowledge of the Borrower, all such transport carriers and treatment and disposal facilities have been and are operating in compliance with Environmental Laws and so as not to pose an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health or welfare or the environment, and are not the subject of any existing, pending or threatened action, investigation or inquiry by any Governmental Authority in connection with any Environmental Laws;
- (e) The Borrower and its Subsidiaries have taken all steps reasonably necessary to determine and have determined that no hazardous substances, hazardous waste, solid waste, or oil and gas exploration and production wastes, have been disposed of or otherwise released and

there has been no threatened release of any hazardous substances on or to any property of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries;

- (f) To the extent applicable, all property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries currently satisfies all design, operation, and equipment requirements imposed by the Environmental Laws or scheduled as of the date hereof to be imposed by the Environmental Laws during the term of this Agreement, and the Borrower does not have any reason to believe that such property, to the extent subject to the Environmental Laws, will not be able to maintain compliance with the Environmental Laws requirements during the term of this Agreement; and
- (g) Neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries has any known contingent liability in connection with any release or threatened release of any oil, hazardous substance, hazardous waste or solid waste into the environment.
- **5.13 Borrower's Subsidiaries**. The Borrower does not have any Subsidiary or own any stock in any other corporation or association except those listed in the Disclosure Schedule or disclosed to the Administrative Agent in writing. Neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries is a member of any general or limited partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or association of any type whatsoever except those listed in the Disclosure Schedule or disclosed to the Administrative Agent in writing. The Borrower owns, directly or indirectly, the equity membership or partnership interest in each of its Subsidiaries, which is indicated in the Disclosure Schedule or as disclosed to the Administrative Agent in writing.
- **5.14 Title to Properties; Licenses**. Each Restricted Person has good and defensible title to or valid leasehold interests in all of its material properties and assets, free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Liens and of all impediments to the use of such properties and assets in such Restricted Person's business. Each Restricted Person possesses all licenses, permits, franchises, patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade names, and other intellectual property (or otherwise possesses the right to use such intellectual property without violation of the rights of any other Person) that are necessary to carry out its business as presently conducted and as presently proposed to be conducted hereafter, and no Restricted Person is in violation in any material respect of the terms under which it possesses such intellectual property or the right to use such intellectual property unless, in each case, such failure to possess or violation has not had, and could not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.
- **5.15 Government Regulation**. Neither the Borrower nor any other Restricted Person owing Obligations is subject to regulation under the Federal Power Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or any other Law which regulates the incurring by such Person of Indebtedness.

Neither the Borrower nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, nor any Person having "control" (as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 375b(9) or in regulations promulgated pursuant thereto) of the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, is a "director" or an "executive officer" or "principal shareholder" (as those terms are defined in 12 U.S.C. § 375b(8) or (9) or in regulations promulgated pursuant thereto) of any Lender, of a bank holding company of which any Lender is a subsidiary or of any subsidiary of a bank holding company of which any Lender

is a subsidiary. Neither the Borrower nor any subsidiary or Affiliate of the Borrower is (a) named on the list of Specially Designated Nationals or Blocked Persons maintained by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control available at <a href="http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sdn/sdnlist.txt">http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sdn/sdnlist.txt</a>, or (b) (i) an agency of the government of a country, (ii) an organization controlled by a country, or (iii) a person resident in a country that is subject to a sanctions program identified on the list maintained by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of

Foreign Assets Control and available at <a href="http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/programs/index.html">http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/programs/index.html</a>, or as otherwise published from time to time, as such program may be applicable to such agency, organization or person, and the proceeds from the loan will not be used to fund any operations in, finance any investments or activities in, or make any payments to, any such country, agency, organization or person.

**5.16 Solvency**. The Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries is solvent (as such term is used in applicable bankruptcy, liquidation, receivership, insolvency or similar Laws), and the sum of the Borrower's and each of its Subsidiaries' absolute and contingent liabilities, including the Obligations or guarantees thereof, do not exceed the fair market value of such Person's assets, and the Borrower's and each of its Subsidiaries' capital should be adequate for the businesses in which such Person is engaged and intends to be engaged. Neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries has incurred (whether under the Loan Documents or otherwise), nor does any such Person intend to incur or believe that it will incur, debts which will be beyond its ability to pay as such debts mature.

**5.17 Use of Proceeds.** The statements and representations made in <u>Section 2.05</u> are true and correct.

**5.18 Collateral Documents**. The Pledge and Security Agreement is effective to create in favor of the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Lenders and the holders of the Lender Hedging Obligations) a legal, valid and enforceable security interest in the Collateral described therein and proceeds thereof. In the case of the Collateral consisting of certificated securities, when certificates representing such Collateral are delivered to the Administrative Agent, and in the case of the other Collateral described in the Pledge and Security Agreement, when financing statements in appropriate form are filed in the offices specified in the Perfection Certificate, the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Lenders and the holders of the Lender Hedging Obligations) shall have a fully perfected Lien on, and security interest in, all right, title and interest of the Restricted Persons in such Collateral and, subject to Section 9-315 of the New York UCC, the proceeds thereof, as security for the Obligations and Lender Hedging Obligations, in each case prior and superior in right to any other Person.

### ARTICLE VI. AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

To conform with the terms and conditions under which each Lender is willing to have credit outstanding to the Borrower, and to induce each Lender to enter into this Agreement and extend credit hereunder, the Borrower covenants and agrees that until the full and final payment

of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement, unless the Majority Lenders, or all Lenders as required under <u>Section 10.01</u>, have previously agreed otherwise:

- **6.01 Payment and Performance**. Each Restricted Person will pay all amounts due under the Loan Documents to which it is a party, in accordance with the terms thereof, and will observe, perform and comply with every covenant and term expressed in the Loan Documents to which it is a party.
- **6.02 Books, Financial Statements and Reports.** The Borrower will maintain and will cause its Subsidiaries to maintain a standard system of accounting and proper books of record and account in accordance with GAAP, will maintain its Fiscal Year, and will furnish the following statements and reports to the Administrative Agent for distribution to each Lender at the Borrower's expense:
- (a) As soon as available, and in any event within ninety (90) days after the end of each Fiscal Year, (i) complete Consolidated financial statements of the Borrower together with all notes thereto, prepared in reasonable detail in accordance with GAAP, together with an unqualified opinion relating to such financial statements, based on an audit using generally accepted auditing standards, by Grant Thornton LLP, or other independent certified public accountants selected by the General Partner and acceptable to the Administrative Agent, stating that such Consolidated financial statements have been so prepared; provided, however, that at any time when the Borrower shall be subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, delivery within the time period specified above of copies of the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Borrower for such Fiscal Year prepared in compliance with the requirements therefor and filed with the Commission shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this clause (a)(i), and (ii) a consolidating balance sheet and a consolidating statement of operations reflecting the consolidating information for the Borrower, the Unrestricted Subsidiaries (reflecting the consolidating information for each MLP and its subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis) and the Restricted Subsidiaries (individually or with one or more on a combined basis) for such Fiscal Year, setting forth, in each case, in comparative form, figures for the preceding Fiscal Year, such financial statements and information of the Borrower furnished, in each case, pursuant to clause (ii) to be certified by an authorized financial officer of the Borrower as presenting fairly, in all material respects, the information contained therein, on a basis consistent with the Consolidated financial statements, which consolidating statement of operations may be in summary form in detail satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. Such financial statements shall contain a Consolidated balance sheet as of the end of such F
- (b) As soon as available, and in any event within fifty (50) days after the end of each Fiscal Quarter (i) the Borrower's Consolidated balance sheet as of the end of such Fiscal Quarter and the Borrower's Consolidated statements of income, partners' capital and cash flows for such Fiscal Quarter and for the period from the beginning of the then current Fiscal Year to the end of such Fiscal Quarter, all in reasonable detail and prepared in accordance with GAAP, subject to changes resulting from normal year-end adjustments; provided, however, that at any time when the Borrower shall be subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Exchange Act, delivery within the time period specified above of copies of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Borrower for such Fiscal Quarter prepared in accordance with the requirements therefor and filed with the Commission shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this clause (b)(i) for any of the first three Fiscal Quarters of a Fiscal Year and (ii) a consolidating balance sheet and a consolidating statement of operations reflecting the consolidating information for the Borrower, the Unrestricted Subsidiaries (reflecting the consolidating information for each MLP and its subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis) and the Restricted Subsidiaries (individually or with one or more on a combined basis) for such Fiscal Quarter, setting forth, in each case, in comparative form, figures for same period of the preceding Fiscal Year, such financial statements and information of the Borrower furnished, in each case, pursuant to clauses (b)(i) and (ii), to be certified by an authorized financial officer of the Borrower as presenting fairly, in all material respects, the information contained therein, on a basis consistent with the Consolidated financial statements, which consolidating statement of operations may be in summary form in detail satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. Such financial statements shall set forth in comparative form the corresponding figures for the same period or date of the preceding Fiscal Year. In addition the Borrower will, together with each such set of financial statements and each set of financial statements furnished under subsection (a) or (b) of this Section, furnish a Compliance Certificate, signed on behalf of the Borrower by the chief financial officer, principal accounting officer or treasurer of the General Partner, setting forth that such financial statements of the Borrower as presenting fairly, in all material respects, the information contained therein (subject, in the case of Fiscal Quarter-end statements, to normal year-end adjustments), stating that such officer has reviewed the Loan Documents, containing calculations showing compliance (or non-compliance) at the end of such Fiscal Quarter with the requirements of Section 7.12, and stating that no Default exists at the end of such Fiscal Quarter or at the time of such certificate or specifying the nature and period of existence of any such Default.

- (c) Promptly upon their becoming available, one copy of (i) each financial statement, report, notice or proxy statement sent by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries to public securities holders generally, and (ii) each regular or periodic report, each registration statement (without exhibits except as expressly requested by such Lender), and each prospectus and all amendments thereto filed by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries with the Commission and of all press releases and other statements made available generally by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries to the public concerning material developments; provided that the Borrower shall be deemed to have furnished the information specified in this clause (c) on the date that such information is posted at the Borrower's or an MLP's web site on the Internet or at such other web sites as notified to the Lenders.
- (d) The Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent prompt written notice of any change in (i) any Restricted Person's name, (ii) any Restricted Person's identity or organizational structure or jurisdiction of incorporation, or (iii) any Restricted Person's Federal Taxpayer Identification Number. The Borrower agrees not to effect or permit any change referred to in the preceding sentence unless all filings have been made under the UCC or otherwise that are required in order for the Administrative Agent to continue at all times following such change to have a valid, legal and perfected security interest in all the Collateral at all times following such change to have a valid, legal and perfected

security interest as contemplated in the Collateral Documents. The Borrower also agrees promptly to notify the Administrative Agent if any material portion of the Collateral is damaged or destroyed.

- (e) At the time of delivery of financial statements pursuant to Section 6.02(b), if Collateral consists of any property other than the certificated securities delivered to the Administrative Agent on the Closing Date, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Officer's Certificate (i) either confirming that there has been no change in such information since the Perfection Certificate was delivered on the Closing Date under the Existing Credit Agreement or the date of the most recent certificate delivered pursuant to this Section and/or identifying such changes, and (ii) certifying that all UCC financing statements (including fixtures filings, as applicable) or other appropriate filings, recordings or registrations, have been filed of record in each applicable governmental, municipal or other appropriate office in each applicable jurisdiction to the extent necessary to protect and perfect the security interests under the Collateral Documents.
- (f) At the time of the delivery thereof pursuant to the Applicable MLP Credit Agreement or any indenture or agreement governing Indebtedness of an MLP and its subsidiaries, copies of (i) each financial statement of such MLP and/or its subsidiaries accompanied by each report, opinion or certificate required to be provided in connection with such financial statement, (ii) each certificate regarding compliance with representations, warranties and covenants and/or the absence of default, and (iii) each other report or notice regarding any default or potential default in such Indebtedness or other Indebtedness, any material adverse change or material adverse effect, or other material event or circumstance, including those related to any claim or notice of potential liability under Environmental Laws, any filing of any suit or proceeding or the assertion of any claim or violation of any Laws, in each case as required under the provisions of the Applicable MLP Credit Agreement or such other indenture or agreement; provided that the Borrower shall be deemed to have furnished the information specified in this clause (f) on the date that such information is posted at the applicable MLP's web site on the Internet or at such other web sites as notified to the Lenders.
- (g) Promptly upon their becoming available, one copy of (i) each financial statement, report, notice or proxy statement sent by an MLP or any of its subsidiaries to public securities holders generally, and (ii) each regular or periodic report, each registration statement (without exhibits except as expressly requested by such Lender), and each prospectus and all amendments thereto filed by an MLP or any of its subsidiaries with the Commission and of all press releases and other statements made available generally by an MLP or any of its subsidiaries to the public concerning material developments; provided that the Borrower shall be deemed to have furnished the information specified in this clause (g) on the date that such information is posted at the applicable MLP's web site on the Internet or at such other web sites as notified to the Lenders.

**6.03 Other Information and Inspections**. Each Restricted Person will furnish to each Lender any information which the Administrative Agent or any Lender may from time to time reasonably request concerning any representation, warranty, covenant, provision or condition of the Loan Documents or any matter in connection with Restricted Persons' businesses and

operations. Each Restricted Person will permit representatives appointed by the Administrative Agent (including independent accountants, auditors, agents, attorneys, appraisers and any other Persons) to visit and inspect during normal business hours (which right to visit and inspect shall be limited to once during any Fiscal year unless a Default has occurred and is continuing) any of such Restricted Person's property, including its books of account, other books and records, and any facilities or other business assets, and to make extra copies therefrom and photocopies and photographs thereof, and to write down and record any information such representatives obtain, and each Restricted Person shall permit the Administrative Agent or its representatives to investigate and verify the accuracy of the information furnished to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with the Loan Documents and to discuss all such matters with its officers, employees and, upon prior notice to the Borrower, its representatives.

- **6.04 Notice of Material Events.** The Borrower will notify the Administrative Agent, LC Issuer and each Lender promptly, and not later than five (5) Business Days in the case of subsection (b) below and not later than thirty (30) days in the case of any other subsection below, after any Responsible Officer of the Borrower has knowledge thereof, stating that such notice is being given pursuant to this Agreement, of:
- (a) the occurrence of any event or circumstance that has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect or an ETP Material Adverse Effect or a Regency Material Adverse Effect;
- (b) the occurrence of (i) any Default or any "Default" as defined in the Applicable MLP Credit Agreement or (ii) any "Default" or "Event of Default" as defined in the Indenture;
- (c) the acceleration of the maturity of any Indebtedness owed by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or of any default by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries under any indenture, mortgage, agreement, contract or other instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties is bound, if such acceleration or default has had or could have a Material Adverse Effect, an ETP Material Adverse Effect, or a Regency Material Adverse Effect;
  - (d) the occurrence of any Termination Event;
- (e) Under any Environmental Law, any claim of \$10,000,000 or more with respect to any Restricted Person or of \$50,000,000 or more with respect to any Unrestricted Person, any notice of potential liability that could reasonably be expected to exceed such amount with respect to such Person, or any other material adverse claim asserted against any Restricted Person or any Unrestricted Person or with respect to any Restricted Person's or any Unrestricted Person's properties taken as a whole; and
- (f) the filing of any suit or proceeding, or the assertion in writing of a claim, against any Restricted Person or any Unrestricted Person or with respect to any Restricted Person's or any Unrestricted Person's properties, in which an adverse decision could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, or an ETP Material Adverse Effect, or a Regency Material Adverse Effect.

Upon the occurrence of any of the foregoing, Restricted Persons will take all necessary or appropriate steps to remedy promptly any such Material Adverse Effect, Default, acceleration, default, or Termination Event, to protect against any such adverse claim, to defend any such suit or proceeding, and to resolve all controversies on account of any of the foregoing. Each notice pursuant to this Section shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower setting forth details of the occurrence referred to herein and stating what action the Restricted Person has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto. Each notice pursuant to Section 6.04(b) shall describe with particularity any and all provisions of this Agreement and other Loan Documents, if applicable, that have been breached.

- **6.05 Maintenance of Properties**. The Borrower shall, and shall cause each other Restricted Person to, maintain and keep, or cause to be maintained and kept, its properties in good repair, working order and condition (other than ordinary wear and tear), so that the business carried on in connection therewith may be properly conducted at all times, <u>provided</u> that this Section shall not prevent any Restricted Person from discontinuing the operation and the maintenance of any of its properties if such discontinuance is desirable in the conduct of its business and the Borrower has concluded that such discontinuance could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- **6.06 Maintenance of Existence and Qualifications**. The Borrower shall, and shall cause each other Restricted Person to, (a) maintain and preserve its existence and its rights and franchises in full force and effect and (b) qualify to do business in all states or jurisdictions where required by applicable Law, except where the failure so to qualify has not had, and could not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.
  - **6.07 Payment of Trade Liabilities, Taxes, etc.** The Borrower shall, and shall cause each other Restricted Person to:
  - (a) timely file all tax returns required to be filed in any jurisdiction;
- (b) timely pay and discharge all taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other taxes, assessments, governmental charges, or levies imposed on them or any of their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent such taxes and assessments have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent and all claims for which sums have become due and payable that have or might become a lien on properties or assets of the Borrower or any other Restricted Person:
- (c) timely pay all Liabilities owed by it on ordinary trade terms to vendors, suppliers and other Persons providing goods and services used by it in the ordinary course of its business;
- (d) timely pay and discharge when due all other Liabilities now or hereafter owed by it, other than royalty payments suspended in the ordinary course of business; and
  - (e) maintain appropriate accruals and reserves for all of the foregoing in accordance with GAAP.

Each Restricted Person may, however, delay paying or discharging any of the foregoing so long as (i) the amount, applicability or validity thereof is contested by the Borrower or such Restricted Person on a timely basis in good faith and in appropriate proceedings, and the Borrower or such Restricted Person has established adequate reserves therefor in accordance with GAAP on the books of the Borrower or such Restricted Person or (ii) the non-payment of all such taxes, assessments, charges, levies and Liabilities in the aggregate could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

**6.08 Insurance**. The Borrower shall, and shall cause each other Restricted Person to, at all times maintain at its own expense with financially sound and reputable insurance companies, insurance in such amounts and against such risks as are customarily maintained by companies engaged in the same or similar businesses operating in the same or similar locations.

**6.09 Compliance with Law**. The Borrower shall, and shall cause each other Restricted Person to, conduct its business and affairs in compliance with all Laws applicable thereto and will maintain in good standing all licenses that may be necessary or appropriate to carry on its business, except for failures so to comply that have not had, and could not reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

### **6.10** Environmental Matters. The Borrower shall, and shall cause each other Restricted Person to:

- (a) comply in all material respects with all Environmental Laws now or hereafter applicable to such Restricted Person as well as all contractual obligations and agreements with respect to environmental remediation or other environmental matters and shall obtain, at or prior to the time required by applicable Environmental Laws, all environmental, health and safety permits, licenses and other authorizations necessary for its operations and will maintain such authorizations in full force and effect;
- (b) promptly furnish to the Administrative Agent all written notices of violation, orders, claims, citations, complaints, penalty assessments, suits or other proceedings received by any Restricted Person or General Partner, or of which it has notice, pending or threatened against any Restricted Person, the potential liability of which exceeds or might reasonably be expected to exceed \$15,000,000 or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect if resolved adversely against any Restricted Person, by any Governmental Authority with respect to any alleged violation of or non-compliance with any Environmental Laws or any permits, licenses or authorizations in connection with its ownership or use of its properties or the operation of its business; and
- (c) promptly furnish to the Administrative Agent all requests for information, notices of claim, demand letters, and other notifications, received by any Restricted Person or General Partner in connection with its ownership or use of its properties or the conduct of its business, relating to potential responsibility with respect to any investigation or clean-up of Hazardous Material at any location, the potential liability of which exceeds or might reasonably be expected to exceed \$15,000,000 or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect if resolved adversely against any Restricted Person.

#### 6.11 Guaranties of Subsidiaries.

- (a) The Borrower shall cause each Subsidiary, whether existing on the Closing Date or created, acquired or coming into existence after the Closing Date, that Guarantees any other Indebtedness of the Borrower to execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent a Guaranty.
- (b) Simultaneously with its delivery of such a Guaranty, the Borrower shall cause each Subsidiary to, at the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, provide written evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and its counsel that such Subsidiary has taken all corporate, limited liability company or partnership action necessary to duly approve and authorize its execution, delivery and performance of such Guaranty and any other documents which it is required to execute.
- (c) The Borrower may redesignate any Unrestricted Person to be a Restricted Subsidiary, <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not make such a designation unless at the time of such action and after giving effect thereto, (i) none of such Unrestricted Persons have outstanding Indebtedness or Guarantees, other than Indebtedness permitted under <u>Section 7.01</u>, or Liens on any of their property, other than Permitted Liens (in each case taking into account the other Indebtedness and Liens of the Restricted Persons), (ii) no Default or Event of Default shall exist, (iii) all representations and warranties herein will be true and correct in all material respects if remade at the time of such designation, except to the extent such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they were true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date, and (iv) the Borrower has provided to the Administrative Agent an officer's certificate in form satisfactory to the Administrative Agent to the effect that each of the foregoing conditions have been satisfied. In no event will either MLP or any of their respective subsidiaries be designated a Restricted Subsidiary.
- (d) The Borrower may designate any Person who becomes a Subsidiary of the Borrower after the date hereof to be an Unrestricted Person, provided that all Investments in such Subsidiary at the time of such designation shall be treated as Investments made on the date of such designation, and provided further that the Borrower shall not make such a designation unless such designation is made not later than thirty (30) days after the date such Person becomes a Subsidiary and, at the time of such action and after giving effect thereto, (i) such Subsidiary does not own, directly or indirectly, any Indebtedness or Equity Interests of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) no Default or Event of Default shall exist, (iii) all representations and warranties herein will be true and correct in all material respects if remade at the time of such designation, except to the extent such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they were true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date, (iv) the Investment represented by such designation is permitted under clause (f) of the definition of Permitted Investments and (v) the Borrower has provided to the Administrative Agent an officer's certificate in form satisfactory to the Administrative Agent to the effect that each of the foregoing conditions have been satisfied. No Restricted Subsidiary may be redesignated as an Unrestricted Person.
- (e) The Borrower shall be deemed to have made a Restricted Payment upon designation of an Unrestricted Person in an amount equal to the fair market value of all

Restricted Persons' Investments in such Unrestricted Person at the time of designation. The Borrower shall only be permitted to designate an Unrestricted Person or make an Investment in an Unrestricted Subsidiary if the Borrower is permitted to make a Restricted Payment in such amount.

- **6.12 Compliance with Agreements**. The Borrower shall, and shall cause each other Restricted Person to, observe, perform or comply in all material respects with any agreement with any Person or any term or condition of any instrument, if such agreement or instrument is materially significant to such Restricted Person or to Restricted Persons on a Consolidated basis, unless any such failure to so observe, perform or comply is remedied within the applicable period of grace (if any) provided in such agreement or instrument.
- **6.13 Further Assurances**. At any time or from time to time upon the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall, and shall cause each other Restricted Person to, at its expense, promptly execute, acknowledge and deliver such further documents and do such other acts and things as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request in order to effect fully the purposes of the Loan Documents. In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, the Borrower shall, and shall cause each other Restricted Person to, take such actions as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request from time to time to ensure that the Obligations and the Lender Hedging Obligations are guarantied by the Guarantors and secured by substantially all of the assets of the Restricted Persons (other than ETP GP and Regency GP), including all of the outstanding Equity Interests of any Restricted Subsidiary acquired or created after the Closing Date.
- **6.14 Miscellaneous Business Covenants**. Unless otherwise consented to by the Administrative Agent or Majority Lenders, the Borrower shall, and shall cause each other Restricted Person to, (i) maintain entity records and books of account separate from those of any other entity, including each MLP or any of their respective subsidiaries, which is an Affiliate of such entity; (ii) not commingle its funds or assets with those of any other entity, including each MLP or any of their respective subsidiaries, which is an Affiliate of such entity; and (iii) provide that the board of directors or other analogous governing body of the General Partner will hold all appropriate meetings to authorize and approve such entity's actions, which meetings will be separate from those of other entities, including each MLP or any of their respective subsidiaries.

### **6.15 Restricted/Unrestricted Subsidiaries**. The Borrower:

- (a) will not, and will not permit any Restricted Person to guaranty any Indebtedness of any of the Unrestricted Persons;
- (b) will not permit any Unrestricted Person to hold any equity or other ownership interest in any Restricted Person;
- (c) will operate each Unrestricted Person in such a manner as to make it apparent to all creditors of such Unrestricted Person that such Unrestricted Person is a legal entity separate and distinct from all of the Restricted Persons and as such is solely responsible for its debts;

- (d) will cause ETP and each of its subsidiaries which has a Restricted Person as its general partner to incur Indebtedness only under notes, loan agreements or other applicable agreements that expressly state that such Indebtedness is being incurred by ETP and, if applicable, such subsidiaries, on a basis that is non-recourse to ETP's general partner; and
- (e) will cause each Unrestricted Person (other than an MLP and its subsidiaries) to incur Indebtedness only under notes, loan agreements or other applicable agreements that expressly state that such Indebtedness is being incurred by such Unrestricted Person on a basis that is non-recourse to the Restricted Persons.

# ARTICLE VII. NEGATIVE COVENANTS

To conform with the terms and conditions under which each Lender is willing to have credit outstanding to the Borrower, and to induce each Lender to enter into this Agreement and make the Loans, the Borrower covenants and agrees that until the full and final payment of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement, unless Majority Lenders, or all Lenders as required under <u>Section 10.01</u>, have previously agreed otherwise:

- **7.01 Indebtedness**. The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person to, in any manner owe or be liable for Indebtedness except for the following:
  - (a) the Obligations;
- (b) Indebtedness of any Restricted Person (other than ETP GP, ETP LLC, Regency GP and Regency LLC) to any other Restricted Person (other than ETP GP, ETP LLC, Regency GP and Regency LLC); provided, (i) all such Indebtedness shall be evidenced by promissory notes and all such notes shall be subject to a first priority Lien pursuant to the Pledge and Security Agreement, (ii) all such Indebtedness shall be unsecured and subordinated in right of payment to the payment in full of the Obligations pursuant to the terms of the applicable promissory notes or an intercompany subordination agreement that in any such case is reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, and (iii) any payment by any Restricted Person that is a Guarantor under any guaranty of the Obligations shall result in a pro rata reduction of the amount of any such Indebtedness owed by such Guarantor to the Borrower or to any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Guarantor for whose benefit such payment is made;
- (c) Indebtedness in respect of bonds that are performance bonds, bid bonds, appeal bonds, surety bonds and similar obligations, in each case provided in the ordinary course of business, including those incurred to secure health, safety and environmental obligations in the ordinary course of business;
  - (d) Indebtedness in respect of netting services, overdraft protections and otherwise in connection with deposit accounts;
- (e) Indebtedness of (i) ETP LLC arising by operation of law as a result of ETP LLC being the general partner of ETP GP, (ii) ETP GP arising by operation of law as a result of ETP

- GP being the general partner of ETP, (iii) Regency LLC arising by operation of law as a result of Regency LLC being the general partner of Regency GP, and (iv) Regency GP arising by operation of law as a result of Regency GP being the general partner of Regency;
- (f) Indebtedness in respect to future payment for non-competition covenants and similar payments under agreements governing a Permitted Acquisition by a Restricted Person not to exceed at any time \$5,000,000;
- (g) Indebtedness of any Person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary after the date hereof incurred prior to the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary, not to exceed at any time \$15,000,000; provided that (i) such Indebtedness is not created in contemplation of such Person becoming a Subsidiary and (ii) such Indebtedness is not assumed or Guaranteed by any other Restricted Person;
- (h) other Indebtedness of the Borrower (and, without duplication, Guarantees thereof by Subsidiaries of the Borrower who are Guarantors of the Obligations hereunder) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed at any time \$20,000,000;
- (i) Senior Note Indebtedness; provided the amount of such Indebtedness shall not exceed an aggregate principal amount of \$1,850,000,000 outstanding at any one time; and
- (j) refinancings, renewals or extensions of all or any part of any Indebtedness incurred in accordance with the foregoing clause (j) ("Senior Note Refinancing Indebtedness"), provided that (i) the maturity date of such Senior Note Refinancing Indebtedness is no earlier than the Maturity Date, (ii) there are no scheduled repayments of principal of such Senior Note Refinancing Indebtedness or sinking fund payments thereon prior to the Maturity Date, (iii) the documents or instruments governing such Indebtedness do not contain any maintenance financial covenant, (iv) such Indebtedness is not secured, and (v) the principal amount of such Senior Note Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of Senior Note Indebtedness being refinanced, renewed or extended except by an amount equal to accrued and unpaid interest, prepayment premium, fees and expenses reasonably incurred in connection with such refinancing, renewal or extension.
- **7.02 Limitation on Liens**. The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person to, create, assume or permit to exist any Lien upon or with respect to any of its properties or assets now owned or hereafter acquired, except the following Liens (to the extent permitted by this Section, herein called "Permitted Liens"):
  - (a) Liens existing on the date of this Agreement and listed in the Disclosure Schedule;
- (b) Liens imposed by any Governmental Authority for taxes, assessments or charges not yet due or the validity of which is being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings, if necessary, for which adequate reserves are maintained on the books of any Restricted Person in accordance with GAAP;

- (c) pledges or deposits of cash or securities under worker's compensation, unemployment insurance or other social security legislation;
- (d) carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's, landlord's, or other like Liens (including Liens on property of any Restricted Person in the possession of storage facilities, pipelines or barges) arising in the ordinary course of business for amounts which are not more than sixty (60) days past due or the validity of which is being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings, if necessary, and for which adequate reserves are maintained on the books of any Restricted Person in accordance with GAAP;
- (e) deposits of cash or securities to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts (other than for borrowed money), leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (f) easements, rights-of-way, restrictions and other similar encumbrances incurred in the ordinary course of business and encumbrances consisting of zoning restrictions, easements, licenses, restrictions on the use of real property or minor imperfections in title thereto which, in the aggregate, are not material in amount, and which do not in any case materially detract from the value of the property subject thereto or interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of any Restricted Person;
- (g) rights reserved to or vested in any Governmental Authority by the terms of any right, power, franchise, grant, license or permit, or by any provision of law, to revoke or terminate any such right, power, franchise, grant, license or permit or to condemn or acquire by eminent domain or similar process;
- (h) rights reserved to or vested by Law in any Governmental Authority to control or regulate in any manner any of the properties of any Restricted Person or the use thereof or the rights and interests of any Restricted Person therein under any and all Laws;
- (i) rights reserved to the grantors of any properties of any Restricted Person, and the restrictions, conditions, restrictive covenants and limitations, in respect thereto, pursuant to the terms, conditions and provisions of any rights-of-way agreements, contracts or other agreements therewith;
  - (j) inchoate Liens in respect of pending litigation or with respect to a judgment that has not resulted in an Event of Default under Section 8.01;
  - (k) statutory Liens in respect of payables;
- (l) any Lien existing on any property prior to the acquisition thereof by the Borrower or any Subsidiary or existing on any property of any Person that becomes a Subsidiary after the date hereof prior to the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that (i) 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, (ii) such Lien shall not apply to any other property of the Borrower or any Subsidiary, (iii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures

on the date of such acquisition or the date such Person becomes a Subsidiary, as the case may be; and (iv) such Liens together with all Liens permitted under <u>Section 7.02(m)</u>; do not secure Indebtedness in excess of the amount permitted by <u>Section 7.02(m)</u>;

- (m) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted by <u>Section 7.01(f)</u>, <u>7.01(g)</u> or <u>7.01(h)</u>; <u>provided</u> that such Liens do not secure Indebtedness that together with (but without duplication) all Indebtedness secured by Liens permitted under <u>Section 7.02(l)</u> exceeds a principal amount at any one time of \$35,000,000;
  - (n) Liens on cash margin collateral securing Hedging Contracts permitted under Section 7.10;
  - (o) Liens in respect of operating leases covering only the property subject thereto; and
  - (p) Liens pursuant to the Loan Documents.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing to the contrary, no Liens of the kind set forth in clauses (a) through and including (o) above shall be permitted on the Equity Interests of ETP, ETP GP, ETP LLC, Regency, Regency GP or Regency LLC.

**7.03 Limitation on Mergers, Issuances of Subsidiary Securities**. The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person to, enter into any transaction of merger or consolidation or amalgamation, or liquidate, wind up or dissolve itself or suffer any liquidation or dissolution, except (a) Permitted Acquisitions and (b) the merger, dissolution or liquidation into or consolidation of a Restricted Subsidiary (other than ETP GP, ETP LLC, Regency GP or Regency LLC) with or into the Borrower (so long as the Borrower is the surviving entity) or another Restricted Subsidiary (other than ETP GP, ETP LLC, Regency GP or Regency LLC) (so long as if one such Restricted Person is a Guarantor, the surviving entity shall be a Guarantor). Except in connection with a sale of all of the Equity Interest of a Restricted Subsidiary permitted under Section 7.04: (i) the Borrower will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose the Equity Interest of any Restricted Subsidiary and no Restricted Subsidiary will issue any additional Equity Interests if such action will result in or allow any diminution of the Borrower's Equity Interest (direct or indirect) in such Restricted Subsidiary, and (ii) no Restricted Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a partnership will allow any diminution of the Borrower's interest (direct or indirect) in such Restricted Subsidiary.

**7.04 Limitation on Sales of Property**. The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person to, sell, transfer, lease, exchange, alienate or dispose of any of its property or any material interest therein except:

(a) in respect of Borrower, (or any Restricted Subsidiary that holds limited partnership units of an MLP), and in respect of ETP GP, ETP LLC, Regency GP or Regency LLC: (i) the sale of stock or other securities issued by a Restricted Subsidiary of a Restricted Person in order to qualify directors if required by applicable law, (ii) the sale of immaterial assets

(other than stock or securities, including partnership units) in the ordinary course, (iii) the sale of limited partnership units of an MLP, <u>provided</u> that with respect to this clause (iii) (A) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred or be continuing or would result therefrom, (B) the aggregate sale of limited partnership units of ETP from and after the Closing Date shall not exceed 25% of such units owned by the Borrower or of such units owned by its Restricted Subsidiaries as of such date and the aggregate sale of limited partnership units of Regency from and after the Closing Date shall not exceed 25% of such units owned by the Borrower or of such units owned by its Restricted Subsidiaries as of the Closing Date, (C) after giving effect to such sale on a pro forma basis as if it had occurred on the first day of the test period most recently ended, the Borrower shall be in compliance with <u>Section 7.12</u>, and (D) the Net Asset Sale Proceeds thereof shall be applied pursuant to <u>Section 2.06(b)</u>, to the extent required by such Section;

(b) in respect of any Restricted Subsidiary of the Borrower, other than ETP GP, ETP LLC, Regency GP or Regency LLC that owns operating assets acquired after the date of this Agreement, the following in respect of such operating assets: (i) equipment and other personal property and fixtures that are either (A) obsolete for their intended purposes and disposed of in the ordinary course of business, or (B) replaced by personal property or fixtures of comparable suitability owned by such Restricted Person free and clear of all Liens except Permitted Liens; (ii) inventory which is sold in the ordinary course of business on ordinary trade terms; (iii) property sold or transferred by any Restricted Subsidiary to any other Restricted Subsidiary (so long as if the transferor is a Guarantor, the transferee shall be a Guarantor); (iv) property subject to a Sale and Lease-Back Transaction with respect to which the Attributable Debt and Liens are permitted by the provisions of this Agreement; (v) assignment of accounts receivable for collection purposes in the ordinary course of business; (vi) property sold to comply with any divestment requirement imposed in connection with the approval of an acquisition under Hart-Scott-Rodino Act of 1976; (vii) sales, transfers or other dispositions of other property or issuances or sales of Equity Interests of any Restricted Subsidiary, in any case for fair consideration that are in the best interests of the Borrower not to exceed \$10,000,000 on a cumulative basis, provided that immediately after giving effect to such proposed disposition no Default or Event of Default shall exist and be continuing; and (viii) sales, transfers or other dispositions of other property for fair consideration that are in the best interests of the Borrower to any Person; provided that with respect to this clause (viii) (A) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred or be continuing or would result therefrom, (B) after giving effect to such sale on a pro forma basis as if it had occurred on the first day of the test period most recently ended, the Borrower shall be in compliance with Section 7.12, (C) such sale, transfer or disposition is in exchange for other assets used by the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries in the furtherance of their business, and (D) with respect to the amount of the proceeds of such sale, transfer or disposition (other than such assets received in exchange), net of customary costs of sale (in this paragraph, the "Proceeds"), (x) such Proceeds are applied within twelve (12) months to the purchase of other assets used by the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries in the furtherance of their business or (y) the Commitments are permanently reduced within twelve (12) months by the amount of any such Proceeds not so applied to the purchase of such assets used by the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries in the furtherance of their business; and

(c) ETP GP may exchange all or part of the incentive distribution rights owned by it for limited partnership units of ETP of not less than substantially equivalent value as of the date of such exchange.

Except as expressly permitted by this Section 7.04, in no event shall the Borrower sell, transfer, lease, exchange, alienate or dispose of its interests in ETP GP, ETP LLC, Regency GP or Regency LLC nor permit ETP LLC to sell, transfer, lease, exchange, alienate or dispose of its interests in ETP GP nor permit ETP GP to sell, transfer, lease, exchange, alienate or dispose of its interest in ETP nor permit Regency LLC to sell, transfer, lease, exchange, alienate or dispose of its interest in Regency GP nor permit Regency GP to sell, transfer, lease, exchange, alienate or dispose of its interests in Regency.

**7.05 Limitation on Restricted Payment.** The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person to, declare or make, directly or indirectly any Restricted Payments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) no Restricted Person shall be restricted, directly or indirectly, from declaring and making Restricted Payments to another Restricted Person, (b) the Borrower may purchase its common limited partnership units and redeem the Restructuring Preferred Units, so long as in connection with each such purchase or redemption (i) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) prior to and after giving effect thereto, the Leverage Ratio of the Borrower is not greater than 4.50 to 1.00, and (iii) the sum of the Borrower being greater than 4.50 to 1.00, is greater than \$10,000,000, and (c) so long as the Borrower shall be in compliance with Section 7.12 prior to and after giving effect to any distribution, and so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, the Borrower may declare or order and make, pay or set apart, during each Fiscal Quarter, Restricted Payments consisting of cash distribution to its general partner, its preferred limited partner unit holders and its common limited partner unit holders pursuant to the requirements of the Partnership Agreement or the Restructuring Preferred Units.

**7.06 Limitation on Investments, Loans and Advances.** The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person to, make or commit to make any capital contributions to, or make or hold any other Investments in, any Person, other than Permitted Investments, nor acquire properties or assets except (a) in the ordinary course of business, (b) any acquisition of capital assets that will become a part of the operations of such Restricted Person (and provided that the same shall not result in a violation of Section 7.08) and (c) any Permitted Acquisition. Except for Permitted Investments and Hedging Contracts permitted under Section 7.10, the Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person to, extend credit, make advances or make loans other than normal and prudent extensions of credit to customers in the ordinary course of business or to another Restricted Person in the ordinary course of business, which extensions shall not be for longer periods than those extended by similar businesses operated in a normal and prudent manner. The Borrower shall not permit any Equity Interest of a Restricted Subsidiary to be held by an Unrestricted Person or any Indebtedness, obligations or liabilities of a Restricted Subsidiary to be held by an Unrestricted Person.

7.07 Transactions with Shareholders and Affiliates. No Restricted Person shall, directly or indirectly, enter into or permit to exist any transaction (including the purchase, sale, lease or exchange of any property or the rendering of any service) with any holder of 5% or more of any class of Equity Interests of a Restricted Person or with any Affiliate of a Restricted Person, on terms that are less favorable to such Restricted Person than those that might be obtained at the time from a Person who is not such a holder or Affiliate; provided, the foregoing restriction shall not apply to: (a) any transaction between Restricted Persons; (b) reasonable and customary fees paid to members of the board of directors (or similar governing body) of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries; (c) compensation arrangements for officers and other employees of any Restricted Person entered into in the ordinary course of business; (d) the transactions that are the subject of an MLP Limited Partnership Agreement; (e) transactions between a Restricted Person on the one hand and an MLP and the general partner of such MLP and their respective Subsidiaries on the other hand similar to those typically addressed in omnibus agreements between the sponsors of a publicly traded limited partnership on the one hand and the publicly traded partnership on the other hand; (f) the transactions that are the subject of the Shared Services Agreement dated August 26, 2005 by and between ETP and the Borrower, as amended or replaced from time to time; (g) the transactions that are the subject of the Services Agreement dated May 10, 2010 providing for a portion of the Restructuring Transactions, as amended or replaced from time to time, and (h) transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business of such Restricted Person on terms that are no less favorable to such Restricted Person than those which would have been obtainable at the time in an arm's length transaction with Persons that are not Affiliates.

**7.08 Conduct of Business.** From and after the Closing Date, the Borrower shall not engage in any business other than (a) the Permitted Line of Business and (b) such other lines of business as may be consented to by Majority Lenders. ETP GP shall not engage in any business other than acting as the general partner of ETP, ETP LLC shall not engage in any business other than acting as the general partner of ETP GP, Regency LLC shall not engage in any business other than acting as the general partner of Regency.

**7.09 Restrictive and Negative Pledge Agreements**. Except as expressly provided for in the Loan Documents and as described in the Disclosure Schedule or the documents governing the Senior Notes or the Senior Notes Refinancing Indebtedness, the Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person to, directly or indirectly, enter into, create, or otherwise allow to exist any contract or other consensual restriction on (a) the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary to: (i) pay dividends or make other distributions; (ii) redeem Equity Interests held in it by the Borrower or another Restricted Subsidiary; (iii) repay loans and other indebtedness owing by it to the Borrower or another Restricted Subsidiary; or (iv) transfer any of its assets to the Borrower or another Restricted Subsidiary; or (b) the ability of any Restricted Person to create Liens on any of its assets or property to secure the Obligations or Lender Hedging Obligations.

**7.10 Hedging Contracts**. The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person to, be a party to or in any manner be liable on any Hedging Contract except

any Hedging Contracts (a) entered into by such Person in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of fixing interest rates on the Indebtedness under the Loan Documents or for the purpose of directly mitigating risks or reducing costs associated with liabilities, commitments, investments, assets, or property held or reasonably anticipated by such Person in the normal course of business, and not for purposes of speculation, (b) that does not contain any provision exonerating the non-defaulting party from its obligation to make payments on outstanding transactions to the defaulting party, and (c) that is with a counterparty whose obligations are rated (or are guaranteed by an affiliate whose obligations are rated) AA-/Aa3 or better, respectively, by any Rating Agency or are in accordance with the risk management policies of the Borrower as such policies have been adopted or amended from time to time and disclosed to the Lenders.

**7.11 Commingling of Deposit Accounts and Accounts.** The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, commingle their respective Deposit Accounts or Accounts (as such terms are defined in Article 9 of the UCC) with the Deposit Accounts or Accounts of any of its Unrestricted Persons.

#### 7.12 Financial Covenants.

(a) <u>Leverage Ratio of the Borrower</u>. (i) On each Quarterly Testing Date using the Consolidated Funded Debt of the Borrower outstanding on such day and using Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower for the four Fiscal Quarter period ending on such day, (ii) on the date of each acquisition or disposition of limited partnership units of an MLP or of any Specified Acquisition using the Consolidated Funded Debt of the Borrower that will be outstanding after giving effect to such acquisition or disposition and using Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower for the four Fiscal Quarter period most recently ending prior to such acquisition or disposition for which financial statements contemplated by <u>Section 6.02(b)</u> are available to the Borrower (and giving pro forma effect to such specified acquisition or disposition as provided in the definition of Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower), and (iii) on each date on which the Borrower makes a distribution permitted under <u>Section 7.05</u>, after giving effect thereto and using Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower for the four Fiscal Quarter period most recently ending prior to such date for which financial statements contemplated by <u>Section 6.02(b)</u> are available to the Borrower, the Leverage Ratio of the Borrower will not exceed (A) 4.50 to 1.00 at any time other than during a Specified Acquisition Period and (B) 5.00 to 1.00 during a Specified Acquisition Period.

(b) <u>Consolidated Leverage Ratio</u>. (i) On each Quarterly Testing Date using the Consolidated Funded Debt of the Borrower plus Consolidated Funded Debt of ETP <u>plus</u> Consolidated Funded Debt of Regency, in each case outstanding on such day, and using Consolidated EBITDA of ETP and Consolidated EBITDA of Regency for the four Fiscal Quarter period ending on such day, (ii) on the date of each Specified Acquisition using the Consolidated Funded Debt of the Borrower that will be outstanding after giving effect to such Specified Acquisition <u>plus</u> Consolidated Funded Debt of Regency on such day and using Consolidated EBITDA of ETP and Consolidated EBITDA of Regency, in each case for the four Fiscal Quarter period most recently ending prior to such Specified Acquisition for which financial statements contemplated by <u>Section 6.02(b)</u> are

available to the Borrower (and giving pro forma effect to such Specified Acquisition), and (iii) on each date on which the Borrower makes a distribution permitted under Section 7.05, after giving effect thereto and using Consolidated EBITDA of ETP and Consolidated EBITDA of Regency, in each case for the four Fiscal Quarter period most recently ending prior to such date for which financial statements contemplated by Section 6.02(b) are available to the Borrower, the ratio of (A) the sum of Consolidated Funded Debt of the Borrower plus Consolidated Funded Debt of ETP plus Consolidated Funded Debt of Regency, in each case outstanding on the specified date, to (B) the sum of Consolidated EBITDA of ETP plus Consolidated EBITDA of Regency, in each case for the specified period, will not exceed 5.50 to 1.00.

- (c) <u>Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio</u>. The ratio of (i) Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower for each period of four consecutive Fiscal Quarters to (ii) Consolidated Fixed Charges for such period will never be less than 3.00 to 1.00 at any time.
- (d) <u>Value to Loan Ratio</u>. The ratio as of any date of (i) Value on such date to (ii) the outstanding principal amount of Loans, LC Obligations, and Hedging Termination Value of Lender Hedging Obligations on such date will never be less than 2.00 to 1.00.
- **7.13 Amendments or Waivers of Certain Agreements; Material Contracts.** The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person to, agree to any material amendment, restatement, supplement or other modification to, or waiver of, any of its material rights under any organizational document (other than a change in domicile to Delaware or as otherwise permitted hereunder) or any material agreement, judgment, license or permit after the Closing Date that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect without in each case obtaining the prior written consent of Majority Lenders to such amendment, restatement, supplement or other modification or waiver.
- **7.14 Sales and Lease-Backs.** The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person to, directly or indirectly, 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 such Restricted Person (a) has sold or transferred or is to sell or to transfer to any other Person or (b) intends to use for substantially the same purpose as any other property which has been or is to be sold or transferred by such Restricted Person to any Person in connection with such lease.
- **7.15 Fiscal Year.** The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person to, change its Fiscal Year-end without giving fifteen (15) days prior written notice thereof to the Administrative Agent.
- **7.16 Tax Status.** The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Restricted Person existing as of the Closing Date to, take any action that would result in a change in the tax pass-through status of any Restricted Person existing as of the Closing Date.

# ARTICLE VIII. EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

8.01 Events of Default. Each of the following events constitutes an Event of Default under this Agreement (each, an "Event of Default"):

- (a) Any Restricted Person fails to pay the principal component of any Loan or any reimbursement obligation with respect to any Letter of Credit when due and payable, whether at a date for the payment of a fixed installment or as a contingent or other payment becomes due and payable or as a result of acceleration or otherwise;
- (b) Any Restricted Person fails to pay any Obligation (other than the Obligations in <u>Section 8.01(a)</u>), whether at a date for the payment of a fixed installment or as a contingent or other payment becomes due and payable or as a result of acceleration or otherwise, within five Business Days after the same becomes due;
- (c) Any event defined as a "default" or "event of default" in any Loan Document (other than this Agreement) occurs, and the same is not remedied within the applicable period of grace (if any) provided in such Loan Document;
  - (d) Any Restricted Person fails to duly observe, perform or comply with any covenant, agreement or provision of Section 6.04 or Article VII;
- (e) Any Restricted Person fails (other than as referred to in <u>Sections 8.01(a)</u>, (<u>b</u>), (<u>c</u>) or (<u>d</u>) above) to duly observe, perform or comply with any covenant, agreement, condition or provision of any Loan Document to which it is a party, and such failure remains unremedied for a period of thirty (30) days after the earlier of (i) a Responsible Officer of the Borrower becomes aware of such failure or (ii) notice of such failure is given by the Administrative Agent to the Borrower:
- (f) Any representation or warranty previously, presently or hereafter made in writing by or on behalf of any Restricted Person in connection with any Loan Document shall prove to have been false or incorrect in any material respect on any date on or as of which made;
- (g) (i) Any Loan Document at any time ceases to be valid, binding and enforceable as warranted in Section 5.05 for any reason other than its release by the Lenders or the Administrative Agent (as permitted under Section 9.10), (ii) any Loan Document shall be declared null and void, (iii) the Borrower shall repudiate in writing its obligations under any Loan Document to which it is party, or (iv) the Borrower shall contest the validity or enforceability of any Loan Document in writing or deny in writing that it has any further liability under any Loan Document to which it is party;
- (h) (i) The Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or any Unrestricted Person (A) fails to make any payment when due (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise) in respect of any Indebtedness or Guarantee (other than Indebtedness hereunder and Indebtedness under Hedging Contracts) having an aggregate principal amount (including undrawn committed or available amounts and including amounts owing to all

creditors under any combined or syndicated credit arrangement) of more than \$10,000,000 in respect of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or of more than \$50,000,000 in respect of an MLP or any of its subsidiaries, 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, in each case, following any applicable cure period, the effect of which 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 Hedging Contract an Early Termination Date (as defined in such Hedging Contract) resulting from (A) any event of default under such Hedging Contract as to which the Borrower or any Subsidiary or any Unrestricted Person is the Defaulting Party (as defined in such Hedging Contract) or (B) any Termination Event (as defined in such Hedging Contract) under such Hedging Termination Value owed by the Borrower or such Subsidiary or such Unrestricted Person to a single counterparty as a result thereof is greater than \$10,000,000 in respect of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or greater than \$50,000,000 in respect of an MLP or any of its subsidiaries, for such Hedging Contract and, in the case of a Termination Event under clause (ii)(B), any Hedging Termination Value payable by the Borrower, any of its

- (i) Either (i) any "accumulated funding deficiency" (as defined in Section 412(a) of the Code) in excess of \$10,000,000 exists with respect to any ERISA Plan, whether or not waived by the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate, or (ii) any Termination Event occurs with respect to any ERISA Plan and the then current value of such ERISA Plan's benefit liabilities exceeds the then current value of such ERISA Plan's assets available for the payment of such benefit liabilities by more than \$10,000,000 (or in the case of a Termination Event involving the withdrawal of a substantial employer, the withdrawing employer's proportionate share of such excess exceeds such amount);
  - (j) The Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or any Unrestricted Person:
  - (i) has entered against it a judgment, decree or order for relief by a Tribunal of competent jurisdiction in an involuntary proceeding commenced under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law of any jurisdiction now or hereafter in effect, including the federal Bankruptcy Code, as from time to time amended, or has any such proceeding commenced against it, in each case, which remains undismissed for a period of sixty (60) days; or
  - (ii) commences a voluntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or similar Law now or hereafter in effect, including the federal Bankruptcy Code, as from time to time amended; or applies for or consents to the entry of an order for relief in an

involuntary case under any such Law; or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or is generally unable to pay (or admits in writing its inability to so pay) its debts as such debts become due; or takes corporate or other action to authorize any of the foregoing; or

- (iii) has entered against it the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of all or a substantial part of its assets in a proceeding brought against or initiated by it, and such appointment or taking possession is neither made ineffective nor discharged within sixty (60) days after the making thereof, or such appointment or taking possession is at any time consented to, requested by, or acquiesced to by it; or
- (iv) has entered against it a final judgment for the payment of money in excess of more than \$10,000,000 in respect of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or of more than \$50,000,000 in respect of an MLP or any of its subsidiaries (in each case not covered by insurance or third party indemnification obligations satisfactory to the Administrative Agent), unless the same is discharged within sixty (60) days after the date of entry thereof or an appeal or appropriate proceeding for review thereof is taken within such period and a stay of execution pending such appeal is obtained; or
- (v) suffers a writ or warrant of attachment or any similar process to be issued by any Tribunal against all or any substantial part of its assets, and such writ or warrant of attachment or any similar process is not stayed or released within sixty (60) days after the entry or levy thereof or after any stay is vacated or set aside;
- (k) Any Change of Control occurs;
- (l) (i) the Guaranty for any reason, other than the satisfaction in full of all Obligations, shall cease to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with its terms) or shall be declared null and void or any Guarantor shall repudiate in writing its obligations thereunder, (ii) this Agreement or any Collateral Document ceases to be in full force and effect (other than by reason of a release of Collateral in accordance with the terms hereof or the satisfaction in full of the Obligations in accordance with the terms hereof) or shall be declared null and void, or the Administrative Agent shall not have or shall cease to have, or any Restricted Person shall assert in writing that the Administrative Agent shall not have or shall cease to have, a valid and perfected Lien in any Collateral purported to be covered by the Collateral Documents with the priority required by the relevant Collateral Document, in each case for any reason other than the failure of the Administrative Agent or any Lender to take any action within its control, or (iii) any Restricted Person shall contest the validity or enforceability of any Loan Document in writing or deny in writing that it has any further liability, under any Loan Document to which it is a party;
- (m) Except as permitted in the Applicable MLP Credit Agreement, an MLP shall, or shall permit any of its subsidiaries to, create or otherwise cause or suffer to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction of any kind on the ability of any of its subsidiaries to (a) pay dividends or make any other distributions on any of such subsidiary's

Equity Interests owned by such MLP or any other subsidiary, (b) repay or prepay any Indebtedness owed by such subsidiary to such MLP or any subsidiary of such MLP, (c) make loans or advances to such MLP or any subsidiary of such MLP, or (d) transfer any of its property or assets to such MLP or any subsidiary of such MLP other than restrictions that are or were created by virtue of any transfer of, agreement to transfer or option or right with respect to any property, assets or Equity Interests not otherwise prohibited under this Agreement; provided, that (i) the foregoing shall not apply to customary restrictions or conditions imposed by law, restrictions contained in the applicable MLP Limited Partnership Agreement, the Applicable MLP Credit Agreement, any other applicable MLP Credit Document or to any such restrictive provisions that are no less favorable to the Lenders than those contained in agreements similar to any such agreements, (ii) the foregoing shall not apply to any customary restrictions on distributions that become effective upon the occurrence of a default or event of default under any financing agreement to which such MLP or any subsidiary of such MLP is a party, so long as such restrictions are on terms no less favorable to the Lenders than similar restrictions under the Applicable MLP Credit Agreement, and (iii) the foregoing shall not apply to customary restrictions and conditions contained in agreements relating to the sale of any subsidiary of such MLP pending such sale, provided such restrictions and conditions apply to the subsidiary of such MLP that is sold and such sale is permitted under the Applicable MLP Credit Agreement, except as otherwise approved by the General Partner; or

- (n) An "Event of Default" as defined in any agreement governing the Senior Note Indebtedness (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the agreements governing any Senior Note Refinancing Indebtedness) occurs, or any default or other event occurs following any applicable cure period, the effect of which default or other event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of any such Indebtedness or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders 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 in full (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Indebtedness to be made, prior to its stated maturity occurs.
- **8.02 Remedies Upon Event of Default**. If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Administrative Agent shall, at the request of, or may, with the consent of, the Majority Lenders, take any or all of the following actions:
- (a) declare the Commitments, the Swingline Commitment and any obligation of the LC Issuer to make LC Credit Extensions to be terminated, whereupon such commitments and obligation shall be terminated;
- (b) declare the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding 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, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower;
  - (c) require that the Borrower Cash Collateralize the LC Obligations (in an amount equal to the then outstanding amount thereof); and

(d) exercise on behalf of itself and the Lenders all rights and remedies available to it and the Lenders under the Loan Documents;

provided, however, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default described in subsections (j)(i), (j)(ii) or (j)(iii) of Section 8.01, the Commitments, the Swingline Commitment and any obligation of the LC Issuer to make LC Credit Extensions shall automatically terminate, the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding 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 LC Obligations as aforesaid shall automatically become effective, in each case without further act of the Administrative Agent or any Lender.

**8.03 Application of Funds**. After the exercise of remedies provided for in <u>Section 8.02</u> (or after the Loans have automatically become immediately due and payable and the LC Obligations have automatically been required to be Cash Collateralized as set forth in the proviso to <u>Section 8.02</u>), 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;

<u>Second</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities and other amounts (other than principal and interest) payable to the Lenders and the LC Issuer (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the respective Lenders and the LC Issuer (including fees and time charges for attorneys who may be employees of any Lender or the LC Issuer) and amounts payable under <u>Article III</u>), ratably among them in proportion to the 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 interest on the Loans, Matured LC Obligations, other Obligations and Lender Hedging Obligations, ratably among the Lenders, any Affiliate of a Lender (in respect of Lender Hedging Obligations) and the LC Issuer in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause <u>Third</u> payable to them;

<u>Fourth</u>, to payment of the remaining portion of the Lender Hedging Obligations and the remaining portion of the Obligations, whether constituting unpaid principal of the Loans and Matured LC Obligations or other amounts, and to the Administrative Agent for the account of the LC Issuer to Cash Collateralize that portion of LC Obligations comprised of the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit, ratably among the Lenders, any Affiliate of a Lender (in respect of Lender Hedging Obligations) and the Administrative Agent for the account of the LC Issuer in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause <u>Fourth</u> held by them; 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.

Amounts used to Cash Collateralize the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit pursuant to clause <u>Fourth</u> above shall be applied to satisfy drawings under such Letters of Credit as they occur. If any amount remains on deposit as LC 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.

## ARTICLE IX. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

**9.01 Appointment and Authority**. Each of the Lenders and the LC Issuer hereby irrevocably appoints Credit Suisse AG 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. For purposes of this <u>Article IX</u> and <u>Section 10.04</u>, the term "Administrative Agent" also includes Credit Suisse AG in its capacity as Collateral Agent pursuant to the Collateral Documents. The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the LC Issuer, and the Borrower shall not have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions.

**9.02 Rights as a Lender.** The Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent and the term "Lender" or "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 Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Administrative Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.

- **9.03 Exculpatory Provisions.** 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 Majority Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Loan Documents), provided that the 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; and

(c) shall not, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Borrower or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity.

The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with the consent or at the request of the Majority Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the 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 10.01</u> and <u>8.02</u>) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until written notice describing such Default is given to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower, a Lender or the LC Issuer.

The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent.

**9.04 Reliance by Administrative Agent.** 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 Loan, or the issuance of a Letter of Credit, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or the LC Issuer, the Administrative Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or the LC Issuer unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender or the LC Issuer prior to the making of such 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 Delegation of Duties.** 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, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as Administrative Agent.

9.06 Resignation of Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders, the LC Issuer and the Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Majority Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with the Borrower, to appoint a successor, which shall be a bank with an office in the United States, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Majority 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 Lenders and the LC Issuer, appoint a successor Administrative Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above; provided that if the Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower and the 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 Cash Collateral held by the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders or the LC Issuer under any of the Loan Documents, the retiring Administrative Agent shall continue to hold such Cash Collateral 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 Lender and the LC Issuer directly, until such time as the Majority 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 10.04 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 Credit Suisse AG as Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section shall also constitute the resignation, subject to Section 10.06(h), of Credit Suisse AG (or its Affiliate or branch then serving that either such capacity) as LC Issuer and Swingline Lender. 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 LC Issuer and Swingline Lender shall, subject to Section 10.06(h), be discharged from all of their respective duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, and (iii) the successor LC Issuer shall use commercially reasonable efforts to issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or use commercially reasonable efforts

to make other arrangement satisfactory to the retiring LC Issuer to effectively assume the obligations of the retiring LC Issuer with respect to such Letters of Credit.

**9.07 Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent and Other Lenders.** Each Lender and the LC Issuer acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender and the LC Issuer also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

**9.08 No Other Duties, Etc.** Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the Bookrunners, Arrangers, or other Agents listed on the cover page hereof shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as the Administrative Agent, a Lender or the LC Issuer hereunder.

- **9.09 Administrative Agent May File Proofs of Claim.** In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceeding relative to any Restricted Person, the Administrative Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan or LC Obligation shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the 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 Loans, LC Obligations and all other Obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders, the LC Issuer and the Administrative Agent allowed in such judicial proceeding; and
  - (b) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender and the LC Issuer to make such payments to the Administrative Agent and, in the event that the Administrative Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders and the LC Issuer, 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 Sections 2.12 and 10.04.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the Administrative Agent to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Lender or the LC Issuer any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Obligations or the rights of any Lender or to authorize the Administrative Agent to vote in respect of the claim of any Lender in any such proceeding.

**9.10 Guaranty and Collateral Matters.** The Lenders and the LC Issuer irrevocably authorize the Administrative Agent to (i) release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty if such Person ceases to be a Subsidiary as a result of a transaction permitted hereunder and (ii) to release any Collateral from the Collateral Documents if such Collateral (or the owner of that Collateral ceases to be a Subsidiary) is disposed of (other than to another Restricted Person) in compliance with this Agreement. Upon request by the Administrative Agent at any time, the Majority Lenders will confirm in writing the Administrative Agent's authority to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty or to release any Collateral from the Collateral Documents, in either case pursuant to this Section 9.10.

# ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS

- **10.01 Amendments, Etc.** No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, and no consent to any departure by the Borrower or any other Restricted Person therefrom, shall be effective unless in writing signed by the Majority Lenders and the Borrower or the applicable Restricted Person, 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; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no such amendment, waiver or consent shall:
  - (a) waive any condition set forth in <u>Section 4.01(a)</u> without the written consent of each Lender;
- (b) extend or increase the Commitment of any Lender (or reinstate any Commitment terminated pursuant to <u>Section 8.02</u>) without the written consent of such Lender;
- (c) postpone any date fixed by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts due to the Lenders (or any of them) hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby;
- (d) reduce the principal of, or the rate of interest specified herein on, any Loan or LC Obligation, or (subject to clause (iii) of the second proviso to this Section 10.01) any fees or other amounts payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document, or change the manner of computation of any financial ratio (including any change in any applicable defined term) used in determining the Applicable Leverage Level that would result in a reduction of any interest rate on any Loan or any fee payable hereunder without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby; provided, however, that only the consent of the Majority 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 at the Default Rate;

- (e) change Section 2.15 or Section 8.03 in a manner that would alter the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby without the written consent of each affected Lender;
- (f) change any provision of this Section or the definition of "Majority Lenders" or any other provision hereof specifying the number or percentage of Lenders required to amend, waive or otherwise modify any rights hereunder or make any determination or grant any consent hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender; or
- (g) release all or substantially all of the Guarantors from the Guaranty or release all or substantially all of the Collateral from the Collateral Documents; and, provided further, that: (i) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the LC Issuer in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of the LC 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 Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; (iii) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Swingline Lender in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of the Swingline Lender under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; and (iv) the Fee 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, except to the extent the consent of such Lender would be required under clause (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this Section 10.01.

#### 10.02 Notices; Effectiveness; Electronic Communication.

- (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 the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Lender or the LC Issuer, to the address, telecopier number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on <u>Schedule 4</u>; and
- (ii) if to any other Lender, to the address, telecopier number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified in its Administrative Questionnaire. Notices sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices 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 delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in subsection (b) below, shall be effective as provided in such subsection (b).

(b) <u>Electronic Communications</u>. Notices and other communications to the Lenders and the LC Issuer hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet web sites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent, <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender or the LC Issuer pursuant to <u>Article II</u> if such Lender or the LC Issuer, as applicable, has notified the Administrative Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communication. 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 web site 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 web site address therefor.

- (c) <u>Effectiveness of Facsimile Documents and Signatures</u>. Loan Documents may be transmitted and/or signed by facsimile. The effectiveness of any such documents and signatures shall, subject to applicable Law, have the same force and effect as manually signed originals and shall be binding on all Restricted Persons, the Administrative Agent, the LC Issuer, and the Lenders. The Administrative Agent may also require that any such documents and signatures be confirmed by a manually signed original thereof; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the failure to request or deliver the same shall not limit the effectiveness of any facsimile document or signature.
- (d) <u>Change of Address, Etc.</u> Each of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the LC Issuer may change its address, telecopier or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto. Each other Lender may change its address, telecopier or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the LC Issuer.
- (e) <u>Reliance by Administrative Agent, LC Issuer and Lenders</u>. The Administrative Agent, the LC Issuer and the Lenders shall be entitled to rely and act upon any notices (including telephonic 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, the LC Issuer, each 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.

**10.03 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies.** No failure by any Lender, the LC Issuer or the Administrative Agent to exercise, and no delay by any such Person in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder 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. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law.

#### 10.04 Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver.

- (a) <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. The Borrower shall pay (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for the Administrative Agent), in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the LC 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 Lender or the LC Issuer), and shall pay all fees and time charges for attorneys who may be employees of the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the LC Issuer, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights (A) in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including its rights under this Section, or (B) in connection with the 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 Loans or Letters of Credit.
- (b) <u>Indemnification by the Borrower</u>. The Borrower shall indemnify the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each Lender, the Swingline Lender and the LC Issuer, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person, an "<u>Indemnitee</u>") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related expenses (including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee), and shall indemnify and hold harmless each Indemnitee from all fees and time charges and disbursements for attorneys who may be employees of any Indemnitee, incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any third party or by the Borrower or any other Restricted Person 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 contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder or the consummation of the transactions

contemplated hereby or thereby, (ii) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by the LC 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 the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Liability under Environmental Law related in any way to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, (iv) any civil penalty or fine assessed by the U. S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control against, and all reasonable costs and expenses (including counsel fees and disbursements) incurred in connection with defense thereof by the Administrative Agent or any Lender as a result of the funding of Loans, the issuance of Letters of Credit, or the acceptance of payments under the Loan Documents, or (v) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation 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 Restricted Person, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto, in all cases, whether or not caused by or arising, in whole or in part, out of the comparative, contributory or sole negligence of the Indemnitee; provided that (i) such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (x) 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 or (v) result from a claim brought by the Borrower or any other Restricted Person against an Indemnitee for breach in bad faith of such Indemnitee's obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document, if the Borrower or such Restricted Person has obtained a final and nonappealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, and (ii) and, if the Borrower has complied with its obligations under Section 2.17, such indemnity for the Swingline Lender or the LC Issuer shall not include losses incurred by the Swingline Lender or the LC Issuer due to one or more Lenders defaulting in their obligations to purchase participations of Swingline Loans under Section 2.02(d) or LC Obligations under Section 2.09(c) or to make Loans under Section 2.09(a) (it being understood that this proviso shall not affect the Swingline Lender's or the LC Issuer's rights against any Defaulting Lender).

(c) Reimbursement by Lenders. 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), the LC Issuer, the Swingline Lender, or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), the LC Issuer, the Swingline Lender, or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Lender's Applicable Percentage (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought and as if no Lender were a Defaulting Lender) of such unpaid amount, provided 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), the Swingline Lender, or the LC 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), the Swingline Lender, or LC Issuer in connection with such capacity. The obligations of the Lenders under this subsection (c) are subject to the provisions of Section 2.14(d).

- (d) <u>Waiver of Consequential Damages</u>, <u>Etc</u>. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Borrower shall not assert, and 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 contemplated hereby or thereby, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof. No Indemnitee referred to in subsection (b) above shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed by it 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.
  - (e) Payments. 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, the replacement of any Lender, the termination of the Aggregate Commitments, the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all the other Obligations, and the termination of this Agreement.

10.05 Payments Set Aside. To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of the Borrower is made to the Administrative Agent, the LC Issuer or any Lender, or the Administrative Agent, the LC Issuer or any 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, the LC Issuer or such 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 Lender and the LC 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 Lenders and the LC Issuer under clause (b) of the preceding sentence shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.

#### 10.06 Successors and Assigns.

(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 the Borrower may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Lender and no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an Eligible Assignee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section, (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of

this Section, or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of subsection (f) of this Section (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 Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent, the LC Issuer and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

- (b) <u>Assignments by Lenders</u>. Any Lender may at any time assign to one or more Eligible Assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans (including for purposes of this subsection (b), participations in LC Obligations) at the time owing to it); <u>provided</u> that, except in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it or in the case of an assignment to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to a Lender, the aggregate amount of the Commitment (which for this purpose includes Loans outstanding thereunder) or, if the Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Loans of the assigning 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 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);
  - (i) each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Loans or the Commitment assigned;
  - (ii) any assignment of a Commitment must be approved by the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Lender and the LC Issuer (whether or not the proposed assignee would otherwise qualify as an Eligible Assignee); and
  - (iii) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500, which the Administrative Agent may waive in its sole discretion, and the Eligible Assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire and any tax forms required under Section 3.01(e), but no processing and recordation fee may be charged with respect to any assignment to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender.

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 Eligible 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 Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning 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 Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto) but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01, 3.04, 3.05, and 10.04 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 Note to the assignee Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a 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 Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with subsection (d) of this Section.

- (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 Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amounts of the Loans and LC Obligations owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "<u>Register</u>"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by each of the Borrower, the Swingline Lender and the LC Issuer at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice. In addition, at any time that a request for a consent for a material or substantive change to the Loan Documents is pending, any Lender wishing to consult with other Lenders in connection therewith may request and receive from the Administrative Agent a copy of the Register.
- (d) <u>Participations</u>. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural person or the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a "<u>Participant</u>") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Loans (including such Lender's participations in LC Obligations) owing to it); <u>provided</u> that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the LC Issuer shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement.

Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that such agreement or instrument may provide that such 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 10.01</u> that affects such Participant. Subject to subsection (e) of this Section, the Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Sections 3.01</u>, <u>3.04</u> and <u>3.05</u> to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also

shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Section 10.08</u> as though it were a Lender, <u>provided</u> such Participant agrees to be subject to <u>Section 2.15</u> as though it were a Lender.

- (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>Section 3.04</u> than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participation sold to such Participant, unless the sale of the participation to such Participant is made with the Borrower's prior written consent. A Participant that would be a Foreign Lender if it were a Lender shall not be entitled to the benefits of <u>Section 3.01(a)</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 Lender.
- (f) <u>Certain Pledges</u>. Any 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 Note, if any) to secure obligations of such 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 Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.
- (g) <u>Electronic Execution of Assignments</u>. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in any Assignment and Assumption 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.
- (h) Resignation as LC Issuer after Assignment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if at any time Credit Suisse AG assigns all of its Commitment and Loans pursuant to subsection (b) above, Credit Suisse AG (or any of its Affiliates or branches then serving as LC Issuer or Swingline Lender) may, upon 30 days' notice to the Borrower and the Lenders, resign as LC Issuer or Swingline Lender, as the case may be. In the event of any such resignation, the Borrower shall be entitled to appoint from among the Lenders a successor LC Issuer and a successor Swingline Lender hereunder; provided, however, that (i) no failure by the Borrower to appoint any such successor shall affect the resignation of Credit Suisse AG (or such Affiliate or branch) as LC Issuer and Swingline Lender and (ii) no such appointment will become effective without the consent of the Lender so appointed. If Credit Suisse AG (or such affiliate or branch) resigns as LC Issuer or Swingline Lender, it shall retain all the rights and obligations of the LC Issuer hereunder with respect to all Letters of Credit outstanding as of the effective date of its resignation as LC Obligations pursuant to Section 2.09) and all rights and obligations of the Swingline Lender with respect to Swingline Loans outstanding as of the effective date of its resignation as Swingline Lender.

10.07 Treatment of Certain Information; Confidentiality. Each of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the LC Issuer 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, trustees, officers, employees, agents, 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 or its Affiliates or to any such regulatory authority in accordance with such Lender's regulatory compliance policy, (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by 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 Agreement or (ii) any actual or prospective counterparty (or its advisors) to any swap or derivative transaction relating to the Borrower and its obligations, (g) with the consent of the Borrower, or (h) to the extent such Information (x) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (y) becomes available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender, the LC Issuer or any of their respective Affiliates on a non-confidential basis from a source other than the Borrower.

For purposes of this Section, "<u>Information</u>" means all information received from the Borrower or any Subsidiary relating to the Borrower or any Subsidiary or any of their respective businesses, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the LC Issuer on a non-confidential basis prior to disclosure by the Borrower or any Subsidiary, <u>provided</u> that, in the case of information received from the Borrower or any Subsidiary after the date hereof, 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.

10.08 Right of Setoff. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender, the LC 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 Lender, the LC Issuer or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower against any and all of the obligations of the Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Lender or the LC Issuer, irrespective of whether or not such Lender or the LC Issuer shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of the Borrower may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch or office of such Lender or the LC Issuer different from the branch or office holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness. The rights of each Lender, the LC Issuer and their respective Affiliates under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, the LC Issuer or their

respective Affiliates may have. Each Lender and the LC Issuer agrees to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent promptly after any such setoff and application, <u>provided</u> that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

10.09 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 Lender shall receive interest in an amount that exceeds the Maximum Rate, the excess interest shall be applied to the principal of the 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 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.

**10.10 Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness.** 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 shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

10.11 Survival of Representations and Warranties. 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 Lender, regardless of any investigation made by the Administrative Agent or any Lender or on their behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent or any 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 Loan or any other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding.

**10.12 Severability.** 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.

- **10.13 Replacement of Lenders.** If any Lender requests compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u>, if the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u>, or if any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, <u>Section 10.06</u>), 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 Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment), <u>provided</u> that:
  - (a) the Borrower shall have paid to the Administrative Agent the assignment fee specified in Section 10.06(b);
- (b) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans and Letter of Credit participations, 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 Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment or delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrower to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

#### 10.14 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Etc.

- (a) <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
- (b) <u>SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION</u>. THE BORROWER IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS, FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY, TO THE NONEXCLUSIVE 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 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. 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 LENDER OR THE LC ISSUER MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AGAINST THE BORROWER OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

- (c) WAIVER OF VENUE. THE BORROWER 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 ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT 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 10.02</u>. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY HERETO TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW.
- 10.15 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 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.

**10.16 USA PATRIOT** Act Notice. Each Lender that is subject to the Act (as hereinafter defined) and the Administrative Agent (for itself and not on behalf of any 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 the Borrower, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and other information that will allow such Lender or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, to identify the Borrower in accordance with the Act. The Borrower will comply with reasonable requests of any Lender for such information.

- **10.17 Time of the Essence.** Time is of the essence of the Loan Documents.
- **10.18 No Recourse.** The parties hereto hereby acknowledge and agree that neither the General Partner nor any director, officer, employee, limited partner or shareholder of the Borrower or the General Partner shall have any personal liability in respect of the obligations of the Borrower and the Guarantors under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents by reason of his, her or its status.
- **10.19 Amendment and Restatement.** Effective on the Closing Date, this Agreement amends and restates (and does not release or novate) the Revolving Credit Loans (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) under the Existing Credit Agreement, but in no event shall such adjustment of any Eurodollar Loans entitle any Lender to any reimbursement under <u>Section 3.05</u> hereof; <u>provided</u> that the foregoing is not intended to relieve the Borrower for paying any such costs to lenders under the Existing Credit Agreement to the extent such lenders are not Lenders under this Agreement.
- 10.20 Separateness. The Lenders acknowledge (i) the separateness as of the date hereof of each MLP from the Borrower and each other Restricted Person, (ii) that the lenders and noteholders under credit agreements with each MLP have likely advanced funds thereunder in reliance upon the separateness of such MLP from the Borrower and each other Restricted Person, (iii) that each MLP has assets and liabilities that are separate from those of the Borrower and the other Restricted Persons, (iv) that the Loans and other obligations owing under the Loan Documents have not been guaranteed by either MLP or any of their respective subsidiaries, and (v) that, except as other Persons may expressly assume or guarantee any of the Loan Documents or obligations thereunder, the Lenders shall look solely to the Borrower and its property and assets and the property and assets of the other Restricted Persons, and any property pledged as collateral with respect to the Loan Documents, for the repayment of any amounts payable pursuant to the Loan Documents and for satisfaction of any obligations owing to the Lenders under the Loan Documents and that none of ETP, Regency or any of their respective subsidiaries is personally liable to the Lenders for any amounts payable, or any liability, under the Loan Documents.

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*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

### ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.

By: LE GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds

John W. McReynolds President and Chief Financial Officer

### CREDIT SUISSE AG, CAYMAN ISLANDS BRANCH, as

Administrative Agent, LC Issuer, Swingline Lender, and a Lender

By: /s/ Nupur Kumar Name: Nupur Kumar Title: Vice President

By: /s/ Kevin Buddhdew
Name: Kevin Buddhdew

Title: Associate

## MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC.

By: /s/ Sherrese Clarke

Name: Sherrese Clarke Title: Vice President

### WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Paul V. Farrell

Name: Paul V. Farrell Title: Director

### BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

By: /s/ Christen A. Lacey

Name: Christen A. Lacey
Title: Senior Vice President

### UBS LOAN FINANCE LLC

By: /s/ Irja R. Otsa

Name: Irja R. Otsa
Title: Associate Director

By: /s/ Mary E. Evans
Name: Mary E. Evans
Title: Associate Director

### CITICORP NORTH AMERICA, INC.

By: /s/ Todd Mogil
Name: Todd Mogil
Title: Vice President

### **BNP PARIBAS**

By: /s/ David Dodd Name: David Dodd
Title: Managing Director

By: /s/ Betsy Jocher Name: Betsy Jocher Title: Director

### SUNTRUST BANK, N.A.

By: /s/ Andrew Johnson

Name: Andrew Johnson Title: Director

### DEUTSCHE BANK AG

By: <u>/s/ Philippe Sandmeier</u> Name: Philippe Sandmeier Title: Managing Director

By: /s/ Ming K. Chu Name: Ming K. Chu Title: Vice President

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#### PLEDGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS PLEDGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made as of September 20, 2010, by and among each of the undersigned grantors, the Additional Grantors (as hereinafter defined) (each, a "<u>Grantor</u>"), and CREDIT SUISSE AG, CAYMAN ISLANDS BRANCH, as Collateral Agent for the Lenders under the Credit Agreement as defined below (in such capacity, together with its successors and assignees herein called "<u>Secured Party</u>").

#### **RECITALS:**

- 1. Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Borrower"), has entered into a Credit Agreement dated as of September 20, 2010 (as from time to time amended, supplemented or restated, the "Credit Agreement"), among the Borrower, Credit Suisse AG, as the Administrative Agent, and the Lenders from time to time party thereto, pursuant to which the Lender Parties (as defined below) have agreed to advance funds and extend credit to the Borrower up to an aggregate principal amount of \$200,000,000, subject to increases as provided therein of up to \$100,000,000.
- 2. In consideration of the extensions of credit and other agreements of the Lenders, the LC Issuer and the Swingline Lender as set forth in the Credit Agreement, each Grantor has agreed to secure the obligations under the Loan Documents as set forth herein.
- 3. Grantors, Borrower, and each direct and indirect Subsidiary of Borrower are mutually dependent on each other in the conduct of their respective businesses under a holding company structure, with the credit needed from time to time by each often being provided by another or by means of financing obtained by one such affiliate with the support of the others for their mutual benefit and the ability of each to obtain such financing being dependent on the successful operations of the others.
- 4. The applicable governing body or the members of each Grantor (or of each Grantor's general partner), as applicable, has determined that such Grantor's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement may reasonably be expected to benefit such Grantor, directly or indirectly, and are in the best interests of such Grantor.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, of the benefits which will inure to each Grantor from the LC Issuer's issuance of Letters of Credit, the Swingline Lender's advances of Swingline Loans and the Lenders' advances of funds to Borrower under the Credit Agreement, and of Ten Dollars and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of all of which are hereby acknowledged, and in order to induce the LC Issuer to issue Letters of Credit, the Swingline Lender to advance Swingline Loans and the Lenders to advance funds under the Credit Agreement, each Grantor hereby agrees with Secured Party, for the benefit of the Lender Parties, as follows:

#### AGREEMENTS

#### **ARTICLE I Definitions and References**

Section 1.1. General Definitions. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- "Account Debtor" means each Person who is obligated on a Receivable or any supporting obligation related thereto.
- "Additional Grantor" has the meaning given to such term in Section 5.2.
- "Administrative Agent" means the Person who is from time to time the "Administrative Agent" as defined in the Credit Agreement.
- "Agreement" has the meaning given to such term in the Preamble.
- "Borrower" has the meaning given to such term in the Recitals.
- "Collateral" means all property, of whatever type, that is described in Section 2.1 as being at any time subject to a security interest granted hereunder to Secured Party.
  - "Commercial Tort Claim" means a claim arising in tort with respect to which the claimant is Grantor.
  - "Company" means an LLC, Partnership or Corporation in respect of which Company Rights are granted.
  - "Company Agreements", "Company Rights", and "Company Rights to Payments" have the meanings given them in Section 2.1(k) below.
- "Copyright License" means any license or other agreement, whether now or hereafter in existence, under which is granted or authorized any right to use, copy, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works, display or publish any records or other materials on which a Copyright is in existence or may come into

"Copyrights" means all the following: (a) all copyrights under the laws of the United States or any other country (whether or not the underlying works of authorship have been published), all registrations and recordings thereof, all intellectual property rights to works of authorship (whether or not published), and all application for copyrights under the laws of the United States or any other country, including registrations, recordings and applications in the United States Copyright Office or in any similar office or agency of the United States, any State thereof or other country, or any political subdivision thereof, (b) all reissues, renewals and extensions thereof, (c) all claims for, and rights to sue for, past or future infringements of any of the foregoing, and (d) all income, royalties, damages and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect to any of the foregoing, including damages and payments for past or future infringements thereof.

"Corporation" means any corporation that is included within the term "Corporation" pursuant to Section 2.1(k)(iii) below, and any successor of any such corporation.

"Credit Agreement" has the meaning given to such term in the Recitals.

"<u>Deposit Accounts</u>" means all "deposit accounts" (as defined in the UCC) or other demand, time, savings, passbook, or similar accounts maintained with a bank, including non-negotiable certificates of deposit.

"Documents" means all "documents" (as defined in the UCC) or other receipts covering, evidencing or representing inventory, equipment, or other goods.

"Equipment" means all "equipment" (as defined in the UCC) in whatever form, wherever located, and whether now or hereafter existing, and all parts thereof, all accessions thereto, and all replacements therefor.

"ETP" means Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.

"ETP GP" means Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, the sole general partner of ETP.

"ETP LLC" means Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company.

"General Intangibles" means all "general intangibles" (as defined in the UCC) of any kind (including choses in action, Commercial Tort Claims, Software, Payment Intangibles, tax refunds, insurance proceeds, and contract rights), and all instruments, security agreements, leases, contracts, and other rights (except those constituting Receivables, Documents, or Instruments) to receive payments of money or the ownership or possession of property, including all general intangibles under which an account debtor's principal obligation is a monetary obligation. The General Intangibles include, among other items, all Intellectual Property.

"Grantor" has the meaning given to such term in the Preamble.

"Instruments" means all "instruments", "chattel paper" or "letters of credit" (as each is defined in the UCC) and all Letter-of-Credit Rights.

"Intellectual Property" means any Copyrights, Copyright Licenses, Patents, Patent Licenses, Trademarks, and Trademark Licenses.

"Inventory" means all "inventory" (as defined in the UCC) in all of its forms, wherever located and whether now or hereafter existing, including (a) all movable property and other goods held for sale or lease, all movable property and other goods furnished or to be furnished under contracts of service, all raw materials and work in process, and all materials and supplies used or consumed in a business, (b) all movable property and other goods that are part of a product or mass, (c) all movable property and other goods that are returned to or repossessed by the seller, lessor, or supplier thereof, (d) all goods and substances in which any of the foregoing

is commingled or to which any of the foregoing is added, and (e) all accessions to, products of, and documents for any of the foregoing.

"Investment Property" means all "investment property" (as defined in the UCC) and all other securities, whether certificated or uncertificated, securities entitlements, securities accounts, commodity contracts, or commodity accounts.

"LC Issuer" means the Person who is from time to time the "LC Issuer" as defined in the Credit Agreement.

"Lender Hedging Obligations" has the meaning given to such term in the Credit Agreement.

"Lender Parties" means the Administrative Agent, the LC Issuer, the Swingline Lender, the Lenders and the counterparties under Lender Hedging Obligations.

"Lenders" means the Persons who are from time to time "Lenders" as defined in the Credit Agreement.

"<u>Letter-of-Credit Rights</u>" means all rights to payment or performance under a "letter of credit" (as defined in the UCC) whether or not the beneficiary has demanded or is at the time entitled to demand payment or performance.

"LLC" means any limited liability company which is included within the term "LLC" pursuant to Section 2.1(k)(i), and any successor of any such limited liability company.

"Loan Documents" has the meaning given to such term in the Credit Agreement.

"Loan Party" means any Person, including the Borrower and the other Grantors, who may now or may at any time hereafter be primarily or secondarily liable for any of the Secured Obligations or who may now or may at any time hereafter have granted to Secured Party, LC Issuer, Swingline Lender or Lenders a Lien upon any property as security for the Secured Obligations.

"Notes" has the meaning given to such term in the Credit Agreement.

"Obligation Documents" means the Credit Agreement, the Notes, the Loan Documents, and all other documents and instruments under, by reason of which, or pursuant to which any or all of the Secured Obligations are evidenced, governed, secured, or otherwise dealt with, and all other agreements, certificates, and other documents, instruments and writings heretofore or hereafter delivered in connection herewith or therewith.

"Other Company Rights" has the meaning given it in Section 2.1(k)(v).

"Partnership" means any general or limited partnership which is included within the term "Partnerships" pursuant to Section 2.1(k)(ii), and any successor of any such partnership.

"<u>Patent License</u>" means any license or other agreement, whether now or hereafter in existence, under which is granted or authorized any right with respect to any Patent or any invention now or hereafter in existence, whether patentable or not, whether a patent or application for patent is in existence on such invention or not, and whether a patent or application for patent on such invention may come into existence.

"Patents" means all the following: (a) all letters patent and design letters patent of the United States or any other country and all applications for letters patent and design letters patent of the United States or any other country, including applications in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or in any similar office or agency of the United States, any State thereof or other country, or any political subdivision thereof, (b) all reissues, divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, renewals and extensions thereof, (c) all claims for, and rights to sue for, past or future infringements of any of the foregoing, and (d) all income, royalties, damages and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect to any of the foregoing, including damages and payments for past or future infringements thereof.

"Payment Intangibles" means all "payment intangibles" (as defined in the UCC).

"Pledge and Security Agreement Supplement" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.2.

"Pledged Shares" has the meaning given such term in Section 2.1(k)(iii).

"Proceeds" means, with respect to any property of any kind, all proceeds of, and all other profits, products, rentals or receipts, in whatever form, arising from any sale, exchange, collection, lease, licensing or other disposition of, distribution in respect of, or other realization upon, such property, including all claims against third parties for loss of, damage to or destruction of, or for proceeds payable under (or unearned premiums with respect to) insurance in respect of, such property (regardless of whether Secured Party is named a loss payee thereunder), and any payments paid or owing by any third party under any indemnity, warranty, or guaranty with respect to such property, and any condemnation or requisition payments with respect to such property, in each case whether now existing or hereafter arising.

"Receivables" means (a) all "accounts" and "chattel paper" (as defined in the UCC) and all other rights to payment for goods or other personal property which have been (or are to be) sold, leased, or exchanged or for services which have been (or are to be) rendered, regardless of whether such accounts or other rights to payment have been earned by performance and regardless of whether such accounts or other rights to payment are evidenced by or characterized as accounts receivable, contract rights, book debts, notes, drafts or other obligations of indebtedness, (b) all Documents and Instruments of any kind relating to such accounts or other rights to payment or otherwise arising out of or in connection with the sale, lease or exchange of goods or other personal property or the rendering of services, (c) all rights in, to, or under all security agreements, leases and other contracts securing or otherwise relating to any such accounts, rights to payment, Documents, or Instruments, (d) all rights in, to and under any purchase orders, service contracts, or other contracts out of which such accounts and other rights to payment arose (or will arise on performance), and (e) all rights in or pertaining to any goods arising out of or in connection with any such purchase orders, service contracts, or other

contracts, including rights in returned or repossessed goods and rights of replevin, repossession, and reclamation.

- "Receiver" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.2(g).
- "Secured Obligations" has the meaning given such term in Section 2.2.
- "Secured Party" has the meaning given such term in the Preamble.
- "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Software" means all "software" (as defined in the UCC), including all computer programs, any supporting information provided in connection with a transaction relating to a computer program, all licenses or other rights to use any of such computer programs, and all license fees and royalties arising from such use to the extent permitted by such license or rights.

"<u>Trademark License</u>" means any license or agreement, whether now or hereafter in existence, under which is granted or authorized any right to use any Trademark.

"Trademarks" means all of the following: (a) all trademarks, trade names, corporate names, company names, business names, fictitious business names, trade styles, service marks, logos, brand names, trade dress, prints and labels on which any of the foregoing have appeared or appear, package and other designs, and any other source or business identifiers, and general intangibles of like nature, and the rights in any of the foregoing which arise under applicable law, (b) the goodwill of the business symbolized thereby or associated with each of them, (c) all registrations and applications in connection therewith, including registrations and applications in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or in any similar office or agency of the United States, any State thereof or other country, or any political subdivision thereof, (d) all reissues, extensions and renewals thereof, (e) all claims for, and rights to sue for, past or future infringements of any of the foregoing, and (f) all income, royalties, damages and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect to any of the foregoing, including damages and payments for past or future infringements thereof.

"UCC" means the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in the State of New York from time to time.

Section 1.2. <u>Incorporation of Other Definitions</u>. Reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement for a statement of the terms thereof. All capitalized terms used in this Agreement which are defined in the Credit Agreement and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings herein as set forth therein. All terms used in this Agreement which are defined in the UCC and not otherwise defined herein or in the Credit Agreement shall have the same meanings herein as set forth therein, except where the context otherwise requires. The parties intend that the terms used herein that are defined in the UCC have, at all times, the broadest and most inclusive meanings possible. Accordingly, if the UCC shall in the future be amended or held by a court to define any term used

herein more broadly or inclusively than the UCC in effect on the date hereof, then such term, as used herein, shall be given such broadened meaning. If the UCC shall in the future be amended or held by a court to define any term used herein more narrowly, or less inclusively, than the UCC in effect on the date hereof, such amendment or holding shall be disregarded in defining terms used herein.

Section 1.3. Attachments. All exhibits or schedules which may be attached to this Agreement are a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 1.4. Other Interpretive Provisions. With reference to this Agreement, unless otherwise specified herein:

- (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," "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 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, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and 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 "asset" and "property." shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.
- (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 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 are included for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE II Security Interest**

Section 2.1. <u>Grant of Security Interest</u>. As collateral security for all of the Secured Obligations, each Grantor hereby pledges and assigns to Secured Party and grants to Secured Party a continuing security interest, for the benefit of the Lender Parties, in and to all right, title and interest of such Grantor in and to any and all of the following property, whether now owned or existing or hereafter acquired or arising and regardless of where located:

(a) all Receivables;

- (b) all General Intangibles;
- (c) all Documents;
- (d) all Instruments:
- (e) all Inventory;
- (f) all Equipment;
- (g) all Deposit Accounts;
- (h) all Investment Property:
- (i) all books and records (including, without limitation, customer lists, marketing information, credit files, price lists, operating records, vendor and supplier price lists, sales literature, computer software, computer hardware, computer disks and tapes and other storage media, printouts and other materials and records) of such Grantor pertaining to any of the Collateral;
  - (j) all moneys and property of any kind of such Grantor in the possession or under the control of Secured Party;
- (k) all of the following (herein collectively called the "Company Rights"), whether now or hereafter existing, which are owned by such Grantor or in which such Grantor otherwise has any rights:
  - (i) all interests in any limited liability company and all proceeds, interest, profits, and other payments or rights to payment attributable to such Grantor's interests in any limited liability company (whether one or more, herein called the "<u>LLCs</u>"), including those described in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto, and all certificates representing such interests;
  - (ii) all interests in general or limited partnerships (including general partnership interests and limited partnership interests) and all proceeds, interest, profits, and other payments or rights to payment attributable to such Grantor's interests in any general or limited partnership (whether one or more, herein called the "Partnerships"), including those described in Exhibit A hereto, and all certificates representing such interests;
  - (iii) all shares of stock of corporations (including common shares or preferred shares) and all proceeds, interest, profits, and other payments or rights to payment attributable to such Grantor's interests in any corporation (whether one or more, herein called the "Corporations"), including those described in Exhibit A hereto, all certificates representing any such shares, all options and other rights, contractual or otherwise, at any time existing with respect to such shares, and all dividends, cash, instruments and other property now or hereafter received, receivable or otherwise distributed in respect of or in exchange for any or all of such shares (any and all such shares, certificates, options,

rights, dividends, cash, instruments and other property being herein called the "Pledged Shares");

- (iv) all distributions, dividends, cash, instruments and other property now or hereafter received, receivable or otherwise made with respect to or in exchange for any interest of such Grantor in any Company, including interim distributions, returns of capital, loan repayments, and payments made in liquidation of any Company, and whether or not the same arise or are payable under any organizational document, any agreement or certificate forming any Company or any other agreement governing any Company or the relations among the members, partners or stockholders of any Company (any and all such proceeds, interest, profits, payments, rights to payment, distributions, dividends, cash, instruments, other property, interim distributions, returns of capital, loan repayments, and payments made in liquidation being herein called the "Company Rights to Payments", and any and all such organizational documents, agreements, certificates, and other agreements being herein called the "Company Agreements"); and
- (v) all other interests and rights of such Grantor in any Company, whether under the Company Agreements or otherwise, including any option, right or warrant to acquire any of the foregoing and any right to cause the dissolution of any Company or to appoint or nominate a successor to such Grantor as a member, shareholder or partner in any Company (all such other interests and rights being herein called the "Other Company Rights"); and
- (l) All Proceeds of any and all of the foregoing Collateral.

In each case, the foregoing shall be covered by this Agreement, whether such Grantor's ownership or other rights therein are presently held or hereafter acquired and however such Grantor's interests therein may arise or appear (whether by ownership, security interest, claim or otherwise).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 2.1, if the documents governing any of the foregoing Collateral contain enforceable restrictions on the assignment or transfer of any Grantor's rights thereunder, then the Liens granted under this Agreement shall be limited only to the extent necessary to comply with such enforceable restrictions (with such limitation automatically ceasing upon removal of, or receipt of any consent with respect to, such restrictions), and will in any event attach to the amounts payable to such Grantor under any such agreement.

The granting of the foregoing security interest does not make Secured Party a successor to such Grantor as a member of any LLC or as a partner of any Partnership or a stockholder of any Corporation, and neither Secured Party nor any of its successors or assigns hereunder shall be deemed to have become a member of any LLC, have become a partner of any Partnership or have become a stockholder of any Corporation by accepting this Agreement or exercising any right granted herein unless and until such time, if any, when Secured Party or any such successor or assign expressly becomes a member of any LLC, becomes a partner of any Partnership or becomes a stockholder of any Corporation after a foreclosure upon the Company Rights relating to that Company. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary (except to the extent, if any,

that Secured Party or any of its successors or assigns hereafter expressly becomes a member of any LLC, a partner of any Partnership or a stockholder of any Corporation), neither Secured Party nor any of its successors or assigns shall be deemed to have assumed or otherwise become liable for any debts or obligations of any Company or of any Grantor to or under any Company, and the above definition of "Other Company Rights" shall be deemed modified, if necessary, to prevent any such assumption or other liability.

Section 2.2. <u>Secured Obligations Secured</u>. The security interest created by each Grantor hereunder in its Collateral constitutes continuing collateral security for all Lender Hedging Obligations and all Obligations, whether now existing or hereafter incurred or arising, including all principal of and all interest on the Loans, all LC Obligations, and any and all other indebtedness, obligations or liabilities which may at any time be owed to any Lender Party, whether incurred heretofore or hereafter or concurrently herewith, under or pursuant to any of the Loan Documents, and including interest, reasonable attorneys' fees and collection costs as may be provided by law or in any instrument or agreement evidencing any such indebtedness or liability (collectively, the "Secured Obligations").

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Secured Obligations include all post-petition interest, expenses, and other duties and liabilities of the Borrower described above in this <u>Section 2.2</u>, which would be owed by the Borrower but for the fact that they are unenforceable or not allowable due to the existence of a bankruptcy, reorganization, or similar proceeding involving the Borrower.

It is the intention of each Grantor that is a Subsidiary of Borrower and Secured Party that this Agreement not constitute a fraudulent transfer or fraudulent conveyance under any Law that may be applied hereto. Each Grantor that is a Subsidiary of Borrower and, by its acceptance hereof, Secured Party hereby acknowledges and agrees that, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement: (a) with respect to such Grantor, the indebtedness secured hereby shall be limited to the maximum amount of indebtedness that can be incurred or secured by such Grantor without rendering the security interests granted, and obligations incurred, hereunder by such Grantor subject to avoidance under Section 548 of the United States Bankruptcy Code or any comparable provisions of any applicable Law; and (b) the Collateral pledged by such Grantor hereunder shall be limited to the maximum amount of Collateral that can be pledged by such Grantor without rendering the pledge of Collateral by such Grantor subject to avoidance under Section 548 of the United States Bankruptcy Code or any comparable provisions of any applicable Law. Each Grantor hereby acknowledges that the Secured Obligations are owed to the various Lender Parties and that each Lender Party is entitled to the benefits of the Liens given under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE III Representations, Warranties and Covenants

Section 3.1. Representations and Warranties. Each Grantor hereby represents and warrants to the Lender Parties as follows:

(a) Ownership Free of Liens. Such Grantor has good and valid title to its Collateral free and clear of all Liens, encumbrances or adverse claims, except for Liens permitted under Section 7.02 of the Credit Agreement. No effective financing statement or other instrument

similar in effect covering all or any part of the Collateral is on file in any recording office except (i) any which have been filed in respect of Liens permitted under Section 7.02 of the Credit Agreement, and (ii) any such financing statements or other instruments for which a termination statement that such Grantor is authorized to file has been delivered to Secured Party. Any and all references made in this Agreement to Liens permitted under Section 7.02 of the Credit Agreement are made for the purpose of limiting certain warranties and covenants made by Grantor herein and such reference is not intended to affect the description herein of the Collateral nor to subordinate the Liens and security interests hereunder to any Liens permitted under Section 7.02 of the Credit Agreement.

- (b) <u>Security Interest</u>. Such Grantor has full right, power and authority to grant a security interest in its Collateral to Secured Party as provided herein, free and clear of any Lien, adverse claim, or encumbrance other than Liens permitted under Section 7.02 of the Credit Agreement. This Agreement creates a valid and binding first priority security interest in favor of Secured Party in the Collateral, which security interest secures all of the Secured Obligations.
- (c) Name, Place of Business and Formation. Schedule 1 of the Agreement (as such schedule may be amended or supplemented from time to time) contains: (i) the type of organization of such Grantor; (ii) the jurisdiction of organization of such Grantor; and (iii) its organizational identification number. The full legal name of such Grantor is as set forth on such Schedule 1, and it has not done in the last five (5) years, and does not do, business under any other name (including any trade-name or fictitious business name) except for those names set forth on Schedule 1 (as such schedule may be amended or supplemented from time to time). Except as provided on Schedule 1, it has not changed its name, jurisdiction of organization, chief executive office or sole place of business (or principal residence if such Grantor is a natural person) or its corporate structure in any way (e.g., by merger, consolidation, change in corporate form or otherwise) within the past five (5) years.
- (d) <u>Perfection</u>. The security interests in favor of Secured Party in all of the Collateral is perfected and, except with respect to any Collateral subject to a prior perfected Lien permitted under Section 7.02 of the Credit Agreement, is a first priority security interest.
- (e) <u>Receivables</u>. Except has been disclosed to Secured Party, none of the Account Debtors in respect of any Receivable is the government of the United States, any agency or instrumentality thereof, any state or municipality or any foreign sovereign.
- (f) Company Rights. All units, stock, interests and other securities constituting the Company Rights have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and (other than with respect to partnership and limited liability company interests) non-assessable, and were not issued in violation of the preemptive rights of any person or of any agreement by which Grantor or any Company is bound. All documentary, stamp or other taxes or fees owing in connection with the issuance, transfer or pledge of the Company Rights (or rights in respect thereof) have been paid. Except for certain rights contained in the Company Agreements, no restrictions or conditions exist with respect to the transfer, voting or capital of any Company Rights. Grantor has delivered to Secured Party all certificates and instruments evidencing Company Rights. All such certificates and instruments are valid and genuine and have not been altered. No Company has any outstanding stock rights, rights to subscribe, options, warrants or convertible securities

outstanding or any other rights outstanding whereby any person would be entitled to have issued to it units of ownership interest or partnership or membership interests in such Company. Except as set forth on <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> hereto, neither Grantor nor any Company has elected the application of Article 8 of the UCC to apply to any Company or any Company Rights, and Article 8 of the UCC is thus not applicable to any Company, except with respect to any Corporation. Grantor owns the interests in each Company which are described on <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a>. Neither the making of this Agreement nor the exercise of any rights or remedies of Secured Party hereunder will cause a default under any of the Company Agreements of any Company or otherwise adversely affect or diminish any of the Company Rights thereunder. Grantor's rights under the Company Agreements are enforceable in accordance with their terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar Laws of general application relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights.

Section 3.2. <u>Covenants</u>. Unless Secured Party shall otherwise consent in writing, each Grantor will at all times comply with the covenants contained in this <u>Section 3.2</u> so long as any part of the Secured Obligations or the Commitment is outstanding.

- (a) <u>General</u>. Except for the security interest created by this Agreement, such Grantor shall not create or suffer to exist any Lien upon or with respect to any of the Collateral, except for Liens permitted by Section 7.02 of the Credit Agreement, and such Grantor shall defend the Collateral against all Persons at any time claiming any interest therein. Such Grantor shall not produce, use or permit any Collateral to be used unlawfully or in violation of any provision of this Agreement or any applicable statute, regulation or ordinance or any policy of insurance covering the Collateral. Such Grantor shall not take or permit any action which could impair the Secured Party's rights in the Collateral. Such Grantor shall keep and maintain at its own cost and expense satisfactory and complete records of the Collateral. Upon the reasonable request of Secured Party from time to time, such Grantor shall make all further or subsequent filings, recordings or registrations, or give other public notices or take such other action as is necessary or desirable to perfect or otherwise continue, preserve or protect the security interest of the Secured Party in the Collateral.
- (b) <u>Company Rights</u>. Except as permitted by Sections 7.04 and 7.05 of the Credit Agreement, such Grantor will maintain its ownership of the interests in each Company listed on <u>Exhibit A</u>, and upon any such permitted sale or other disposition, Secured Party agrees to release any Lien in favor of Secured Party on any such interests concurrently with the consummation of such permitted sale or disposition. Such Grantor will timely honor all calls under any Company Agreement to provide capital to any Company, and such Grantor will not otherwise default in performing any of Grantor's obligations under any Company Agreement or allow any Company Rights to be adversely affected or diminished. The Company Rights shall at all times be duly authorized and validly issued and shall not be issued in violation of the pre emptive rights of any Person or of any agreement by which any Grantor or any Company thereof is bound. Nothing herein shall require a Grantor as a member, partner or shareholder of a Company to cause such Company to initiate, approve, adopt or order a capital call by such Company.
- (c) <u>Delivery of Documents, Instruments and Certificates</u>. All instruments, documents and certificates constituting or evidencing Collateral on the date of the Agreement shall be delivered to Secured Party on or prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement. All other

instruments, documents or certificates, if any, constituting or evidencing Collateral from time to time shall be delivered to Secured Party promptly upon the receipt thereof by or on behalf of Grantor. Without limiting the foregoing, all such instruments, documents and certificates received by such Grantor shall be held in trust on behalf of Secured Party pursuant hereto and shall be delivered to Secured Party in suitable form for transfer by delivery with any necessary endorsement or shall be accompanied by fully executed instruments of transfer or assignment in blank, in each case in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Secured Party. To the extent that any of the Company Rights (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) are not evidenced by a certificate, instrument or other writing, the Grantor will take all actions required under applicable Law to perfect the security interest created hereunder, and such other actions as the Secured Party considers necessary or desirable to effect the foregoing, and upon reasonable request by the Secured Party will provide an opinion of counsel satisfactory to the Secured Party, acting reasonably, with respect to the pledge of uncertificated interests.

- (d) <u>Diminution of Company Rights</u>. Such Grantor will not adjust, settle, compromise, amend or modify any of the Company Rights or the Company Agreements related to ETP GP or ETP LLC, except as permitted (or not restricted) by the Credit Agreement. Such Grantor will not permit the creation of any additional interests in any Company (other than ETP or Regency) or the issuance of any additional shares of any class of capital stock or any other interests of any Company (other than ETP or Regency) (unless immediately upon creation or issuance the same are pledged and delivered to Secured Party pursuant to the terms hereof to the extent necessary to give Secured Party a first priority security interest therein), whether such additional interests are presently vested or will vest upon the payment of money or the occurrence or nonoccurrence of any other condition.
- (e) <u>Status of Company Rights</u>. Except for certificated securities that have been delivered to Secured Party and reflected on <u>Exhibit A</u> (as supplemented from time to time), the Company Rights are not and shall not at any time be evidenced by any certificates. The certificates evidencing the Company Rights shall at all times be valid and shall not be altered. The Company Rights at all times shall be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and (other than with respect to partnership and limited liability company interests) non assessable, and shall not be issued in violation of the pre emptive rights of any Person or of any agreement by which Grantor or any Company is bound and shall not be subject to any restrictions with respect to transfer, voting or capital of such Company Rights.
- (f) <u>Restrictions on Collateral</u>. Such Grantor will not enter into any agreement creating, or otherwise permit to exist, any restriction or condition upon the transfer, voting, control, or exercise of any Company Rights in respect of any Company other than any such restrictions or conditions contained in the applicable Company's Company Agreement or similar agreement as of the Closing Date.
- (g) <u>Commercial Tort Claims</u>. If such Grantor shall at any time hold or acquire a material Commercial Tort Claim, such Grantor shall immediately notify Secured Party in writing of the details thereof and grant to Secured Party in such writing a security interest therein and in the proceeds thereof, all upon the terms of this Agreement, with such writing to be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Secured Party.

### ARTICLE IV Remedies, Powers and Authorizations

## Section 4.1. Provisions Concerning the Collateral.

- (a) <u>Authorization to File Financing Statements</u>; <u>Additional Filings</u>. Each Grantor hereby irrevocably authorizes Secured Party at any time and from time to time to file, without the signature of such Grantor, in any jurisdiction any financing statements and amendments thereto that (i) indicate the Collateral as "all assets of Grantor and all proceeds thereof, and all rights and privileges with respect thereto" or words of similar effect, regardless of whether any particular asset included in the Collateral falls within the scope of Article 9 of the UCC; (ii) contain any other information required by subchapter E of Article 9 of the UCC for the sufficiency or filing office acceptance of any financing statement or amendment, including the address of such Grantor, whether such Grantor is an organization, the type of organization and any organization identification number issued to such Grantor; and (iii) are necessary to properly effectuate the transactions described in this Agreement, as determined by Secured Party in its reasonable discretion. Each Grantor agrees to furnish any such information to Secured Party promptly upon request. Each Grantor hereby further authorizes Secured Party to file one or more continuation statements to such financing statements. Each Grantor further agrees that a carbon, photographic or other reproduction of this Security Agreement or of any financing statement describing any Collateral is sufficient as a financing statement and may be filed in any jurisdiction accepting same by Secured Party.
- (b) <u>Power of Attorney</u>. Each Grantor hereby irrevocably appoints Secured Party as such Grantor's attorney in fact and proxy, with full authority in the place and stead of such Grantor and in the name of such Grantor or otherwise, from time to time in Secured Party's reasonable discretion, if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, to take any action, and to execute or endorse any instrument, certificate or notice, which Secured Party may deem necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes of this Agreement, including any action or instrument: (i) to request or instruct each Company (and each registrar, transfer agent, or similar Person acting on behalf of each Company) to register the pledge or transfer of its Collateral to Secured Party; (ii) to otherwise give notification to any Company, registrar, transfer agent, financial intermediary, or other Person of Secured Party's security interests in its Collateral hereunder; (iii) to ask, demand, collect, sue for, recover, compound, receive and give acquittance and receipts for moneys due and to become due under or in respect of any of its Collateral; (iv) to receive, endorse and collect any drafts or other instruments or documents included in its Collateral; (v) to enforce any obligations included in its Collateral; and (vi) to file any claims or take any action or institute any proceedings which Secured Party may, in its reasonable discretion, deem necessary or desirable for the collection of any of its Collateral or otherwise to enforce, perfect, or establish the priority of the rights of Secured Party with respect to any of its Collateral. Each Grantor hereby acknowledges that such power of attorney and proxy are coupled with an interest, and are irrevocable.
- (c) <u>Collection Rights</u>. Secured Party shall have the right at any time, after the occurrence and during the continuance of a Default or of an Event of Default, to notify, or require any Grantor to notify, any or all Persons (including any Company) obligated to make payments which are included among its Collateral (whether accounts, general intangibles, dividends, distribution rights, Company Rights to Payment, or otherwise) of the assignment

thereof to Secured Party under this Agreement and to direct such obligors to make payment of all amounts due or to become due to such Grantor thereunder directly to Secured Party and, upon such notification and at the expense of such Grantor and to the extent permitted by Law, to enforce collection thereof and to adjust, settle or compromise the amount or payment thereof, in the same manner and to the same extent as such Grantor could have done. After such Grantor receives notice that Secured Party has given (and after Secured Party has required such Grantor to give) any notice referred to above in this subsection, and so long as any Event of Default shall be continuing:

- (i) all amounts and proceeds (including instruments and writings) received by such Grantor in respect of such rights to payment, accounts, general intangibles, dividends, distribution rights or Company Rights to Payments shall be received in trust for the benefit of Secured Party hereunder, shall be segregated from other funds of such Grantor and shall be forthwith paid over to Secured Party in the same form as so received (with any necessary endorsement) to be applied as specified in Section 4.3; and
- (ii) except with the consent of Secured Party (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), such Grantor will not adjust, settle or compromise the amount or payment of any such account or general intangible, Company Rights to Payments or release wholly or partly any account debtor or obligor thereof (including any Company) or allow any credit or discount thereon.
- Section 4.2. Event of Default Remedies. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, then Secured Party may from time to time in its discretion, without limitation and without notice except as expressly provided below:
- (a) exercise in respect of the Collateral, in addition to any other rights and remedies provided for herein, under the other Loan Documents or otherwise available to it, all the rights and remedies of a secured party on default under the UCC (whether or not the UCC applies to the affected Collateral);
- (b) require each Grantor to, and each Grantor hereby agrees that it will at its expense and upon request of Secured Party, promptly assemble all books, records and information of such Grantor relating to the Collateral at a place to be designated by Secured Party which is reasonably convenient to both parties;
- (c) reduce its claim to judgment or foreclose or otherwise enforce, in whole or in part, the security interest created hereby by any available judicial procedure;
- (d) dispose of, at its office, on the premises of the respective Grantor or elsewhere, all or any part of the Collateral, as a unit or in parcels, by public or private proceedings, and by way of one or more contracts (it being agreed that the sale of any part of the Collateral shall not exhaust Secured Party's power of sale, but sales may be made from time to time, and at any time, until all of the Collateral has been sold or until the Secured Obligations have been paid and performed in full), and at any such sale it shall not be necessary to exhibit any of the Collateral;
  - (e) buy (or allow one or more of the Lender Parties to buy) the Collateral, or any part thereof, at any public sale;

- (f) buy (or allow one or more of the Lender Parties to buy) the Collateral, or any part thereof, at any private sale if the Collateral is of a type customarily sold in a recognized market or is of a type which is the subject of widely distributed standard price quotations;
- (g) appoint by instrument in writing one or more receivers, managers or receiver/manager for the Collateral or the business and undertaking of any Grantor pertaining to the Collateral (the "Receiver"). Any such Receiver will have, in addition to any other rights, remedies and powers which a Receiver may have at Law, in equity or by statute, the rights and powers set out elsewhere in this Section 4.2. In exercising such rights and powers, any Receiver will act as and for all purposes will be deemed to be the agent of Grantors and no Lender Party will be responsible for any act or default of any Receiver. The Lender Parties may remove any Receiver and appoint another from time to time. No Receiver appointed by the Lender Parties need be appointed by, nor need its appointment be ratified by, or its actions in any way supervised by a court;
- (h) apply by appropriate judicial proceedings for appointment of a receiver for the Collateral, or any part thereof, and each Grantor hereby consents to any such appointment; and
- (i) at its discretion, retain the Collateral in satisfaction of the Secured Obligations whenever the circumstances are such that Secured Party is entitled to do so under the UCC or otherwise (provided that Secured Party shall in no circumstances be deemed to have retained the Collateral in satisfaction of the Secured Obligations in the absence of an express notice by Secured Party to such Grantor that Secured Party has either done so or intends to do so).
- Each Grantor agrees that, to the extent notice of sale shall be required by Law, at least ten (10) days' notice to such Grantor of the time and place of any public sale or the time after which any private sale is to be made shall constitute reasonable notification. Secured Party shall not be obligated to make any sale of Collateral regardless of notice of sale having been given. Secured Party may adjourn any public or private sale from time to time by announcement at the time and place fixed therefor, and such sale may, without further notice, be made at the time and place to which it was so adjourned.
- Section 4.3. <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. If any Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, then Secured Party may in its discretion apply any cash proceeds from the Collateral held by Secured Party as Collateral, and any cash proceeds received by Secured Party in respect of any sale of, collection from, or other realization upon all or any part of the Collateral, as provided in Section 8.03 of the Credit Agreement.
- Section 4.4. <u>Deficiency</u>. In the event that the proceeds of any sale, collection or realization of or upon Collateral by Secured Party are insufficient to pay all Secured Obligations and any other amounts to which Secured Party is legally entitled, each Grantor that is the Borrower or is a Guarantor shall be liable for the deficiency, together with interest thereon as provided in the governing Loan Documents, together with the costs of collection and the reasonable fees of any legal counsel employed by Secured Party, the LC Issuer, the Swingline Lender or the Lenders to collect such deficiency.

Section 4.5. Indemnity and Expenses. In addition to, but not in qualification or limitation of, any similar obligations under other Loan Documents:

(a) each Grantor will indemnify each Lender Party from and against any and all claims, losses and liabilities arising out of or resulting from this Agreement (including enforcement of this Agreement), whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by such Grantor or any other Loan Party, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto, in all cases, whether or not caused by or arising, in whole or in part, out of the negligence of the Indemnitee; provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (i) 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 or (ii) result from a claim brought by such Grantor or any other Loan Party against an Indemnitee for breach in bad faith of such Indemnitee's obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document, if such Grantor 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; and

(b) each Grantor will upon demand pay to Secured Party the amount of any and all reasonable costs and expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of Secured Party's counsel and of any experts and agents, which Secured Party may incur in connection with (i) the transactions which give rise to this Agreement, (ii) the preparation of this Agreement and the perfection and preservation of this security interest created under this Agreement, (iii) the administration of this Agreement, (iv) the custody, preservation, use or operation of, or the sale of, collection from, or other realization upon, any Collateral, (v) the exercise or enforcement of any of the rights of Secured Party hereunder, or (vi) the failure by Grantor to perform or observe any of the provisions hereof, except expenses resulting from Secured Party's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Section 4.6. Non-Judicial Remedies. In granting to Secured Party the power to enforce its rights hereunder without prior judicial process or judicial hearing, each Grantor expressly waives, renounces and knowingly relinquishes any legal right which might otherwise require Secured Party to enforce its rights by judicial process. In so providing for non judicial remedies, each Grantor recognizes and concedes that such remedies are consistent with the usage of trade, are responsive to commercial necessity, and are the result of a bargain at arm's length. Nothing herein is intended, however, to prevent Secured Party or any Grantor from resorting to judicial process at its option.

Section 4.7. Other Recourse. Each Grantor waives any right to require any Lender Party to proceed against any other Person, to exhaust any Collateral or other security for the Secured Obligations, to marshal the Collateral, or to have any Loan Party joined with such Grantor in any suit arising out of the Secured Obligations or this Agreement, or pursue any other remedy in Secured Party's power. Each Grantor further waives any and all notice of the creation, modification, rearrangement, renewal or extension for any period of any of the Secured Obligations of any Loan Party from time to time. Each Grantor further waives any defense arising by reason of any disability or other defense of any Loan Party or by reason of the cessation from any cause whatsoever of the liability of any Loan Party. This Agreement shall continue irrespective of the fact that the liability of any Loan Party may have ceased and

irrespective of the validity or enforceability of any other Loan Document to which such Grantor or any Loan Party may be a party, and notwithstanding any reorganization or bankruptcy of any Loan Party or any other event or proceeding affecting any Loan Party. Until all of the Secured Obligations shall have been paid in full, no Grantor shall have any right to subrogation and each Grantor waives the right to enforce any remedy which any Lender Party has or may hereafter have against any Loan Party, and waives any benefit of and any right to participate in any other security whatsoever now or hereafter held by Secured Party. Each Grantor authorizes each Lender Party, without notice or demand, without any reservation of rights against such Grantor, and without in any way affecting such Grantor's liability hereunder or on the Secured Obligations, from time to time to (a) take or hold any other property of any type from any other Person as security for the Secured Obligations, and exchange, enforce, waive and release any or all of such other property, (b) apply the Collateral or such other property and direct the order or manner of sale thereof as Secured Party may in its discretion determine, (c) renew, extend for any period, accelerate, modify, compromise, settle or release any of the obligations of any Loan Party in respect of any or all of the Secured Obligations or other security for the Secured Obligations, (d) waive, enforce, modify, amend, restate or supplement any of the provisions of any Loan Document with any Person other than such Grantor, and (e) release or substitute any Loan Party.

## Section 4.8. Exercise of Company Rights.

- (a) So long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing Grantors may receive, retain and use, free and clear of any Lien created hereby, any and all Company Rights to Payment paid in respect of the Collateral, provided, however, that any and all Company Rights to Payment paid or payable other than in cash in respect of, and instruments and other property received, receivable or otherwise distributed in respect of, or in exchange for, any Company Rights shall be, and shall forthwith be delivered to Secured Party to hold as, Company Rights and shall, if received by any Grantor, be received, segregated, held in trust and delivered as set forth above.
- (b) Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, Grantors may at all times exercise any and all voting rights pertaining to the Company Rights and Other Company Rights for any purpose not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.
  - (c) Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default:
  - (i) all rights of each Grantor to receive and retain the Company Rights to Payment which it would otherwise be authorized to receive and retain pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall automatically cease, and all such rights shall thereupon become vested in Secured Party which shall thereupon have the sole right to receive and hold as Collateral such Company Rights to Payment;
  - (ii) without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Secured Party may at its option exercise any and all rights of conversion, exchange, subscription or any other rights, privileges or options pertaining to any of the Company Rights, other than voting rights pertaining to the Company Rights, as if it were the absolute owner thereof, including, without limitation, the right to exchange, in its discretion, any and all of the

Company Rights upon the merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization or other adjustment of any Company, or upon the exercise by any Company of any right, privilege or option pertaining to any Company Rights, and, in connection therewith, to deposit and deliver any and all of the Company Rights with any committee, depository, transfer agent, registrar or other designated agent upon such terms and conditions as it may determine and any and all rights to dissolve any Company or to compel distribution of any Company's assets; and

(iii) all Company Rights to Payments which are received by Grantor contrary to the provisions of subsection (c)(i) of this section shall be received in trust for the benefit of Secured Party, shall be segregated from other funds of such Grantor, and shall be forthwith paid over to Secured Party as Company Rights in the exact form received, to be held by Secured Party as Collateral.

Section 4.9. Private Sale of Company Rights. Each Grantor recognizes that Secured Party may deem it impracticable to effect a public sale of all or any part of the Company Rights and that Secured Party may, therefore, determine to make one or more private sales of any such Company Rights to a restricted group of purchasers who will be obligated to agree, among other things, to acquire the same for their own account, for investment and not with a view to the distribution or resale thereof. Each Grantor acknowledges that any such private sale may be at prices and on terms less favorable to the seller than the prices and other terms which might have been obtained at a public sale and, notwithstanding the foregoing, agrees that such private sales shall be deemed to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner and that Secured Party shall have no obligation to delay sale of any such Company Rights for the period of time necessary to permit their registration for public sale under the Securities Act, to the extent, if any, that the Securities Act would be applicable thereto. Each Grantor further acknowledges and agrees that any offer to sell any Company Rights which has been (a) publicly advertised on a *bona fide* basis in a newspaper or other publication of general circulation in the financial community of New York, New York (to the extent that such an offer may be so advertised without prior registration under the Securities Act), or (b) made privately in the manner described above to not less than fifteen (15) *bona fide* offerees shall be deemed to involve a "public disposition" for the purposes of Section 9-610(c) of the UCC (or any successor or similar, applicable statutory provision) as then in effect in the State of New York, notwithstanding that such sale may not constitute a "public offering" under the Securities Act, and that Secured Party or one or more of the Lender Parties may, in such event, bid for the purchase of such Company Rights.

### **ARTICLE V Miscellaneous**

Section 5.1. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice or communication required or permitted hereunder shall be given, in the case of Borrower or Secured Party, as provided in the Credit Agreement, in the case of each other Grantor on the date of this Agreement, at the address below its signature hereto, and, in the case of any other Grantor, as provided in such Grantor's Pledge and Security Agreement Supplement.

Section 5.2. <u>Amendments</u>; <u>Pledge and Security Agreement Supplements</u>. No amendment of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and

signed by each Grantor and Secured Party, and no waiver of any provision of this Agreement, and no consent to any departure by any Grantor therefrom, shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by Secured Party, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given and to the extent specified in such writing. In addition, all such amendments and waivers shall be effective only if given with the necessary approvals of Lenders as required in the Credit Agreement. Upon the execution and delivery by any Person of a pledge and security agreement supplement in substantially the form of Exhibit B (each, a "Pledge and Security Agreement Supplement"), (a) such Person shall be referred to as an "Additional Grantor" and shall become and be a Grantor hereunder, and each reference in this Agreement to a "Grantor" shall also mean and be a reference to such Additional Grantor, and each reference in any other Loan Document to a "Grantor" shall also mean and be a reference in any other Loan Document to the "Security Agreement," "hereof" or words of like import referring to this Agreement, and each reference in any other Loan Document to the "Security Agreement," "thereof" or words of like import referring to this Agreement, shall mean and be a reference to this Agreement as supplemented by such Pledge and Security Agreement Supplement.

Section 5.3. <u>Preservation of Rights</u>. No failure on the part of Secured Party or any other Lender Party to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. Neither the execution nor the delivery of this Agreement shall in any manner impair or affect any other security for the Secured Obligations. The rights and remedies of Secured Party provided herein and in the other Loan Documents are cumulative and are in addition to, and not exclusive of, any rights or remedies provided by Law. The rights of Secured Party under any Loan Document against any party thereto are not conditional or contingent on any attempt by Secured Party to exercise any of its rights or exhaust any recourse under any other Loan Document against such party or against any other Person.

Section 5.4. <u>Unenforceability</u>. Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity without invalidating the remaining portions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.

Section 5.5. <u>Survival of Agreements</u>. All representations and warranties of each Grantor herein, and all covenants and agreements herein shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the execution and delivery of any other Loan Documents and the creation of the Secured Obligations.

Section 5.6. Other Liable Party. Neither this Agreement nor the exercise by Secured Party or the failure of Secured Party to exercise any right, power or remedy conferred herein or by Law shall be construed as relieving any Loan Party from liability on the Secured Obligations or any deficiency thereon. This Agreement shall continue irrespective of the fact that the liability of any Loan Party may have ceased or irrespective of the validity or enforceability of any other Loan Document to which any Grantor or any Loan Party may be a party, and notwithstanding the reorganization, death, incapacity or bankruptcy of any Loan Party, and

notwithstanding the reorganization or bankruptcy or other event or proceeding affecting any Loan Party.

Section 5.7. <u>Binding Effect and Assignment</u>. This Agreement creates a continuing security interest in the Collateral and (a) shall be binding on each Grantor and its successors and permitted assigns and (b) shall inure, together with all rights and remedies of Secured Party hereunder, to the benefit of Secured Party and its successors, transferees and assigns. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Secured Party, the LC Issuer, the Swingline Lender or any Lender may pledge, assign or otherwise transfer any or all of its rights hereunder as provided in the Credit Agreement, and such other Person shall thereupon become vested with all of the benefits in respect thereof granted to Secured Party, herein or otherwise. None of the rights or duties of any Grantor hereunder may be assigned or otherwise transferred without the prior written consent of Secured Party.

Section 5.8. <u>Termination</u>. It is contemplated by the parties hereto that there may be times when no Secured Obligations are outstanding, but notwithstanding such occurrences, this Agreement shall remain valid and shall be in full force and effect as to subsequent outstanding Secured Obligations. Upon the satisfaction in full of the Secured Obligations and the termination or expiration of the Credit Agreement, then upon written request for the termination hereof delivered by Borrower to Secured Party, this Agreement and the security interest created hereby shall terminate and all rights to the Collateral shall revert to Grantors. Secured Party will, upon the respective Grantor's request and at the respective Grantor's expense, return to such Grantor such of the Collateral as shall not have been sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the terms of this Agreement free and clear of the Liens hereof and execute and deliver to such Grantor such documents as such Grantor shall reasonably request to evidence such termination.

Section 5.9. Governing Law and Choice of Venue.

- (a) <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
- (b) <u>SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION</u>. EACH GRANTOR IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS, FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY, TO THE NONEXCLUSIVE 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 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. 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 LENDER OR THE LC ISSUER MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AGAINST THE BORROWER OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

- (c) <u>WAIVER OF VENUE</u>. EACH GRANTOR 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 ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT 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 SECTION 5.1. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY HERETO TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW.
- Section 5.10. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be separately executed in any number of counterparts (including by facsimile transmission), all of which when so executed shall be deemed to constitute one and the same Agreement.
- Section 5.11. "<u>Loan Document</u>." This Agreement is a "<u>Loan Document</u>," as defined in the Credit Agreement, and, except as expressly provided herein to the contrary, this Agreement is subject to all provisions of the Credit Agreement governing such Loan Documents. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement and this Agreement, the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement shall control.

Section 5.12. <u>Limitation on Recourse Against Non-Guarantor Grantor</u>. In respect of any Grantor that is neither the Borrower nor a Guarantor, Secured Party will look solely to the Collateral pledged by such Grantor and nothing contained in this Agreement will create any right for the Secured Party to enforce a deficiency in respect of the Secured Obligations against such Grantor. The foregoing shall not limit the rights of Secured Party to proceed against such Grantor (i) to enforce the security interest against Collateral pledged by such Grantor (including enforcement in connection with any proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code), (ii) to enforce any policy of insurance or to recover any condemnation proceeds or insurance proceeds or other similar funds in respect of Collateral pledged by such Grantor (but only to the extent of the value of such Collateral), (iii) to recover damages for fraud or waste by such Grantor in respect of Collateral pledged by such Grantor (but only to the extent of the value of such Collateral), or (iv) to recover Collateral or proceeds of Collateral that, under the terms of the Loan Documents, should have been delivered or paid to Secured Party by such Grantor. This Section shall not waive any right which Secured Party may have to make any election permitted

under Section 1111(b) of the United States Bankruptcy Code or to require that after acquired property of the Grantor shall continue to secure the Secured Obligations.

Section 5.13. <u>FINAL AGREEMENT</u>. THIS WRITTEN PLEDGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS REPRESENT THE FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR OR CONTEMPORANEOUS ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES.

THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Grantor has caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered by its officer thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.

ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P. By: LE GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds

John W. McReynolds President and Chief Financial Officer

ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L.L.C.

By: Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., its sole member

By: LE GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds

John W. McReynolds

President and Chief Financial Officer

ETE GP ACQUIRER LLC,

BY: Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., its sole member

By: LE GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds

John W. McReynolds

President and Chief Financial Officer

ETE SERVICES COMPANY, LLC,

BY: Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., its sole member

By: LE GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds

John W. McReynolds

President and Chief Financial Officer

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REGENCY GP LLC,

BY: ETE GP Acquirer LLC, its sole member By: Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., its sole member

By: LE GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ John W. McReynolds

John W. McReynolds President and Chief Financial Officer

Address of each Grantor:

3738 Oak Lawn Avenue Dallas, TX 75219 Attention: Chief Financial Officer

Phone: (214) 981-0722 Facsimile: (214) 981-0706

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## Agreed and Accepted:

# CREDIT SUISSE AG, CAYMAN ISLANDS BRANCH, as Administrative Agent as provided herein

By: /s/ Nupur Kumar

Name: Nupur Kumar Title: Vice President

By: /s/ Kevin Buddhdew

Name: Kevin Buddhdew Title: Associate

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

(A) Full legal name, type of organization, jurisdiction and organizational identification number of each Grantor:

	State of	
	Incorporation/	
Name	Formation	Organizational #
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Delaware	4019371
Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C.	Delaware	3187550
ETE GP Acquirer L.L.C.	Delaware	4820006
ETE Services Company, LLC	Delaware	4821292
Regency GP LLC	Delaware	4027333

(B) Other Names (including any Trade-Name or Fictitious Business Name) under which each Grantor has conducted business for the past five (5) years:

None

(C) Changes in Name, Jurisdiction of Organization, Chief Executive Office and Corporate Structure within past five (5) years:

None

Schedule 1

# **Description of Pledged Shares**

Description of Preaged States					
Debtor		Company	Cert. No.	# of Shares	Percentage of Equity Interest Pledged
	None				
	Description of Partnership	Interests			
Grantor	Company	Cert. No.		Percentage and Type of Equity Interest Pledged	
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P.	1	100% Class A l partnership inte		
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P.	2	50% of the Clas partnership inte		
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P.	4	50% of the Clas		
Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C.	Energy Transfer Partners GP, L.P.	2	.01% general pa interest	ırtnership	
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.	ET-0585	3,787,857 comm partnership unit		
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.	ET-0061	3,742,515 comm partnership unit		
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.	ET-0060	7,721,542 comr partnership unit		
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.	ET-0369	15,883,234 com partnership unit		
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.	ET-0620	1,638,692 comr partnership unit		
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.	ET-0927	1,069,850 comr partnership unit		
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.	ET-0981	2,570,150 comr partnership unit		

Energy Transfer Partners, L.P.

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13,813,127 common limited partnership units

ET-3753

Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.

Grantor ETE GP Acquirer LLC	Company Regency GP LP	Cert. No. None*	Percentage and Type of Equity Interest Pledged  93.1% limited partnership interest
Regency GP LLC	Regency GP LP	None*	.001% general partnership interest representing 100% of the general partnership interests
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Regency Energy Partners LP	RP 0312	26,266,791 common limited partnership units
* Non-certificated			
Description of LLC Rights			
Debtor	Company	Cert. No.	Percentage and Type of Equity Interest Pledged
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	Energy Transfer Partners, L.L.C.	5	100% limited liability company interests (10,000 Class A units)
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	ETE GP Acquirer LLC	1	100% limited liability company interests
Energy Transfer Equity, L.P.	ETE Services Company, LLC	001	100% limited liability company interests
ETE GP Acquirer LLC	Regency GP LLC	1	100% limited liability company interests
Exhibit A			

### FORM OF PLEDGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENT

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Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as the Administrative Agent Eleven Madison Avenue New York, NY 10010

Re: Credit Agreement dated as of September 20, 2010 (herein, as from time to time amended, supplemented or restated, called the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as Administrative Agent, Collateral Agent, LC Issuer and Swingline Lender and the Lenders from time to time party thereto

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Credit Agreement and to that certain Pledge and Security Agreement dated as of September 20, 2010, executed by and among the grantors party thereto and the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Parties (as heretofore amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified, the "Original Security Agreement"; such Original Security Agreement, as in effect on the date hereof and as it may hereafter be amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, together with this Pledge and Security Agreement Supplement, being the "Security Agreement"). The capitalized terms defined in the Security Agreement and not otherwise defined herein are used herein as therein defined.

Section 1. <u>Grant of Security Interest</u>. The undersigned Grantor hereby confirms the grant to the Secured Party set forth in the Security Agreement of, and does hereby grant to the Secured Party, a security interest in all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to all Collateral to secure the Secured Obligations, in each case whether now or hereafter existing or in which Grantor now has or hereafter acquires an interest and wherever the same may be located. The undersigned Grantor represents and warrants that the attached supplements to schedules accurately and completely set forth all additional information required pursuant to the Security Agreement and hereby agrees that such supplements to schedules shall constitute part of the schedules to the Security Agreement.

Section 2. <u>Obligations Under the Security Agreement</u>. The undersigned Grantor hereby agrees, as of the date first above written, to be bound as a Grantor by all of the terms and conditions of the Security Agreement to the same extent as each of the other Grantors thereunder. The undersigned Grantor further agrees, as of the date first above written, that each reference in the Security Agreement to an "<u>Additional Grantor</u>" or a "<u>Grantor</u>" shall also mean

Exhibit B

and be a reference to the undersigned, and each reference in any other Loan Document to a "<u>Grantor</u>" or a "<u>Loan Party</u>" shall also mean and be a reference to the undersigned.

Section 3. <u>Representations</u>, <u>Warranties and Covenants</u>. The undersigned Grantor hereby (a) makes each representation and warranty set forth in <u>Section 3.1</u> of the Security Agreement and (b) undertakes each covenant obligation set forth in <u>Section 3.2</u> of the Security Agreement, in each case to the same extent as each other Grantor.

Section 4. Governing Law and Choice of Venue. This Security Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within such State, except as required by mandatory provisions of Law and except to the extent that the perfection and the effect of perfection or non-perfection of the security interest created hereunder, in respect of any particular Collateral, are governed by the Laws of a jurisdiction other than such State. Each of the Grantors irrevocably waives any objection, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, that it may now or hereafter have (including any claim of inconvenient forum) to the venue of any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Security Agreement in 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.

Section 6. <u>FINAL AGREEMENT</u>. THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS REPRESENT THE FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR OR CONTEMPORANEOUS ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES HERETO. THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Pledge and Security	Agreement Supplement to be executed and delivered by its officer
thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.	

Very tru	ly yours,
[NAME	OF ADDITIONAL GRANTOR]
By: Name: Title:	
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