

APPENDIX 3

Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger

EXECUTION VERSION

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

by and among

ENERGY TRANSFER EQUITY, L.P.,

SIGMA ACQUISITION CORPORATION

and

SOUTHERN UNION COMPANY

Dated as of June 15, 2011

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Exhibit A Form of Support Agreements

AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER (this "Agreement"), dated as of July 4, 2011 (the "Amendment Date"), by and among Energy Transfer Equity, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Parent"), Sigma Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ("Merger Sub"), and Southern Union Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Company").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2011, the parties entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Original Merger Agreement");

WHEREAS, the parties are entering into this Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger in order to modify certain terms and conditions of the Original Merger Agreement, with effect from the date of execution of the Original Agreement;

WHEREAS, the parties intend that Merger Sub be merged with and into the Company (the "Merger"), with the Company surviving the Merger as a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Parent;

WHEREAS, each of the Board of Directors of the Company and Merger Sub have (a) determined that it is in the best interests of the Company and Merger Sub, respectively, and their respective stockholders, and declared it advisable, to enter into this Agreement, (b) approved the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger and (c) resolved to recommend adoption of this Agreement by their respective stockholders;

WHEREAS, the general partner of Parent has (a) determined that it is in the best interests of Parent and its unitholders, and declared it advisable, to enter into this Agreement and (b) approved the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger and the Unit Issuance (as defined herein);

WHEREAS, simultaneously with, and as a condition to, the execution of this Amended and Restated Merger Agreement, certain stockholders of the Company are executing either an amended and restated support agreement with Parent or a new support agreement, each dated as of the Amendment Date, in the form of Exhibit A hereto (the "Support Agreements"), pursuant to which, among other things, such shareholders have agreed to vote the shares of Common Stock of which they are the record or beneficial owner in favor of the approval of this Agreement and the Merger and/or have agreed to make a Common Unit Election with respect to such shares of Common Stock in accordance with Section 2.1; and

WHEREAS, for Federal income tax purposes, it is intended that the Merger qualify under Section 721(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") with respect to holders of Company Common Stock receiving Common Units as Merger Consideration; and

WHEREAS, Parent, Merger Sub and the Company desire to make certain representations, warranties, covenants and agreements specified herein in connection with this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained herein, and intending to be legally bound hereby, Parent, Merger Sub and the Company agree as follows, and the Original Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety with effect from the date of execution of the Original Agreement, as follows:

ARTICLE I.

THE MERGER

Section 1.1. The Merger. At the Effective Time, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"), Merger Sub shall be merged with and into the Company, whereupon the separate corporate existence of Merger Sub shall cease, and the Company shall continue its corporate existence under Delaware law as the surviving corporation in the Merger (the "Surviving Corporation") and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Parent.

Section 1.2. Closing. The closing of the Merger (the "Closing") shall take place at the offices of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, 600 Travis Street, Suite 2800, Houston, Texas at 10:00 a.m., local time, on a date to be agreed upon by the parties in writing (the "Closing Date"), which shall be no later than the third business day after the satisfaction or waiver (to the extent permitted by applicable Law) of the conditions set forth in Article VI (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied by action taken at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver of such conditions), or at such other place, date and time as the Company and Parent may agree in writing; provided, however, that upon satisfaction or waiver of all the conditions set forth in Article VI (excluding conditions that, by their terms, cannot be satisfied until the Closing Date, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver of such conditions) Parent may, on one occasion, by giving written notice to the Company no later than two business days prior to the date the Closing is scheduled to occur, elect to postpone the Closing Date for a period of time not to exceed 15 consecutive business days in order to facilitate the Financings.

Section 1.3. Effective Time. On the Closing Date, the Company and Merger Sub shall file the certificate of merger (the "Certificate of Merger"), executed in accordance with, and containing such information as is required by, the relevant provisions of the DGCL with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. The Merger shall become effective at such time as the Certificate of Merger is duly filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, or at such later time as is agreed between the parties and specified in the Certificate of Merger in accordance with the relevant provisions of the DGCL (such date and time is hereinafter referred to as the "Effective Time").

Section 1.4. Effects of the Merger. The effects of the Merger shall be as provided in this Agreement and in the applicable provisions of the DGCL. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and subject thereto, at the Effective Time, all of the property, rights, privileges, powers and franchises of the Company and Merger Sub shall vest in the Surviving Corporation, and all debts, liabilities and duties of the Company and Merger Sub shall become the debts, liabilities and duties of the Surviving Corporation, all as provided under the DGCL.

Section 1.5. Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws of the Surviving Corporation.

(a) At the Effective Time, the certificate of incorporation of Merger Sub, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall be the certificate of incorporation of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter amended in accordance with the provisions thereof and applicable Law.

(b) At the Effective Time, the by-laws of Merger Sub, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall be the by-laws of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter amended in accordance with the provisions thereof and hereof and applicable Law.

Section 1.6. Directors. Subject to applicable Law, the directors of Merger Sub immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the initial directors of the Surviving Corporation and shall hold office until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, or their earlier death, resignation or removal.

Section 1.7. Officers. The officers of Merger Sub immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the initial officers of the Surviving Corporation and shall hold office until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, or their earlier death, resignation or removal.

ARTICLE II.

CONVERSION OF SHARES; EXCHANGE OF CERTIFICATES

Section 2.1. (a) Effect on Capital Stock. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the Company, Merger Sub or the holders of any securities of the Company or Merger Sub, each share of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share of the Company (such shares, collectively, "Company Common Stock", and each, a "Share") issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (other than Cancelled Shares and Dissenting Shares) shall, by virtue of this Agreement and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, be converted into and shall thereafter represent the right to receive the following consideration (collectively, the "Merger Consideration"), calculated in the following order:

(i) Each share of Company Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time with respect to which an election to receive cash (a "Cash Election") has been effectively made and not revoked or lost pursuant to Section 2.2 (each, a "Cash Election Share") shall be converted into the right to receive \$40.00 in cash without interest (the "Per Share Cash Consideration"); provided, however, if (A) the product of the Per Share Cash Consideration and the number of Cash Election Shares (such product being the "Cash Election Amount") exceeds the Available Cash Election Amount, then each Cash Election Share shall be converted into a right to receive (1) an amount of cash (without interest) equal to the product of (p) the Per Share Cash Consideration and (q) a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the Available Cash Election Amount and the denominator of which shall be the Cash Election

Amount (such fraction being the "Cash Fraction") and (2) a number of Common Units equal to the product of (r) 0.903 (the "Exchange Ratio") and (s) one (1) minus the Cash Fraction. The "Available Cash Election Amount" shall equal (A) the product of (x) 0.60, (y) the Per Share Cash Consideration and (z) the total number of shares of Company Common Stock (other than the Cancelled Shares) issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time minus (B) the product of the Per Share Cash Consideration and the total number of Dissenting Shares immediately prior to the Effective Time.

(ii) Each share of Company Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time with respect to which an election to receive consideration consisting of Common Units (a "Common Unit Election") is properly made and not revoked or lost pursuant to Section 2.2 (each, a "Common Unit Election Share"), and each No Election Share (which shall be deemed to be Common Unit Election Shares for purposes of this Section 2.1(a)(ii)), shall be converted into the right to receive that number of Common Units equal to the Exchange Ratio (together with any cash in lieu of fractional Common Units to be paid pursuant to Section 2.1(d), the "Per Share Common Unit Consideration"); provided, however, if the Cash Election Amount is less than an amount equal to 5/6 (five sixths) multiplied by the Available Cash Election Amount (the amount of such shortfall, if any, the "Shortfall Amount"), then each Common Unit Election Share shall be converted into the right to receive (1) a number of Common Units equal to the product of (x) the Exchange Ratio and (y) a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the Per Share Cash Consideration minus the amount of cash calculated in clause (2) below and the denominator of which shall be the Per Share Cash Consideration and (2) an amount of cash (without interest) equal to the amount the Shortfall Amount divided by the number of Common Unit Election Shares.

(b) Cancellation of Shares. Each Share that is held directly or indirectly by the Company or any of its wholly owned Subsidiaries immediately prior to the Effective Time (in each case, other than any Shares held on behalf of third parties) (the "Cancelled Shares") shall, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, be cancelled and retired and shall cease to exist, and no consideration shall be delivered in exchange for such cancellation and retirement.

(c) Conversion of Merger Sub Common Stock. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, each share of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of Merger Sub issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be converted into and become one validly issued, fully-paid and nonassessable share of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of the Surviving Corporation and shall constitute the only outstanding shares of capital stock of the Surviving Corporation. From and after the Effective Time, all certificates representing the capital stock of Merger Sub shall be deemed for all purposes to represent the number of shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation into which they were converted in accordance with the immediately preceding sentence.

(d) Fractional Units. No fractional Common Units shall be issued in the Merger, but in lieu thereof each holder of Shares otherwise entitled to a fractional Common Unit will be entitled to receive, from the Exchange Agent in accordance with the provisions of this Section 2.1(d), a cash payment in lieu of such fractional Common Unit representing such holder's proportionate interest, if any, in the proceeds from the sale by the Exchange Agent (reduced by any fees of the Exchange Agent attributable to such sale) in one or more transactions of Common Units equal to the excess of (A) the aggregate number of Common Units to be delivered to the Exchange Agent by Parent pursuant to Section 2.3(a) over (B) the aggregate number of whole Common Units to be distributed to the holders of Shares pursuant to Section 2.3(b) (such excess, the "Excess Shares"). No certificates or scrip representing fractional Common Units shall be issued in the Merger. The parties acknowledge that payment of the cash consideration in lieu of issuing fractional Common Units was not separately bargained-for consideration but merely represents a mechanical rounding off for purposes of avoiding the expense and inconvenience to Parent that would otherwise be caused by the issuance of fractional Common Units. As soon as practicable after the determination of the amount of cash, if any, to be paid to holders of Shares in lieu of any fractional Common Units, the Exchange Agent shall make available such amounts to such holders of Shares, without interest, subject to and in accordance with Section 2.2.

(e) Adjustments to the Exchange Ratio. If at any time during the period between the date of this Agreement and the Effective Time, any change in the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company or Parent shall occur as a result of any reclassification, stock or unit split (including a reverse stock or unit split) or combination, exchange or readjustment of shares or units, or any stock or unit dividend or stock or unit distribution with a record date during such period, the Exchange Ratio, the Per Share Common Unit Consideration, the Per Share Cash Consideration, the Merger Consideration and any other similarly dependent items shall be equitably adjusted to provide to Parent, Merger Sub and the holders of Company Common Stock the same economic effect as contemplated by this Agreement prior to such action, and thereafter, all references in this Agreement to the "Exchange Ratio," "Per Share Common Unit Consideration," "Per Share Cash Consideration," "Merger Consideration" and any other similarly dependent items shall be references to the Exchange Ratio, Per Share Common Unit Consideration, Per Share Cash Consideration, Merger Consideration and any other similarly dependent items as so adjusted; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 2.1(e) shall be deemed to permit or authorize any party hereto to effect any such change that it is not otherwise authorized or permitted to undertake pursuant to this Agreement.

(f) Dissenting Shares. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Shares that are issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time and which are held by stockholders properly exercising appraisal rights available under Section 262 of the DGCL (the "Dissenting Shares") shall not be converted into or be exchangeable for the right to receive the Merger Consideration, unless and until such holders shall have failed to perfect or shall have effectively withdrawn or lost their rights to appraisal under the DGCL. Holders of Dissenting Shares shall be entitled to payment of the appraised value of the Dissenting Shares held by them to the extent permitted by and in accordance with Section 262 of the DGCL. If any such holder shall have failed to perfect or shall have effectively withdrawn or lost such right to appraisal, such holder's Shares shall thereupon be converted into and become exchangeable only for the right to receive, as of the later of the Effective Time and the time that such right to

appraisal shall have been irrevocably lost, withdrawn or expired, the Merger Consideration specified in Section 2.1(a)(iii); provided, in such circumstance, to the fullest extent permitted by Law, that Parent shall be entitled at its sole option to convert each such share into the right to receive the Merger Consideration specified in either Section 2.1(a)(i) or 2.1(a)(ii). The Company shall give Parent and Merger Sub (i) prompt written notice of any demands for appraisal of any Shares, attempted withdrawals of such demands and any other instruments served pursuant to the DGCL and received by the Company relating to rights to be paid the "fair value" of Dissenting Shares, as provided in Section 262 of the DGCL, and (ii) the opportunity to participate in negotiations and proceedings with respect to demands for appraisal under the DGCL. The Company shall not, except with the prior written consent of Parent which will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, voluntarily make or agree to make any material payment with respect to any demands for appraisals of capital stock of the Company, offer to settle or settle any such demands.

Section 2.2. Election Procedures.

(a) An election form and other appropriate and customary transmittal materials (which shall specify that delivery shall be effected, and risk of loss and title to the certificates theretofore representing shares of Company Common Stock shall pass, only upon proper delivery of such Certificates to the Exchange Agent) in such form as Parent shall specify and as shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company (the "Election Form") shall be mailed thirty days prior to the anticipated Closing Date or on such other date as Parent and the Company shall mutually agree (the "Mailing Date") to each holder of record of Company Common Stock as of the close of business on the fifth business day prior to the Mailing Date (the "Election Form Record Date").

(b) Each Election Form shall permit the holder (or the beneficial owner through appropriate and customary documentation and instructions), other than any holder of Dissenting Shares, to specify (i) the number of shares of such holder's Company Common Stock with respect to which such holder elects to receive the Per Share Common Unit Consideration and (ii) the number of shares of such holder's Company Common Stock with respect to which such holder elects to receive the Per Share Cash Consideration. Any Shares with respect to which the Exchange Agent has not received an effective, properly completed Election Form on or before 5:00 p.m., New York time, on the twentieth (20th) day following the Mailing Date (or such other time and date as Parent and the Company shall agree) (the "Election Deadline") (other than Cancelled Shares or any shares of Company Common Stock that constitute Dissenting Shares as of such time) shall be deemed to be "No Election Shares".

(c) Parent shall make available one or more Election Forms as may reasonably be requested from time to time by all Persons who become holders (or beneficial owners) of Company Common Stock between the Election Form Record Date and the close of business on the business day prior to the Election Deadline, and the Company shall provide to the Exchange Agent all information reasonably necessary for it to perform as specified herein.

(d) Any such election shall have been properly made only if the Exchange Agent shall have actually received a properly completed Election Form by the Election Deadline. An Election Form shall be deemed properly completed only if accompanied by one or more

certificates (or customary affidavits and, if required by Parent, the posting by such Person of a bond, in such reasonable amount as Parent may direct, as indemnity against any claim that may be made against it with respect to such certificate) representing all shares of Company Common Stock covered by such Election Form, together with duly executed transmittal materials included in the Election Form. Any Election Form may be revoked or changed by the Person submitting such Election Form, by written notice received by the Exchange Agent prior to the Election Deadline. In the event an Election Form is revoked prior to the Election Deadline, the shares of Company Common Stock represented by such Election Form shall become No Election Shares and Parent shall cause the certificates representing such shares of Parent Common Stock to be promptly returned without charge to the Person submitting the Election Form upon written request to that effect from the holder who submitted the Election Form, except to the extent (if any) a subsequent election is properly made with respect to any or all of such shares of Company Common Stock. Subject to the terms of this Agreement and of the Election Form, the Exchange Agent shall have reasonable discretion to determine whether any election, revocation or change has been properly or timely made and to disregard immaterial defects in the Election Forms, and any good faith decisions of the Exchange Agent regarding such matters shall be binding and conclusive. None of Parent, the Company or the Exchange Agent shall be under any obligation to notify any Person of any defect in an Election Form.

Section 2.3. Exchange of Shares.

(a) Exchange Agent. Prior to the Effective Time, Parent shall appoint an exchange agent mutually acceptable to Parent and the Company (the "Exchange Agent") for the purpose of exchanging Shares for Merger Consideration. Prior to the Effective Time, Parent shall deposit, or shall cause to be deposited, with the Exchange Agent, in trust for the benefit of holders of the Shares (other than the Cancelled Shares and any Dissenting Shares), certificates representing the Common Units issuable pursuant to Section 2.1(a) and Section 5.6(a) (or appropriate alternative arrangements shall be made by Parent if uncertificated Common Units will be issued) and an amount of cash sufficient to effect the delivery of the Merger Consideration to the holders of Company Common Shares (other than Cancelled Shares and any Dissenting Shares). Following the Effective Time, Parent agrees to make available to the Exchange Agent, from time to time as needed, cash sufficient to pay any distributions pursuant to Section 2.3(c). All such certificates representing Common Units and cash deposited with the Exchange Agent from time to time is hereinafter referred to as the "Exchange Fund."

(b) Exchange Procedures. As soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Time and in any event not later than the fifth business day following the Effective Time, Parent shall cause the Exchange Agent to mail to each holder of Shares, which at the Effective Time were converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration pursuant to Section 2.1, (i) a letter of transmittal (which shall specify that delivery shall be effected, and that risk of loss and title to the Shares shall pass, only upon delivery of the Shares to the Exchange Agent) and (ii) instructions for use in effecting the surrender of the Shares in exchange for, as applicable, cash Merger Consideration, certificates representing whole Common Units (or appropriate alternative arrangements shall be made by Parent if uncertificated Common Units will be issued), cash in lieu of any fractional Common Units pursuant to Section 2.1(d) and any distributions payable pursuant to Section 2.3(c). Upon surrender of Shares for cancellation to the Exchange Agent, together with such letter of transmittal, duly completed and validly executed in

accordance with the instructions thereto, and such other documents as may reasonably be required by the Exchange Agent, the holder of such Shares shall be entitled to receive in exchange therefor, as applicable, that number of whole Common Units (after taking into account all Shares surrendered by such holder) to which such holder is entitled pursuant to Section 2.1 and payment by cash or check of that amount of cash Merger Consideration to which such holder is entitled pursuant to Section 2.1, that amount of cash in lieu of fractional Common Units which such holder is entitled to receive pursuant to Section 2.1(d) and any distributions payable pursuant to Section 2.3(c), and the Shares so surrendered shall forthwith be cancelled. If any cash payment is to be made to, or any Common Units constituting any part of the Merger Consideration is to be registered in the name of, a person other than the person in whose name the applicable surrendered Share is registered, it shall be a condition to the payment or registration thereof that the surrendered Share be in proper form for transfer and that the person requesting such payment or delivery of the Merger Consideration pay any transfer or other similar Taxes required as a result of such registration in the name of a person other than the registered holder of such Share or establish to the satisfaction of the Exchange Agent that such Tax has been paid or is not payable. Until surrendered as contemplated by this Section 2.2(b), each Share shall be deemed at any time after the Effective Time to represent only the right to receive the Merger Consideration (and any amounts to be paid pursuant to Section 2.1(d) or Section 2.3(c)) upon such surrender. No interest shall be paid or shall accrue on any amount payable pursuant to Section 2.1(d) or Section 2.3(c).

(c) Distributions with Respect to Unexchanged Shares. No distributions with respect to Common Units with a record date after the Effective Time shall be paid to the holder of any unsurrendered Share with respect to the Common Units represented thereby, and no cash payment in lieu of fractional Common Units shall be paid to any such holder pursuant to Section 2.1(d), until such Share has been surrendered in accordance with this Article II. Subject to applicable Laws, following surrender of any such Share, there shall be paid to the recordholder thereof, without interest, (i) promptly after such surrender, the number of whole Common Units issuable in exchange therefor pursuant to this Article II, together with any cash payable in lieu of a fractional Common Unit to which such holder is entitled pursuant to Section 2.1(d) and the amount of distributions with a record date after the Effective Time theretofore paid with respect to such whole Common Units and (ii) at the appropriate payment date, the amount of distributions with a record date after the Effective Time and a payment date subsequent to such surrender payable with respect to such whole Common Units. The Exchange Agent shall be entitled to deduct and withhold from the consideration otherwise payable under this Agreement to any holder of Shares, such amounts as are required to be withheld or deducted under the Code or any provision of U.S. state or local Tax Law with respect to the making of such payment. To the extent that amounts are so withheld or deducted and paid over to the applicable Governmental Entity, such withheld or deducted amounts shall be treated for all purposes of this Agreement as having been paid to the holder of the Shares, in respect of which such deduction and withholding were made.

(d) No Further Ownership Rights in Company Common Stock; Closing of Transfer Books. All Common Units issued upon the surrender for exchange of Shares in accordance with the terms of this Article II and any cash paid pursuant to Section 2.1(d) or Section 2.3(c) shall be deemed to have been issued (or paid) in full satisfaction of all rights pertaining to the Shares previously represented by such Shares. After the Effective Time, the stock transfer books of the

Company shall be closed, and there shall be no further registration of transfers on the stock transfer books of the Surviving Corporation of the Shares that were outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time. If, after the Effective Time, Shares are presented to the Surviving Corporation or the Exchange Agent for any reason, they shall be cancelled and exchanged as provided in this Article II.

(e) Termination of Exchange Fund. Any portion of the Exchange Fund (including the proceeds of any investments thereof) that remains undistributed to the former holders of Shares for one year after the Effective Time shall be delivered to Parent upon demand, and any holders of Shares who have not theretofore complied with this Article II shall thereafter look only to Parent for payment of their claim for the Merger Consideration, any cash in lieu of fractional Common Units pursuant to Section 2.1(d) and any distributions pursuant to Section 2.3(c).

(f) No Liability. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, none of the Company, Parent, Merger Sub, the Surviving Corporation, the Exchange Agent or any other person shall be liable to any former holder of Shares for any amount properly delivered to a public official pursuant to any applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar Law.

ARTICLE III.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY

Except as disclosed in the Company SEC Documents (excluding any disclosures set forth in any "risk factor" section and in any section relating to forward-looking statements, to the extent that they are cautionary, predictive or forward-looking in nature), where the relevance of the information as an exception to (or disclosure for purposes of) a particular representation is reasonably apparent on the face of such disclosure, or in the disclosure schedule delivered by the Company to Parent immediately prior to the execution of this Agreement (the "Company Disclosure Schedule") (each section of which qualifies the correspondingly numbered representation, warranty or covenant if specified therein and such other representations, warranties or covenants where its relevance as an exception to (or disclosure for purposes of) such other representation, warranty or covenant is reasonably apparent), the Company represents and warrants to Parent and Merger Sub as follows:

Section 3.1. Qualification, Organization, Subsidiaries, etc.

(a) Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries is a legal entity duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of its respective jurisdiction of organization and has all requisite corporate or similar power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and assets, to carry on its business as presently conducted and to perform its material obligations under all Company Material Contracts. Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries is qualified to do business and is in good standing as a foreign corporation in each jurisdiction where the ownership, leasing or operation of its assets or properties or conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so organized, validly existing, qualified or in good standing, or to have such power or authority, would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) As used in this Agreement, a "Company Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse event, change, effect, development, condition or occurrence on or with respect to the business, financial condition or continuing results of operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, other than any event, change, effect, development, condition or occurrence: (i) disclosed in the Company SEC Documents filed or furnished prior to the date of this Agreement (excluding any disclosure set forth in any risk factor section, or in any Section relating to forward looking statements, and any other disclosures therein, in each case, to the extent that they are cautionary and predictive or forward looking in nature) or as disclosed on the face of the Company Disclosure Schedule, (ii) in or generally affecting the economy or the financial or securities markets in the United States or elsewhere in the world or (iii) resulting from or arising out of (A) any changes or developments in national, regional, state or local wholesale or retail markets for natural gas, natural gas transmission or distribution, or related products or services including those due to actions by competitors or due to changes in commodities prices or hedging markets therefor, (B) any changes or developments in national, regional, state or local wholesale or retail natural gas prices, (C) the announcement or the existence of, or compliance with, this Agreement or the Original Merger Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby (including the impact thereof on the relationships, contractual or otherwise, of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with employees, labor unions, customers, suppliers or partners, and including any lawsuit, action or other proceeding with respect to the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Original Merger Agreement), (D) any taking of any action at the written request of Parent or Merger Sub, (E) any adoption, implementation, promulgation, repeal, modification, reinterpretation or proposal of any rule, regulation, ordinance, order, protocol or any other Law of or by any national, regional, state or local Governmental Entity, or market administrator, (F) any changes in GAAP or accounting standards or interpretations thereof, (G) any weather-related or other force majeure event or outbreak or escalation of hostilities or acts of war or terrorism, or (H) any changes in the share price or trading volume of the Shares or in the Company's credit rating, or the failure of the Company to meet projections or forecasts (unless due to any event, change, effect, development, condition or occurrence which has otherwise resulted in a Company Material Adverse Effect); except, in each case with respect to subclauses (A) - (B) and (E) - (G) of this clause (iii), to the extent materially and disproportionately affecting the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to other similarly situated companies in the industries in which the Company and its Subsidiaries operate.

(c) The Company SEC Documents include a true and complete copy of the Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation and by-laws, each as amended through the date hereof (collectively, the "Company Organizational Documents"), and promptly upon request, the Company will make available to Parent the certificate of incorporation, certificate of limited partnership, certificate of formation, bylaws, limited partnership agreement, limited liability company agreement or comparable constituent or organizational documents of each material Subsidiary of the Company.

Section 3.2. Capital Stock.

(a) The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 200,000,000 shares of Company Common Stock, par value, \$1.00 per share and 6,000,000 shares of preferred stock, no par value per share ("Company Preferred Stock"). As of June 14, 2011, (i) 125,960,694 shares

of Company Common Stock were issued and 124,721,110 shares were outstanding, which does not include restricted stock awards outstanding as of such date, (ii) 1,239,584 shares of Company Common Stock were held in treasury, (iii) 341,213 restricted shares were issuable and, based on a price of \$ 28.75 per share of Company Common Stock, 4,090,310 shares of Company Common Stock were issuable, in each case pursuant to the Company Stock Plans in respect of Company Equity Awards, and (iv) no shares of Company Preferred Stock were issued or outstanding. All outstanding shares of Company Common Stock are duly authorized, validly issued, fully-paid and nonassessable and free of preemptive rights and all shares of Company Common Stock reserved for issuance as noted in clause (iii), when issued in accordance with the respective terms thereof, will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully-paid and nonassessable and free of preemptive rights.

(b) Except as set forth in Section 3.2(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule and in subsection (a) above (and other than Shares issuable pursuant to the terms of outstanding awards under the Company Stock Plans), there are no outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, convertible securities, exchangeable securities or other similar rights, agreements or commitments to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party (i) obligating the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to (A) issue, transfer, exchange, sell or register for sale any shares of capital stock or other equity interests of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company or securities convertible into or exchangeable for such shares or equity interests, (B) grant, extend or enter into any such subscription, option, warrant, call, convertible securities or other similar right, agreement or arrangement, (C) redeem or otherwise acquire any such shares of capital stock or other equity interests or (D) provide a material amount of funds to, or make any material investment (in the form of a loan, capital contribution or otherwise) in, any Subsidiary or (ii) granting any preemptive or antidilutive or similar rights with respect to any security issued by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(c) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has outstanding bonds, debentures, notes or other indebtedness, the holders of which have the right to vote (or which are convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for securities having the right to vote) with the stockholders of the Company on any matter.

(d) There are no voting trusts or other agreements or understandings to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party with respect to the voting or registration of the capital stock or other equity interest of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(e) The Company SEC Documents contain an accurate and complete copy of the Company Stock Plans and the forms of Company Stock Awards and Company RSUs (collectively, "Company Equity Awards"). There have been no repricings of any Company Stock Awards through amendments, cancellation and reissuance or other means since January 1, 2009. None of the Company Equity Awards have been granted in contemplation of the Merger or the transactions contemplated in this Agreement and, except as set forth on Section 3.2(e) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, no Company Equity Awards have been granted since December 31, 2010. None of the Company Stock Awards was granted with an exercise price below or deemed to be below the per Share closing price on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") on the date of grant. All grants of Company Equity Awards were validly made and properly approved by the Board of Directors of the Company (or a duly authorized committee or

subcommittee thereof) in compliance with all applicable Laws and the terms of the applicable Company Stock Plan and recorded on the consolidated financial statements of the Company in accordance with GAAP, and, where applicable, no such grants involved any "back dating," "forward dating" or similar practices with respect to grants of Company Stock Awards. Section 3.2(e) of the Company Disclosure Schedule sets forth a complete list of all Company Equity Awards outstanding as of the date hereof and with respect to each Company Equity Award, the holder thereof, the number of shares of Company Common Stock subject thereto and the exercise price thereof, if applicable.

(f) Except as set forth in Section 3.2(f) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, the Company or a Company Subsidiary owns, directly or indirectly, all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock or other equity interests of each Subsidiary of the Company, free and clear of any Liens other than Company Permitted Liens, and all of such shares of capital stock or other equity interests are duly authorized, validly issued, fully-paid and nonassessable (except as such nonassessability may be affected by matters described in Sections 17-303, 17-607 and 17-804 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (the "Delaware LP Act") or Sections 18-607 and 18-804 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, as amended (the "Delaware LLC Act")) and free of preemptive rights. Except as set forth on Section 3.2(f) of the Company Disclosure Schedule and for equity interests in the Company's Subsidiaries, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries owns, directly or indirectly, any equity interest in any person (or any security or other right, agreement or commitment convertible or exercisable into, or exchangeable for, any equity interest in any person), or has any obligation to acquire any such equity interest, security, right, agreement or commitment or to provide funds to or make any investment (in the form of a loan, capital contribution or otherwise) in, any person.

(g) As used in this Agreement, "Company Permitted Lien" means any Lien (i) for Taxes or governmental assessments, charges or claims of payment not yet delinquent, being contested in good faith or for which adequate accruals or reserves have been established, (ii) that is a carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's or other similar lien arising in the ordinary course of business, (iii) arising under conditional sales contracts and equipment leases with third parties entered into in the ordinary course of business, (iv) not created by the Company or its Subsidiaries that affect the underlying fee interest of a Company Leased Real Property, (v) that is disclosed on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of the Company included in the Company SEC Documents or notes thereto or securing liabilities reflected on such balance sheet, (vi) created pursuant to the agreements set forth on Section 3.2(g) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, (vii) grants to others of Rights-of-Way, surface leases, crossing rights and amendments, modifications, and releases of Rights-of-Way, easements and surface leases in the ordinary course of business, (viii) with respect to Rights-of-Way, restrictions on the exercise of any of the rights under a granting instrument that are set forth therein or in another executed agreement, that is of public record or to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries otherwise has access, between the parties thereto, (ix) which an accurate up-to-date survey would show, (x) resulting from any facts or circumstances relating to Parent or its Affiliates, or (xi) that does not and would not reasonably be expected to materially impair the continued use of a Company Owned Real Property or a Company Leased Real Property as currently operated.

(h) As used in this Agreement, "Rights-of-Way" means easements, licenses, rights-of-way, permits, servitudes, leasehold estates, instruments creating an interest in real property, and other similar real estate interests.

Section 3.3. Corporate Authority Relative to this Agreement; No Violation.

(a) The Company has the requisite corporate power and authority to enter into this Agreement and, subject to receipt of the Company Stockholder Approval, to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly and validly authorized by the Board of Directors of the Company and, except for the Company Stockholder Approval (assuming Parent is not an "interested stockholder" under Section 203 of the DGCL), no other corporate proceedings on the part of the Company are necessary to authorize the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby. As of the Amendment Date, the Board of Directors of the Company has unanimously (among the directors present and voting) resolved to recommend that the Company's stockholders approve this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby (the "Company Recommendation"). This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming this Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of Parent and Merger Sub, constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of the Company and is enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by (i) the effect of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, conservatorship, arrangement, moratorium or other Laws affecting or relating to creditors' rights generally or (ii) the rules governing the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies and general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law (the "Remedies Exceptions").

(b) Other than in connection with or in compliance with (i) Section 251 of the DGCL, (ii) the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), (iii) the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), (iv) the rules and regulations of the NYSE, (v) the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 (the "HSR Act"), (vi) the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791a-825r and/or the regulations promulgated by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the "FERC") thereunder (the "FPA"), and the approval of the FERC thereunder (the "FERC Approval"), (vii) the approval of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (the "MDPU Approval"), (viii) the approval of Missouri Public Service Commission (the "MPSC Approval"), (ix) the approval of the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") for the transfer of control (or assignment, as applicable) of the Company's business radio and other Title III wireless licenses, pursuant to Section 310 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 310(d) (the "FCC Approval"); and (x) the approvals set forth in Section 3.3(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule (collectively, the "Company Approvals"), and, subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of Parent and Merger Sub in Section 4.3(b), no authorization, consent, order, license, permit or approval of, or registration, declaration, notice or filing with, any United States, state of the United States or foreign governmental or regulatory agency, commission, court, body, entity or authority, independent system operator, regional transmission organization, other market administrator, or national, regional or state reliability organization (each, a "Governmental Entity") is necessary, under applicable Law, for the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except for

such authorizations, consents, approvals or filings that are not required to be obtained or made prior to consummation of such transactions.

(c) Except as set forth in Section 3.3(c) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, the execution and delivery by the Company of this Agreement do not, and (assuming the Company Approvals are obtained and the Requisite Regulatory Approvals are obtained without any adverse condition or restraint) the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and compliance with the provisions hereof will not (i) result in any loss, or material suspension, limitation or impairment of any right of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to own or use any assets material to the conduct of their business or result in any material violation of, or material default (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) under, or give rise to a right of termination, cancellation or acceleration of any material obligation or to the loss of a material benefit under any loan, guarantee of indebtedness or credit agreement, note, bond, mortgage, indenture, lease, agreement, contract, instrument, permit, concession, franchise, right or license binding upon the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or result in the creation of any liens, claims, mortgages, encumbrances, pledges, security interests, equities or charges of any kind (each, a "Lien") other than Permitted Liens, in each case, upon any of the properties or assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) conflict with or result in any violation of any provision of the certificate of incorporation or by-laws or other equivalent organizational document, in each case as amended or restated, of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (iii) materially conflict with or materially violate any applicable Laws.

(d) This Agreement and the Merger have been approved by the Continuing Directors of CrossCountry Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("CrossCountry"). For the purposes of this subsection (d), the term "Continuing Director" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in that certain Capital Stock Agreement, dated June 30, 1986, among El Paso Energy Corporation (as successor interest to Sonat, Inc. by virtue of a merger), CrossCountry (as successor in interest to Enron Corp., which in turn was the successor in interest to InterNorth, Inc. by virtue of a name change, which in turn was the successor in interest to Houston Natural Gas corporation by virtue of a merger) and Citrus Corp. relating to the ownership by El Paso and CrossCountry of the Capital Stock of Citrus and its wholly owned subsidiaries, as amended. CrossCountry is currently a "Principal" to such Capital Stock Agreement.

Section 3.4. Reports and Financial Statements.

(a) The Company and each of its Subsidiaries has filed or furnished all forms, documents and reports required to be filed or furnished prior to the date hereof by it with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") since January 1, 2009 (the "Company SEC Documents"). As of their respective dates or, if amended, as of the date of the last such amendment, the Company SEC Documents complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, as the case may be, and the applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and none of the Company SEC Documents contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that information set forth in the Company SEC Documents as of a later date (but before the date of this Agreement) will be deemed to modify information as of an earlier date.

(b) The consolidated financial statements (including all related notes and schedules) of the Company included in the Company SEC Documents fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries, as at the respective dates thereof, and the consolidated results of their operations and their consolidated cash flows for the respective periods then ended (subject, in the case of the unaudited statements, to normal year-end audit adjustments and to any other adjustments described therein, including the notes thereto) in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") (except, in the case of the unaudited statements, as permitted by the SEC) applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved (except as may be indicated therein or in the notes thereto).

Section 3.5. Internal Controls and Procedures. The Company has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting (as such terms are defined in paragraphs (e) and (f), respectively, of Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act) as required by Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act. The Company's disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that all material information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or furnishes under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC, and that all such material information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to make the certifications required pursuant to Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act"). The Company's management has completed an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting in compliance with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the year ended December 31, 2010 and such assessment concluded that such controls were effective. Based on its most recent evaluation of internal controls over financial reporting prior to the date hereof, management of the Company has disclosed to the Company's auditors and the audit committee of the Company Board (i) any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect in any material respect the Company's ability to report financial information and (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, and each such deficiency, weakness and fraud so disclosed to auditors, if any, has been disclosed to Parent prior to the date hereof.

Section 3.6. No Undisclosed Liabilities. Except (a) as reflected or reserved against in the Company's consolidated balance sheets (or the notes thereto) included in the Company SEC Documents, (b) as permitted or contemplated by this Agreement, (c) for liabilities and obligations incurred since December 31, 2010 in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and (d) for liabilities or obligations that have been discharged or paid in full in the ordinary course of business, as of the date hereof, neither the Company nor any Subsidiary of the Company has any liabilities or obligations of any nature, whether or not accrued, contingent or otherwise, that would be required by GAAP to be reflected on a consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries (or in the notes thereto), other than those which would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.7. Compliance with Law; Permits.

(a) Except as set forth in Section 3.7 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, the Company and each of its Subsidiaries are in compliance with and are not in default under or in violation of any applicable federal, state, local or foreign law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, judgment, order, injunction, decree or agency requirement of any Governmental Entity (collectively, "Laws" and each, a "Law"), except where such non-compliance, default or violation would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. Since January 1, 2008, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any written notice or, to the Company's knowledge, other communication from any Governmental Entity regarding any actual or possible violation of, or failure to comply with, any Law, except as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) The Company and its Subsidiaries are in possession of all franchises, grants, authorizations, licenses, permits, easements, variances, exceptions, consents, certificates, approvals, clearances, permissions, qualifications and registrations and orders of all Governmental Entities, and all rights under any Company Material Contract with all Governmental Entities, and have filed all tariffs, reports, notices, and other documents with all Government Entities necessary for the Company and its Subsidiaries to own, lease and operate their properties and assets and to carry on their businesses as they are now being conducted (the "Company Permits"), except where the failure to have any of the Company Permits would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. All Company Permits are valid and in full force and effect and are not subject to any administrative or judicial proceeding that could result in modification, termination or revocation thereof, except where the failure to be in full force and effect or any modification, termination or revocation thereof would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. The Company is, and each of its Subsidiaries is, in compliance in all respects with the terms and requirements of such Company Permits, except where the failure to be in compliance would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.8. Environmental Laws and Regulations.

(a) Except as set forth in Section 3.8 of the Company Disclosure Schedule or as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect: (i) no notice, notification, demand, request for information, citation, summons, complaint or order has been received, no penalty has been assessed, and no investigation, action, claim, suit, proceeding or review is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, is threatened by any Governmental Entity or other person relating to the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company or against any person or entity whose liability the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has or may have retained or assumed either contractually or by operation of law, and relating to or arising out of any Environmental Law, (ii) the Company and its Subsidiaries are, and except for matters that have been fully resolved with the applicable Governmental Entity, since January 1, 2008 have been in compliance with all Environmental Laws (which compliance includes, but is not limited to, possession of all Company Permits and compliance with the terms and conditions thereof), (iii) the Company is not obligated to conduct or pay for, and is not conducting or paying for, any response, remedial, investigatory or corrective action under any Environmental Law at any location, (iv) there has been no release of Hazardous Materials at any real property currently

owned, leased or operated by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company or, to the knowledge of the Company, formerly owned, leased or operated by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company or at any offsite disposal location used by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company to dispose of any Hazardous Materials in concentrations or under circumstances that would require reporting or be reasonably likely to result in investigation, remediation or other corrective or response action by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company or, to the knowledge of Company and its Subsidiaries, by any person or entity whose liability the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has or may have retained or assumed either contractually or by operation of law, under any Environmental Law, (v) the Company is not party to any order, judgment or decree that imposes any obligations under any Environmental Law, (vi) there have been no ruptures or explosions in the Company Systems resulting in personal injury, loss of life or material property damage, except to the extent any claims related to such ruptures have been resolved and (vii) there are no defects, corrosion or other damage to any of the Company Systems that could reasonably be expected to result in a pipeline integrity failure.

(b) As used in this Agreement:

(i) "Company Systems" means the refined petroleum product, crude oil, natural gas, liquefied natural gas, natural gas liquid and other pipelines, lateral lines, pumps, pump stations, storage facilities, terminals, processing plants, and other related operations, assets, machinery and equipment that are owned by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or used for the conduct of the business of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries as it is presently conducted.

(ii) "Environment" means the indoor and outdoor environment, including but not limited to any ambient air, surface water, drinking water, groundwater, land surface (whether below or above water), subsurface strata, sediment, building surfaces, plant or animal life and natural resources.

(iii) "Environmental Law" means any Law or any binding agreement issued or entered by or with any Governmental Entity relating to: (A) the Environment, including pollution, contamination, cleanup, preservation, protection and reclamation of the Environment; (B) any exposure to or release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials, including investigation, assessment, testing, monitoring, containment, removal, remediation and cleanup of any such release or threatened release; (C) the management of any Hazardous Materials, including the use, labeling, processing, disposal, storage, treatment, transport or recycling of any Hazardous Materials and Laws with regard to recordkeeping, notification, disclosure and reporting requirements respecting Hazardous Materials; or (D) the presence of Hazardous Materials in any building, physical structure, product or fixture.

(iv) "Hazardous Materials" means all substances defined as Hazardous Substances, Oils, Pollutants or Contaminants in the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 C.F.R. § 300.5, or defined as such by, or regulated as such under, any Environmental Law, including any regulated

pollutant or contaminant (including any constituent, raw material, product or by-product thereof), petroleum or natural gas hydrocarbons or any liquid or fraction thereof, asbestos or asbestos-containing material, polychlorinated biphenyls, lead paint, any hazardous, industrial or solid waste, and any toxic, radioactive, infectious or hazardous substance, material or agent.

Section 3.9. Employee Benefit Plans.

(a) Section 3.9(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule lists all material Benefit Plans sponsored, maintained, contributed to or required to be contributed to by the Company, any of its Subsidiaries, or any of their ERISA Affiliates, or under which the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any of their ERISA Affiliates may have any liability (contingent or otherwise) (the "Company Benefit Plans"). Copies of the Company Benefit Plans and any amendments thereto have been made available to Parent together with any applicable trust documents, the most recent summary plan description (and summaries of material modifications, if applicable), non-discrimination testing results, actuarial valuations, annual report (Form 5500 including, if applicable, Schedule B thereto) and tax return (Form 990) prepared in connection with any such plan or related trust. Except as set forth in Section 3.9(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, neither the Company nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any other person or entity has any express or implied commitment, whether legally enforceable or not, to adopt, terminate or materially modify any Company Benefit Plan, other than with respect to a modification or termination required by ERISA or the Code. For purposes of this Agreement, "ERISA Affiliate" of any entity means any other person, entity, trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with such entity, would be treated as a single employer under Section 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Code.

(b) Except for such non-compliance which would not, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company and its Subsidiaries to operate their business in the ordinary course consistent with past practices, (i) each Company Benefit Plan has been maintained and administered in compliance with its terms and with applicable Law, including ERISA and the Code to the extent applicable thereto, and (ii) all contributions required to be made under the terms of any Company Benefit Plan have been timely made or, if not yet due, have been properly reflected in the Company's financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Except as set forth in Section 3.9(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, any Company Benefit Plan intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) or 401(k) of the Code has received a favorable determination letter or equivalent opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service, and the Company has made available to Parent a copy of the most recent such letter for each such Company Benefit Plan.

(c) Except as set forth in Section 3.9(c) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries maintains, contributes to or is required to contribute to, or has in the past six years maintained, contributed to or been required to contribute to any plan or arrangement which provides retiree medical or welfare benefits, except pursuant to the continuation coverage requirements of Section 601 et. Seq. of ERISA or Section 4980B of the Code.

(d) Except as set forth in Section 3.9(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, neither the Company, its Subsidiaries nor any of their ERISA Affiliates maintains, contributes to or is required to contribute to, or has in the past six years maintained, contributed to or been required to contribute to any Benefit Plan that is subject to Title IV or Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 or 4971 of the Code. None of the Company Benefit Plans is a "multiple employer welfare arrangement" (as defined in Section 3(40) of ERISA), a "multiple employer plan" (as defined in Section 413(c) of the Code) or a "multiemployer plan" (as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA), and neither the Company, its Subsidiaries nor any other their ERISA Affiliates has during the past six years maintained or contributed to, or been required to contribute to, or otherwise had any obligation or liability in connection with, such a multiple employer plan or multiemployer plan.

(e) Except as set forth in Section 3.9(e) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not, either alone or in combination with another event, (i) entitle any current or former employee, consultant, officer or other service provider of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to severance pay, unemployment compensation or any other payment, (ii) accelerate the time of payment or vesting, or increase the amount of compensation due any such employee, consultant, officer or other service provider or (iii) trigger any payment or funding (through a grantor trust or otherwise) of compensation or benefits, or (iv) increase the amount payable or trigger any other material obligation, benefit (including loan forgiveness), requirement or restriction pursuant to any Company Benefit Plan or otherwise. Without limiting the foregoing, Section 3.9(e) of the Company Disclosure Schedule sets forth a list of employment or consulting agreements with the Company containing "change in control" or similar provisions that will be triggered by the consummation of the Merger or the entry into this Agreement by the Company.

(f) Except as occasioned by differences between the Original Merger Agreement and this Agreement, and except as set forth on Section 3.9(f) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, no amount or benefit that could be, or has been, received (whether in cash or property or the vesting of property or the cancellation of indebtedness) by any current or former employee or other service provider of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company who is a "disqualified individual" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code could be characterized as an "excess parachute payment" (as defined in Section 280G(b)(1) of the Code) as a result of the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(g) Except as set forth on Section 3.9(g) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, each Company Benefit Plan and any award thereunder (i) has been operated in good faith compliance in all material respects with Section 409A of the Code since January 1, 2005, and all applicable regulations and notices issued thereunder, and (ii) since January 1, 2009, has been in all material respects in documentary compliance with Section 409A of the Code. Each Company Stock Award was granted with an exercise price not less than the fair market value of the underlying Company Common Stock on the date of grant. Except as set forth on Section 3.9(g) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, no director, officer, employee or service provider of the Company or its affiliates is entitled to a gross-up, make-whole or indemnification payment with respect to taxes imposed under Section 409A or Section 4999 of the Code.

(h) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company and its Subsidiaries to operate their business in the ordinary course consistent with past practices, there are no pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened claims by or on behalf of any Company Benefit Plan, by any employee or beneficiary covered under any Company Benefit Plan or otherwise involving any Company Benefit Plan (other than routine claims for benefits).

(i) Except as set forth on Section 3.9(i) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, no Company Benefit Plan provides benefits or compensation to any employees or other service providers who reside or provide services primarily outside of the United States.

Section 3.10. Absence of Certain Changes or Events. Since December 31, 2010:

(a) except as otherwise contemplated by this Agreement, the businesses of the Company and its Subsidiaries have been conducted, in all material respects, in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices; and

(b) there has not been any event, change, effect, development, condition or occurrence that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.11. Investigations; Litigation. Except as set forth in Section 3.11 of the Company Disclosure Schedule or as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (a) there is no investigation or review pending (or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened) by any Governmental Entity with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (b) there are no actions, suits, inquiries, investigations, proceedings, subpoenas, civil investigative demands or other requests for information relating to potential violations of law pending (or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened) against or affecting the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any of their respective properties at law or in equity and (c) there are no orders, judgments or decrees of, or before, any Governmental Entity.

Section 3.12. Information Supplied. None of the information provided by the Company for inclusion or incorporation by reference in (a) the registration statement on Form S-4 to be filed with the SEC by Parent in connection with the issuance of Common Units in the Merger (including any amendments or supplements, the "Form S-4") will, at the time the Form S-4 becomes effective under the Securities Act, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or (b) the proxy statement relating to the Stockholders' Meeting (the "Proxy Statement") will not, at the date it is first mailed to the Company's stockholders and at the time of the Stockholders' Meeting, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The Proxy Statement and the Form S-4 (solely with respect to the portion thereof relating to the Stockholders' Meeting, and then, excluding any portion thereof based on information supplied by Parent or Merger Sub for inclusion or incorporation by reference therein, with respect to which no representation is made by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) will comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act

and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 3.12, no representation or warranty is made by the Company with respect to information or statements made or incorporated by reference in the Form S-4 or the Proxy Statement that were not supplied by or on behalf of the Company.

Section 3.13. Regulatory Matters.

(a) Except as set forth in Section 3.13(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, none of the Company and its Subsidiaries is a natural gas company under the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 717-717W, and the regulations promulgated by FERC thereunder ("NGA"), a public utility, transmitting utility, electric utility or electric utility company under the FPA, a common carrier under the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act implemented by the FERC pursuant to 49 USC § 60502 and the regulations promulgated by FERC thereunder ("ICA"), or a utility, utility holding company, intrastate pipeline, gas service company, electric service company, gas company, electric company, or any similar entity however described under the laws of any state or local jurisdiction and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Except by reason of direct or indirect ownership and/or control of Exempt Wholesale Generators, none of the Company or its Subsidiaries is a holding company as defined in the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. §§ 16451-16453, and the regulations promulgated by FERC thereunder ("PUHCA").

(b) Each of the Company's Subsidiaries that is identified on Section 3.13(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule as a public utility under the FPA engages in the sale of electricity exclusively at wholesale and has been authorized by the FERC, pursuant to the FPA, to make such sales at market-based rates, and has been granted such waivers and blanket authorizations (including blanket authorization to issue securities and to assume liabilities under Section 204 of the FPA and 18 C.F.R. Pt. 34) as are customarily granted to entities with market-based rate authority. Each such Subsidiary has obtained an order from the FERC finding it, or has in good faith self-certified itself to the FERC, to be an Exempt Wholesale Generator under PUHCA. There are no pending, or to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, judicial or administrative proceedings to revoke any such Subsidiary's market-based rate authorization or Exempt Wholesale Generator status, as applicable. To the knowledge of the Company, there are no facts that are reasonably likely to cause any such Subsidiary to lose or be ineligible for its market-based rate authorization or to lose its status as an Exempt Wholesale Generator under PUHCA.

(c) All filings (other than immaterial filings) required to be made by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries during the three years preceding the date hereof, with the FERC under the FPA, NGA, Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. §§ 3302-3432, and regulations promulgated by FERC thereunder ("NGPA"), the ICA or PUHCA, the Department of Energy, the FCC, the MDPU, the MPSC or any other applicable state public utility commission or department, as the case may be, have been made, including all forms, statements, reports, notices, agreements and all documents, exhibits, amendments and supplements appertaining thereto, including all rates, tariffs and related documents, and all such filings complied, as of their respective dates, and, as amended or supplemented, continue to comply with all applicable requirements of applicable statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, except for filings the failure of which to make or the failure of which to make in compliance with all applicable requirements of applicable statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated

thereunder, would not, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company and its Subsidiaries to operate their business in the ordinary course consistent with past practices.

Section 3.14. Tax Matters. Except as set forth in Section 3.14 of the Company Disclosure Schedule or as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect:

(a) The Company and its Subsidiaries (i) have duly and timely filed (taking into account any extension of time within which to file) all Tax Returns required to have been filed by or with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and all such Tax Returns are true, correct and complete in all material respects, (ii) have duly and timely paid all Taxes shown as due on such Tax Returns, (iii) have adequate accruals and reserves, in accordance with GAAP, on the financial statements included in the Company SEC Documents for all Taxes payable by the Company and its Subsidiaries for all taxable periods and portions thereof through the date of such financial statements, (iv) have not, since the date of the financial statements included in the most recent Company SEC Documents, incurred any liability for Taxes outside the ordinary course of business or otherwise inconsistent with past custom and practice and (v) have not received written notice of any deficiencies for any Tax from any taxing authority against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries for which there are not adequate reserves on the financial statements included in the Company SEC Documents.

(b) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is the subject of any currently ongoing tax audit or other proceeding with respect to Taxes nor has any Tax audit or other proceeding with respect to Taxes been proposed against any of them in writing. As of the date of this Agreement, there are no pending requests for waivers of the time to assess any Tax. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has waived any statute of limitations in respect of Taxes or agreed to any extension of time with respect to a Tax assessment or deficiency. There are no Liens for Taxes on any of the assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries other than any Lien for Taxes not yet delinquent, being contested in good faith or for which adequate accruals or reserves have been established and disclosed in the Company SEC Documents. No claim has ever been made in writing by a taxing authority of a jurisdiction where the Company or one of its Subsidiaries has not filed Tax Returns claiming that the Company or such Subsidiary is or may be subject to taxation by that jurisdiction.

(c) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is obligated by any written contract, agreement or other arrangement to indemnify any other person (other than the Company and its Subsidiaries) with respect to Taxes. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to or bound by any written Tax allocation, indemnification or sharing agreement (other than an agreement with the Company or its Subsidiaries). To the knowledge of the Company, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is liable under Treasury Regulation Section 1.1502-6 (or any similar provision of the Tax Laws of any state, local or foreign jurisdiction) or as a transferee or successor for any Tax of any person other than the Company and its Subsidiaries.

(d) The Company and its Subsidiaries have withheld and paid all Taxes required to have been withheld and paid in connection with amounts paid or owing to any employee, independent contractor, creditor, stockholder or other third party.

(e) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries was a "distributing corporation" or "controlled corporation" in a transaction intended to qualify under Section 355 of the Code within the past two years or otherwise as part of a plan that includes the Merger.

(f) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has participated in any "reportable transaction" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4.

(g) The Company has made available to Parent or its legal or accounting representative copies of all federal and state income Tax Returns for the Company and each of its Subsidiaries filed for all periods including and after the period ended December 31, 2005.

(h) As used in this Agreement, (i) "Taxes" means any and all domestic or foreign, federal, state, local or other taxes of any kind (together with any and all interest, penalties, additions to tax and additional amounts imposed with respect thereto) imposed by any Governmental Entity, including taxes on or with respect to income, franchises, windfall or other profits, gross receipts, occupation, property, transfer, sales, use, capital stock, severance, alternative minimum, payroll, employment, unemployment, social security, workers' compensation or net worth, and taxes in the nature of excise, withholding, ad valorem or value added or other taxes, fees, duties, levies, customs, tariffs, imposts, assessments, obligations and charges of the same or a similar nature to any of the foregoing, and (ii) "Tax Return" means any return, report or similar filing (including the attached schedules) with respect to Taxes, including any information return, claim for refund, amended return or declaration of estimated Taxes.

Section 3.15. Employment and Labor Matters.

(a) Except as set forth in Section 3.15(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, (i) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to or bound by any material collective bargaining or similar agreement or work rules or practices with any labor union, labor organization or employee association applicable to employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) there are no existing or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened strikes or lockouts with respect to any employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries ("Company Employees"), (iii) to the knowledge of the Company, there is no union organizing effort pending or threatened against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (iv) there is no material unfair labor practice, labor dispute (other than, in each case, routine individual grievances) or labor arbitration proceeding pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened with respect to Company Employees and (v) there is no slowdown or work stoppage in effect or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened with respect to Company Employees.

(b) Except for such matters that would not, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company and its Subsidiaries to operate their business in the ordinary course consistent with past practices, the Company and its Subsidiaries are, and have been, in material compliance with all applicable Laws respecting (i) employment and employment practices, (ii) terms and conditions of employment and wages and hours, and

(iii) unfair labor practices. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has any material liabilities under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1998 as a result of any action taken by the Company (other than at the written direction of Parent or as a result of any of the transactions contemplated hereby).

Section 3.16. Intellectual Property. Except as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, either the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company owns, or is licensed or otherwise possesses legally valid and enforceable rights to use, all Intellectual Property necessary to the conduct of their respective businesses as currently conducted, free and clear of Liens other than Company Permitted Liens. The execution and delivery by the Company of this Agreement do not, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not result in the loss, suspension, limitation, termination or other impairment of, or give rise to any right of any person to suspend, limit, terminate, consent to or otherwise impair the continued right of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to own or use or otherwise exercise any other rights that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries currently has with respect to, any Intellectual Property material to the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries. There are no actions, suits, proceedings, investigations or claims pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened that challenges the validity, enforceability, registration, ownership or use of any Intellectual Property owned by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries and material to the conduct of their business. Except as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, (a) there are no proceedings pending, and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any written claims, in each case alleging infringement, misappropriation or other violation by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of the Intellectual Property rights of any person, (b) the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries does not infringe, misappropriate or otherwise violate any Intellectual Property rights of any person, (c) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has made any claim against any other person alleging a violation, misappropriation or infringement of the Intellectual Property rights of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and (d) no person is infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating any Intellectual Property rights of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. As used in this Agreement, "Intellectual Property" means all intellectual property and industrial property rights of any kind or nature, including all U.S. and foreign: (i) trademarks, trade names, service marks, service names, logos, assumed names, domain names and other similar designations of source or origin, and any registrations or applications for the foregoing, together with the goodwill of the business connection with the use of and symbolized by any of the foregoing; (ii) registered and unregistered copyrights; (iii) patents, patent applications, patent disclosures, and all related continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, reissues, reexaminations, substitutions, and extensions thereof; and (iv) trade secrets, know-how and other confidential business information. The computers, software, servers, workstations, routers, hubs, switches, circuits, networks, data communications lines and all other information technology infrastructure and equipment (collectively, the "IT Assets") of the Company and its Subsidiaries (i) operate and perform in all material respects in accordance with their documentation and functional specifications and otherwise as required by the Company and its Subsidiaries and have not materially malfunctioned or failed within the past three (3) years and (ii) are sufficient for the immediate and reasonably foreseeable needs of the Company and its Subsidiaries. The Company and its Subsidiaries have implemented commercially reasonable measures, consistent with industry standards, to protect the confidentiality, integrity and security of the IT Assets (and all information and transactions

stored or contained therein or transmitted thereby). The Company and its Subsidiaries have implemented commercially reasonable data backup, data storage, system redundancy and disaster avoidance and recovery procedures, as well as a commercially reasonable business continuity plan, in each case consistent with customary industry practices.

Section 3.17. Real Property. Except as set forth in Section 3.17 of the Company Disclosure Schedule:

(a) With respect to each material real property owned by the Company or any Subsidiary other than Company Real Property Leases and Rights-of-Way (such property collectively, the "Company Owned Real Property"), except as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) either the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company has marketable and insurable fee simple title to such Company Owned Real Property, free and clear of all Liens other than any Company Permitted Liens and conditions, encroachments, easements, rights-of-way, restrictions and other encumbrances that do not adversely affect the existing use of the real property subject thereto by the owner (or lessee to the extent a leased property) thereof in the operation of its business ("Permitted Encumbrances"), (ii) there are no leases, subleases, licenses, rights or other agreements affecting any portion of the Company Owned Real Property that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the existing use of the Company Owned Real Property by the Company in the operation of its business thereon, and (iii) there are no outstanding options or rights of first refusal in favor of any other party to purchase such Company Owned Real Property or any portion thereof or interest therein that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the existing use of the Company Owned Real Property by the Company in the operation of its business thereon. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received notice of any pending, and to the knowledge of the Company there is no threatened, condemnation proceeding with respect to any Company Owned Real Property, except proceedings which would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Except as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) each material lease, sublease and other agreement, including mineral or storage rights (collectively, the "Company Real Property Leases") under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries uses or occupies or has the right to use or occupy any material real property (the "Company Leased Real Property") at which the material operations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries are conducted, is valid, binding and in full force and effect, (ii) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is currently subleasing, licensing or otherwise granting any person the right to use or occupy a material portion of a Company Leased Real Property that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the existing use of the Company Leased Real Property by the Company in the operation of its business thereon, and (iii) no uncured default of a material nature on the part of the Company or, if applicable, its Subsidiary or, to the knowledge of the Company, the landlord thereunder, exists under any Company Real Property Lease, and no event has occurred or circumstance exists which, with the giving of notice, the passage of time, or both, would constitute a material breach or default under a Company Real Property Lease. Except as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company and each of its Subsidiaries has a good and valid leasehold interest, subject to the terms of the Company Real Property Leases, in each parcel of Company Leased Real Property, free and clear of all Liens, except for Company

Permitted Liens and Permitted Encumbrances. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received notice of any pending, and, to the knowledge of the Company, there is no threatened, condemnation proceeding with respect to any Company Leased Real Property, except such proceeding which would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(c) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect: (i) each of the Company and its Subsidiaries has such Rights-of-Way that are necessary for the Company and its Subsidiaries to use and operate their respective assets and properties in the manner that such assets and properties are currently used and operated, and each such Right-of-Way is valid and free and clear of all Liens (other than Company Permitted Liens); (ii) the Company and its Subsidiaries conduct their businesses in a manner that does not violate any of the Rights-of-Way; (iii) the Company and its Subsidiaries have fulfilled and performed all of their obligations with respect to such Rights-of-Way; and (iv) the Company has not received written notice of the occurrence of any ongoing event or circumstance that allows, or after the giving of notice or the passage of time, or both, would allow the limitation, revocation or termination of any Right-of-Way or would result in any impairment of the rights of the Company and its Subsidiaries in and to any such Rights-of-Way. All pipelines operated by the Company and its Subsidiaries are subject to Rights-of-Way, and there are no gaps (including any gap arising as a result of any breach by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of the terms of any Rights-of-Way) in the Rights-of-Way other than gaps that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect

Section 3.18. Required Vote of the Company Stockholders. (a) Assuming Parent is not an "interested stockholder" under Section 203 of the DGCL, the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding Company Common Stock entitled to vote on this Agreement and the Merger is the only vote of holders of securities of the Company which is required to approve this Agreement and the Merger (the "Company Stockholder Approval"), (b) the action of the Board of Directors of the Company in approving this Agreement is sufficient to render inapplicable to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby the restrictions on "business combinations" (as defined in Section 203 of the DGCL) as set forth in Section 203 of the DGCL and (c) no other Takeover Laws are applicable to the Merger, this Agreement, or any of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. As used in this Agreement, "Takeover Laws" means any "moratorium," "control share acquisition," "fair price," "supermajority," "affiliate transactions" or "business combination statute or regulation" or other similar state anti-takeover Laws and regulations.

Section 3.19. Opinion of Financial Advisor. The Special Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company has received the opinion of each of Evercore Group L.L.C. and Goldman, Sachs & Co. to the effect that, as of the date of each such opinion and subject to the assumptions, limitations, qualifications and other matters considered in the preparation thereof, the Merger Consideration is fair, from a financial point of view, to the holders of Company Common Stock. The Company shall, promptly following receipt of said opinions in written form, furnish an accurate and complete copy of said opinions to Parent solely for informational purposes.

Section 3.20. Material Contracts.

(a) Except for this Agreement, the Company Benefit Plans and agreements filed as exhibits to the Company SEC Documents and the agreements set forth on Section 3.20(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, as of the date of this Agreement, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to or bound by:

(i) any "material contract" (as such term is defined in Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K of the SEC);

(ii) any contract imposing any material restriction on the right or ability of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to (A) compete with any other person or (B) acquire or dispose of the securities of another person;

(iii) any mortgage, note, debenture, indenture, security agreement, guaranty, pledge or other agreement or instrument evidencing Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in an amount in excess of \$50.0 million;

(iv) any Contract that provides for the acquisition, disposition, license, use, distribution or outsourcing of assets, services, rights or properties with a value or requiring annual fees in excess of \$50.0 million;

(v) any Contract to acquire all or a substantial portion of the capital stock, business, property or assets of any other person for an amount of cash (or value of non-cash consideration), in excess of \$50.0 million;

(vi) any joint venture, partnership or limited liability company agreement or other similar Contract relating to the formation, creation, operation, management or control of any joint venture, partnership or limited liability company, other than any such Contract solely between or among the Company and or any of its Subsidiaries;

(vii) any Contract limiting or restricting the ability of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to make distributions or declare or pay dividends in respect of their capital stock, partnership interests, membership interests or other equity interests, as the case may be;

(viii) any Contract containing any exclusivity or most favored nation clause;

(ix) any Contract that involves future expenditures or receipts by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of more than \$50.0 million in any one year period that cannot be terminated on less than 90 days notice without material payment or penalty;

(x) any acquisition Contract that contains "earn out" or other contingent payment obligations, or remaining indemnity or similar obligations,

that could reasonably be expected to result in future payments by or to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in excess of \$25.0 million;

(xi) any Contract with a labor union or guild (including any collective bargaining agreement);

(xii) any Contract containing provisions triggered by any change of control of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(xiii) any Contract in favor of directors, officers, members, managers or partners relating to employment or compensation or providing rights to indemnification;

(xiv) any Contract the loss or breach of which could reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect; and

(xv) any material lease or sublease with respect to leased real property.

All contracts of the types referred to in clauses (i) through (xv) above are referred to herein as "Company Material Contracts." As used herein, "Contract" shall mean any agreement, contract, obligation, promise, understanding or undertaking (whether written or oral and whether express or implied) that is legally binding and (i) under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has or may acquire any rights, (b) under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has or may become subject to any obligation or liability or (c) by which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or the assets owned or used by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, is or may become bound. Section 3.20 of the Company Disclosure Schedule sets forth a complete and correct list of all Company Material Contracts as of the date of this Agreement that have not been filed or incorporated by reference in the Company SEC Reports. The Company has delivered or made available to Parent true and correct copies of all Company Material Contracts.

(b) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary of the Company is in material breach of or material default under the terms of any Company Material Contract. To the knowledge of the Company, no other party to any Company Material Contract is in material breach of or material default under the terms of any Company Material Contract. Each Company Material Contract is a valid and binding obligation of the Company or the Subsidiary of the Company that is party thereto and, to the knowledge of the Company, of each other party thereto, and is in full force and effect, subject to the Remedies Exceptions.

Section 3.21. Finders or Brokers. Except for Evercore Group L.L.C. and Goldman, Sachs & Co., neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has employed any investment banker, broker or finder in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement who might be entitled to any fee or any commission in connection with or upon consummation of the Merger. The Company has furnished to Parent accurate and complete copies of its agreements with Evercore Group L.L.C. relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 3.22. Insurance. The Company and its Subsidiaries maintain insurance in such amounts and against such risks substantially as the Company believes to be customary for the

industries in which it and its Subsidiaries operate. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received notice of any pending or threatened cancellation or material premium increase (retroactive or otherwise) with respect to any such material insurance policy, and each of its Subsidiaries is in compliance in all material respects with all conditions contained therein.

Section 3.23. Consulting Agreements and Noncompetition Agreements. Each of the Consulting Agreements and Noncompetition Agreements referred to in the Original Agreement have been terminated by mutual consent of the parties thereto on or prior to the Amendment Date.

Section 3.24. No Additional Representations. The Company acknowledges that neither Parent nor Merger Sub makes any representation or warranty as to any matter whatsoever except as expressly set forth in this Agreement or in any certificate delivered by Parent or Merger Sub to the Company in accordance with the terms hereof, and specifically (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing) that neither Parent nor Merger Sub makes any representation or warranty with respect to (a) any projections, estimates or budgets delivered or made available to the Company (or any of their respective affiliates, officers, directors, employees or Representatives) of future revenues, results of operations (or any component thereof), cash flows or financial condition (or any component thereof) of Parent and its Subsidiaries or (b) the future business and operations of Parent and its Subsidiaries, and the Company has not relied on such information or any other representation or warranty not set forth in this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PARENT AND MERGER SUB

Except as disclosed in the Parent SEC Documents (excluding any disclosures set forth in any "risk factor" section and in any section relating to forward-looking statements, and any other disclosures therein, in each case to the extent that they are cautionary, predictive or forward-looking in nature) or as contemplated by the Drop-Down Agreements, where the relevance of the information as an exception to (or disclosure for purposes of) a particular representation is reasonably apparent on the face of such disclosure, or in the disclosure schedule delivered by Parent to the Company immediately prior to the execution of this Agreement (the "Parent Disclosure Schedule") (each section of which qualifies the correspondingly numbered representation, warranty or covenant if specified therein and such other representations, warranties or covenants where its relevance as an exception to (or disclosure for purposes of) such other representation, warranty or covenant is reasonably apparent), Parent and Merger Sub represent and warrant to the Company as follows:

Section 4.1. Qualification, Organization, Subsidiaries, etc.

(a) Each of Parent and its Subsidiaries is a legal entity duly-organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of its respective jurisdiction of organization and has all requisite corporate or similar power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and assets, to carry on its business as presently conducted and to perform its material obligations under all Parent Material Contracts. Each of Parent and its Subsidiaries is qualified to do

business, and is in good standing as a foreign entity in each jurisdiction where the ownership, leasing or operation of its assets or properties or conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so organized, validly existing, qualified or in good standing, or to have such power or authority, would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

(b) As used in this Agreement, a "Parent Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse event, change, effect, development, condition or occurrence on or with respect to the business, financial condition or continuing results of operations of Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, other than any event, change, effect, development, condition or occurrence: (i) disclosed in the Parent SEC Documents filed or furnished prior to the date of this Agreement (excluding any disclosure set forth in any risk factor section, or in any Section relating to forward looking statements, and any other disclosures therein, in each case, to the extent that they are cautionary and predictive or forward looking in nature) or as disclosed on the face of the Parent Disclosure Schedule (ii) in or generally affecting the economy or the financial or securities markets in the United States or elsewhere in the world, or (iii) resulting from or arising out of (A) any changes or developments in national, regional, state or local wholesale or retail markets for natural gas, natural gas transmission or distribution or related products or services including those due to actions by competitors or due to changes in commodities prices or hedging markets therefor, (B) any changes or developments in national, regional, state or local wholesale or retail natural gas prices (C) the announcement or the existence of, or compliance with, this Agreement or the Original Merger Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby (including the impact thereof on the relationships, contractual or otherwise, of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries with employees, labor unions, customers, suppliers or partners, and including any lawsuit, action or other proceeding with respect to the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Original Merger Agreement), (D) any taking of any action at the written request of the Company, (E) any adoption, implementation, promulgation, repeal, modification, reinterpretation or proposal of any rule, regulation, ordinance, order, protocol or any other Law of or by any national, regional, state or local Governmental Entity, or market administrator, (F) any changes in GAAP or accounting standards or interpretations thereof, (G) any weather-related or other force majeure event or outbreak or escalation of hostilities or acts of war or terrorism, or (H) any changes in the share price or trading volume of the Common Units or in Parent's credit rating, or the failure of Parent to meet projections or forecasts (unless due to any event, change, effect, development, condition or occurrence which has otherwise resulted in a Parent Material Adverse Effect); except, in each case with respect to subclauses (A) – (B) and (E) – (G) of this clause (iii), to the extent materially disproportionately affecting Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to other similarly situated companies in the industries in which Parent and its Subsidiaries operate

(c) Parent has made available to the Company prior to the date of this Agreement a true and complete copy of Parent's Certificate of Limited Partnership as amended (the "Parent Certificate of Limited Partnership"), and Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership (as amended through the date hereof, the "Parent Partnership Agreement" and together with the Parent Certificate of Limited Partnership, the "Parent Organizational Documents"), ETP's Certificate of Limited Partnership as amended (the "ETP Certificate of Limited Partnership") and Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership (the "ETP Partnership Agreement"), and the certificate of incorporation, certificate of limited

partnership, certificate of formation, bylaws, limited partnership agreement, limited liability company agreement or comparable constituent or organizational documents of each material Subsidiary of Parent.

Section 4.2. Equity Interests.

(a) The authorized equity interests of Parent consist of Series A Convertible Preferred Units representing limited partner interests in Parent ("Series A Preferred Units"), common units representing limited partner interests in Parent ("Common Units") and a general partner interest in Parent ("General Partner Interest"). As of June 13, 2011, the issued and outstanding limited partner interests and general partner interests of Parent consisted of (i) 3,000,000 Series A Preferred Units, (ii) 222,978,708 Common Units and (iii) and an approximate 0.3% General Partner Interest. As of June 13, 2011, 2,853,676 Common Units were issuable pursuant to employee and director equity plans of Parent (the "Parent Equity Plans"). The authorized equity interests of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("ETP"), consist of common units representing limited partner interests in ETP ("ETP Common Units"), Class E Units representing limited partner interests in ETP ("Class E Units"), the Incentive Distribution Rights (as defined in the ETP Partnership Agreement) and a general partner interest in ETP ("ETP General Partner Interest"). As of June 13, 2011, the issued and outstanding limited partner interests and general partner interests of ETP consisted of (i) 8,853,832 Class E Units, (ii) 208,805,626 ETP Common Units, (iii) the Incentive Distribution Rights and (iv) and an approximate 1.6% ETP General Partner Interest. As of June 13, 2011, 3,147,524 ETP Common Units were issuable pursuant to employee and director equity plans of ETP (the "ETP Equity Plans"). All outstanding equity securities of Parent and of ETP are duly authorized, validly issued, fully-paid and nonassessable (except as such nonassessability may be affected by matters described in Sections 17-303, 17-607 and 17-804 of the Delaware LP Act) and free of preemptive rights (except as set forth in the ETP Partnership Agreement).

(b) Except as set forth in subsection (a) above and as set forth on Section 4.2(b) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule, there are no outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, convertible securities, exchangeable securities or other similar rights, agreements or commitments to which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries is a party (i) obligating Parent or any of its Subsidiaries to (i) issue, transfer, exchange, sell or register for sale any Common Units, Class E Units or other equity interests of Parent or any Subsidiary of Parent or securities convertible into or exchangeable for such partnership units or equity interests, (ii) grant, extend or enter into any such subscription, option, warrant, call, convertible securities or other similar right, agreement or arrangement, (iii) redeem or otherwise acquire any such partnership units or other equity interests or (iv) provide a material amount of funds to, or make any material investment (in the form of a loan, capital contribution or otherwise) in, any Subsidiary or (ii) granting any preemptive or antidilutive or similar rights with respect to any security issued by Parent or its Subsidiaries.

(c) Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries has outstanding bonds, debentures, notes or other indebtedness, the holders of which have the right to vote (or which are convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for securities having the right to vote) with the unitholders of Parent on any matter.

(d) There are no voting trusts or other agreements or understandings to which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries is a party with respect to the voting or registration of equity securities of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries.

(e) As of the date of this Agreement, the authorized capital stock of Merger Sub consists of 1,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, all of which are validly issued and outstanding. All of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Merger Sub is, and at the Effective Time will be, owned by Parent or a direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiary of Parent. Merger Sub has no outstanding option, warrant, right or any other agreement pursuant to which any person other than Parent may acquire any equity security of Merger Sub. Merger Sub has not conducted any business prior to the date hereof and has, and prior to the Effective Time will have, no assets, liabilities or obligations of any nature other than those incident to its formation and pursuant to this Agreement and the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(f) When issued pursuant to the terms hereof, all outstanding Common Units constituting any part of the Merger Consideration will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully-paid (to the extent required under the Parent Partnership Agreement) and nonassessable (except as such nonassessability may be affected by matters described in Sections 17-303, 17-607 and 17-804 of the Delaware LP Act) and free of preemptive rights (except as set forth in the Parent Partnership Agreement).

(g) Except as disclosed in Section 4.2(g) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule, Parent or a Parent Subsidiary owns, directly or indirectly, all of the issued and outstanding equity interests of each Subsidiary of Parent, free and clear of any Liens other than Parent Permitted Liens, and all of such equity interests have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid, nonassessable (except as such nonassessability may be affected by matters described in Sections 17-303, 17-607 and 17-804 of the Delaware LP Act or Sections 18-607 and 18-804 of the Delaware LLC Act) and free of preemptive rights. Except for equity interests in Parent's Subsidiaries, neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries owns directly or indirectly any equity interest in any person (or any security or other right, agreement or commitment convertible or exercisable into, or exchangeable for, any equity interest in any person), or has any obligation to acquire any such equity interest, security, right, agreement or commitment or to provide funds to or make any investment (in the form of a loan, capital contribution or otherwise) in, any person.

(h) As used in this Agreement, "Parent Permitted Lien" means any Lien (i) for Taxes or governmental assessments, charges or claims of payment not yet delinquent, being contested in good faith or for which adequate accruals or reserves have been established, (ii) that is a carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's or other similar lien arising in the ordinary course of business, (iii) arising under conditional sales contracts and equipment leases with third parties entered into in the ordinary course of business, (iv) not created by Parent or its Subsidiaries that affect the underlying fee interest of a Parent Leased Real Property, (v) that is disclosed on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of Parent included in the Parent SEC Documents or notes thereto or securing liabilities reflected on such balance sheet, (vi) created pursuant to the agreements set forth on Section 4.2(h) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule, (vii) grants to others of Rights-of-Way, surface leases, crossing rights and amendments, modifications, and releases of Rights-of-Way, easements and surface leases in the

ordinary course of business, (viii) with respect to Rights-of-Way, restrictions on the exercise of any of the rights under a granting instrument that are set forth therein or in another executed agreement, that is of public record or to which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries otherwise has access, between the parties thereto, (ix) which an accurate up-to-date survey would show, (x) resulting from any facts or circumstances relating to the Parent or its Affiliates, or (xi) that does not and would not reasonably be expected to materially impair the continued use of a Parent Owned Real Property or a Parent Leased Real Property as currently operated.

Section 4.3. Partnership / Corporate Authority Relative to this Agreement; No Violation.

(a) Each of Parent and Merger Sub has requisite partnership or corporate power and authority to enter into this Agreement, the Support Agreement and each other document to be entered into by Parent and Merger Sub in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby (together with this Agreement, the "Parent Transaction Documents") and, subject to the approval of Parent as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub, which approval shall be delivered by Parent immediately following execution of this Agreement, to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Parent Transaction Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby have been duly and validly authorized by the general partner of Parent and the Board of Directors of Merger Sub, and no other entity or equity-holder proceedings on the part of Parent, Merger Sub or their respective equity holders, except Parent as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub, are necessary to authorize the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby. As of the Amendment Date, the general partner of Parent has unanimously approved the issuance of Common Units (the "Unit Issuance") in connection with the Merger. Each of the Parent Transaction Documents has been duly and validly executed and delivered by Parent and Merger Sub and, assuming such Parent Transaction Document constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of the counterparty thereto, each of the Parent Transaction Documents constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of each of Parent and Merger Sub and is enforceable against Parent and Merger Sub in accordance with its terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by the Remedies Exceptions.

(b) Other than in connection with or in compliance with (i) the Exchange Act, (ii) the Securities Act, (iii) the rules and regulations of the NYSE, (iv) the HSR Act, (v) the FPA and the FERC Approval, (vi) the MDPU Approval, (vii) the MPSC Approval, (viii) the FCC Approval, and (ix) the approvals set forth in Section 4.3(b) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule (collectively, the "Parent Approvals"), and, subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company in Section 3.3(b), no authorization, consent, order, license, permit or approval of, or registration, declaration, notice or filing with, any Governmental Entity is necessary, under applicable Law, for the consummation by Parent or Merger Sub of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except for the filing of the Certificate of Merger and for such authorizations, consents, approvals or filings that are not required to be obtained or made prior to consummation of such transactions or that, if not obtained or made, would not materially impede or delay the consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement or materially and adversely affect the ability of Parent and its Subsidiaries to operate their business in the ordinary course consistent with past practices.

(c) The execution and delivery by Parent and Merger Sub of this Agreement do not, and, assuming receipt of the Parent Approvals, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and compliance with the provisions hereof will not (i) result in any loss, or material suspension, limitation or impairment of any right of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries to own or use any assets material to the conduct of their business or result in any material violation of, or material default (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) under, or give rise to a right of termination, cancellation or acceleration of any material obligation or to the loss of a material benefit under any loan, guarantee of indebtedness or credit agreement, note, bond, mortgage, indenture, lease, agreement, contract, instrument, permit, concession, franchise, right or license binding upon Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or result in the creation of any Liens other than Permitted Liens, in each case, upon any of the properties or assets of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) conflict with or result in any violation of any provision of the certificate of incorporation or by-laws or other equivalent organizational document, in each case as amended or restated, of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or (iii) materially conflict with or materially violate any applicable Laws.

Section 4.4. Reports and Financial Statements.

(a) Parent and each of its Subsidiaries has filed or furnished all forms, documents and reports required to be filed or furnished prior to the date hereof by it with the SEC since January 1, 2009 (the "Parent SEC Documents"). As of their respective dates or, if amended, as of the date of the last such amendment, the Parent SEC Documents complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, as the case may be, and the applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and none of the Parent SEC Documents contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that information set forth in the Parent SEC Documents as of a later date (but before the date of this Agreement) will be deemed to modify information as of an earlier date.

(b) The consolidated financial statements (including all related notes and schedules) of Parent included in the Parent SEC Documents fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial position of Parent and its consolidated Subsidiaries, as at the respective dates thereof, and the consolidated results of their operations and their consolidated cash flows for the respective periods then ended (subject, in the case of the unaudited statements, to normal year-end audit adjustments and to any other adjustments described therein, including the notes thereto) in conformity with GAAP (except, in the case of the unaudited statements, as permitted by the SEC) applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved (except as may be indicated therein or in the notes thereto).

Section 4.5. Internal Controls and Procedures. Parent has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting (as such terms are defined in paragraphs (e) and (f), respectively, of Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act) as required by Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act. Parent's disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that all material information required to be disclosed by Parent in the reports that it files or furnishes under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC,

and that all such material information is accumulated and communicated to Parent's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to make the certifications required pursuant to Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Parent's management has completed an assessment of the effectiveness of Parent's internal control over financial reporting in compliance with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the year ended December 31, 2010, and such assessment concluded that such controls were effective. Based on its most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting prior to the date hereof, management of Parent has disclosed to Parent's auditors and the audit committee of the board of directors of the general partner of Parent (i) any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect in any material respect Parent's ability to report financial information and (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in Parent's internal control over financial reporting, and each such deficiency, weakness and fraud so disclosed to auditors, if any, has been disclosed to the Company prior to the date hereof.

Section 4.6. No Undisclosed Liabilities. Except (a) as reflected or reserved against in Parent's consolidated balance sheets (or the notes thereto) included in the Parent SEC Documents, (b) as permitted or contemplated by this Agreement, (c) for liabilities and obligations incurred since December 31, 2010 in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and (d) for liabilities or obligations which have been discharged or paid in full in the ordinary course of business, neither Parent nor any Subsidiary of Parent has any liabilities or obligations of any nature, whether or not accrued, contingent or otherwise, that would be required by GAAP to be reflected on a consolidated balance sheet of Parent and its consolidated Subsidiaries (or in the notes thereto), other than those which would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.7. Compliance with Law; Permits.

(a) Parent and each of its Subsidiaries are in compliance with and are not in default under or in violation of any applicable Law, except where such non-compliance, default or violation would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect. Except as set forth in Section 4.7 of the Parent Disclosure Schedule, since January 1, 2008, neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any written notice or, to Parent's knowledge, other communication from any Governmental Entity regarding any actual or possible violation of, or failure to comply with, any Law, except as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Parent and its Subsidiaries are in possession of all franchises, grants, authorizations, licenses, permits, easements, variances, exceptions, consents, certificates, approvals, clearances, permissions, qualifications and registrations and orders of all Governmental Entities, and all rights under any Parent Material Contract with all Governmental Entities, and have filed all tariffs, reports, notices and other documents with all Governmental Entities necessary for Parent and its Subsidiaries to own, lease and operate their properties and assets or to carry on their businesses as they are now being conducted (the "Parent Permits"), except where the failure to have any of the Parent Permits would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect. All Parent Permits are valid and in full force and

effect and are not subject to any administrative or judicial proceeding that could result in modification, termination or revocation thereof, except where the failure to be in full force and effect would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect. Parent is, and each of its Subsidiaries is, in compliance in all respects with the terms and requirements of such Parent Permits, except where the failure to be in compliance would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.8. Environmental Laws and Regulations.

(a) Except as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect: (i) no notice, notification, demand, request for information, citation, summons, complaint or order has been received, no penalty has been assessed, and no investigation, action, claim, suit, proceeding or review is pending or, to the knowledge of Parent, is threatened by any Governmental Entity or other person relating to Parent or any Subsidiary of Parent or against any person or entity whose liability Parent or any of its Subsidiaries has or may have retained or assumed either contractually or by operation of law, and relating to or arising out of any Environmental Law, (ii) Parent and its Subsidiaries are, and except for matters that have been fully resolved with the applicable Governmental Entity, since January 1, 2008 have been in compliance with all Environmental Laws (which compliance includes, but is not limited to, possession of all Parent Permits and compliance with the terms and conditions thereof), (iii) Parent is not obligated to conduct or pay for, and is not conducting or paying for, any response, remedial, investigatory or corrective action under any Environmental Law at any location, (iv) there has been no release of Hazardous Materials at any real property currently owned, leased or operated by Parent or any Subsidiary of Parent or, to the knowledge of Parent, formerly owned, leased or operated by Parent or any Subsidiary of Parent or at any offsite disposal location used by Parent or any Subsidiary of Parent to dispose of any Hazardous Materials in concentrations or under circumstances that would require reporting or be reasonably likely to result in investigation, remediation or other corrective or response action by Parent or any Subsidiary of Parent or, to the knowledge of Parent and its Subsidiaries, by any person or entity whose liability Parent or any of its Subsidiaries has or may have retained or assumed either contractually or by operation of law, under any Environmental Law, (v) Parent is not party to any order, judgment or decree that imposes any obligations under any Environmental Law, (vi) there have been no ruptures or explosions in Parent Systems resulting in personal injury, loss of life or material property damage, except to the extent any claims related to such ruptures have been resolved and (vii) there are no defects, corrosion or other damage to any of Parent Systems that could reasonably be expected to result in a pipeline integrity failure.

(b) As used in this Agreement, "Parent Systems" means the refined petroleum product, crude oil, natural gas, liquefied natural gas, natural gas liquid and other pipelines, lateral lines, pumps, pump stations, storage facilities, terminals, processing plants, and other related operations, assets, machinery and equipment that are owned by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or used for the conduct of the business of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries as it is presently conducted.

Section 4.9. Employee Benefit Plans. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect the ability of Parent and its Subsidiaries to operate their business in the ordinary course consistent with past practices, (i) neither Parent, its

Subsidiaries nor any of their ERISA Affiliates maintains, contributes to or is required to contribute to any Benefit Plan that is subject to Title IV or Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 or 4971 of the Code and (ii) none of the Benefit Plans sponsored, maintained or contributed to by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, or to which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries is required to contribute, is a "multiple employer welfare arrangement" (as defined in Section 3(40) of ERISA), a "multiple employer plan" (as defined in Section 413(c) of the Code) or a "multiemployer plan" (as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA), and neither Parent, its Subsidiaries nor any of their ERISA Affiliates has during the past six (6) years contributed to, been required to contribute to or otherwise had any obligation or liability in connection with such a multiple employer plan or multiemployer plan.

Section 4.10. Absence of Certain Changes or Events. Since December 31, 2010:

(a) except as otherwise contemplated by this Agreement, the businesses of Parent and its Subsidiaries have been conducted, in all material respects, in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices; and

(b) there has not been any event, change, effect, development, condition or occurrence that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.11. Investigations; Litigation. Except as would not have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (a) there is no investigation or review pending (or, to the knowledge of Parent, threatened) by any Governmental Entity with respect to Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, (b) there are no actions, suits, inquiries, investigations, proceedings, subpoenas, civil investigative demands or other requests for information relating to potential violations of law pending (or, to the knowledge of Parent, threatened) against or affecting Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, or any of their respective properties at law or in equity and (c) there are no orders, judgments or decrees of, or before, any Governmental Entity.

Section 4.12. Information Supplied. None of the information provided by Parent or its Subsidiaries for inclusion or incorporation by reference in (a) the Form S-4 will, at the time the Form S-4 becomes effective under the Securities Act, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or (b) the Proxy Statement will, at the date it is first mailed to the Company's stockholders or at the time of the Stockholders' Meeting, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The Proxy Statement (other than the portion thereof relating solely to the Stockholders' Meeting) and the Form S-4 (other than the portion thereof based on information supplied by the Company for inclusion or incorporation by reference therein, with respect to which no representation is made by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries) will comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 4.12, no representation or warranty is made by Parent with respect to information or statements made or incorporated by reference in the Form S-4 or the Proxy Statement which were not supplied by or on behalf of Parent.

Section 4.13. Regulatory Matters.

(a) Except as set forth in Section 4.13(a) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule, none of Parent and Parent's Subsidiaries is a natural gas company as defined in the NGA, a common carrier under the ICA or a utility, utility holding company, electric service company or electric company however described under the laws of any state or local jurisdiction and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(b) All filings (other than immaterial filings) required to be made by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries during the three years preceding the date hereof, with the FERC under the NGA, the NGPA, the ICA, the Department of Energy or any applicable state public utility commission or department, as the case may be, have been made, including all forms, statements, reports, notices, agreements and all documents, exhibits, amendments and supplements appertaining thereto, including all rates, tariffs and related documents, and all such filings complied, as of their respective dates, and, as amended or supplemented, continue to comply with all applicable requirements of applicable statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, except for filings the failure of which to make or the failure of which to make in compliance with all applicable requirements of applicable statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.14. Tax Matters. Except as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect:

(a) Parent and its Subsidiaries (i) have duly and timely filed (taking into account any extension of time within which to file) all Tax Returns required to have been filed by or with respect to Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, and all such Tax Returns are true, correct and complete, (ii) have duly and timely paid all Taxes shown as due on such Tax Returns, (iii) have adequate accruals and reserves, in accordance with GAAP, on the financial statements included in the Parent SEC Documents for all Taxes payable by Parent and its Subsidiaries for all taxable periods and portions thereof through the date of such financial statements, (iv) have not, since the date of the financial statements included in the most recent Parent SEC Documents, incurred any liability for Taxes outside the ordinary course of business or otherwise inconsistent with past custom and practice and (v) have not received written notice of any deficiencies for any Tax from any taxing authority against Parent or any of its Subsidiaries for which there are not adequate reserves on the financial statements included in the Parent SEC Documents.

(b) Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries is the subject of any currently ongoing tax audit or other proceeding with respect to Taxes nor has any Tax audit or other proceeding with respect to Taxes been proposed against any of them in writing. As of the date of this Agreement, there are no pending requests for waivers of the time to assess any Tax. Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries has waived any statute of limitations in respect of Taxes or agreed to any extension of time with respect to a Tax assessment or deficiency. There are no Liens for Taxes on any of the assets of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries other than any Lien for Taxes not yet delinquent, being contested in good faith or for which adequate accruals or reserves have been established and disclosed in the Parent SEC Documents. No claim has ever been made in writing by a taxing authority of a jurisdiction where Parent or one of its

Subsidiaries has not filed Tax Returns claiming that Parent or such Subsidiary is or may be subject to taxation by that jurisdiction.

(c) Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries is obligated by any written contract, agreement or other arrangement to indemnify any other person (other than Parent and its Subsidiaries) with respect to Taxes. Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to or bound by any written Tax allocation, indemnification or sharing agreement (other than an agreement with Parent or its Subsidiaries). To the knowledge of Parent, neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries is liable under Treasury Regulation Section 1.1502-6 (or any similar provision of the Tax Laws of any state, local or foreign jurisdiction) or as a transferee or successor for any Tax of any person other than Parent and its Subsidiaries.

(d) Parent and its Subsidiaries have withheld and paid all Taxes required to have been withheld and paid in connection with amounts paid or owing to any employee, independent contractor, creditor, unitholder or other third party.

(e) Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries was a "distributing corporation" or "controlled corporation" in a transaction intended to qualify under Section 355 of the Code within the past two (2) years or otherwise as part of a plan that includes the Merger.

(f) Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries has participated in any "reportable transaction" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4.

(g) Parent has made available to the Company or its legal or accounting representative copies of all federal income Tax Returns for Parent and each of its Subsidiaries filed for all periods including and after the period ended December 31, 2005 and all state income Tax Returns for Parent and each of its Subsidiaries filed for all periods including and after the period ended December 31, 2005.

Section 4.15. Employment and Labor Matters.

(a) (i) Except as set forth in Section 4.15(a) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule, neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to or bound by any material collective bargaining or similar agreement or work rules or practices with any labor union, labor organization or employee association applicable to employees of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) there are no existing or, to the knowledge of Parent, threatened strikes or lockouts with respect to any employees of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries ("Parent Employees"), (iii) to the knowledge of Parent, there is no union organizing effort pending or threatened against Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, (iv) there is no unfair labor practice, labor dispute (other than, in each case, routine individual grievances) or labor arbitration proceeding pending or, to the knowledge of Parent, threatened with respect to Parent Employees and (v) there is no slowdown or work stoppage in effect or, to the knowledge of Parent, threatened with respect to Parent Employees.

(b) Except for such matters that would not, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect the ability of Parent and its Subsidiaries to operate their business in the ordinary course consistent with past practices, Parent and its Subsidiaries are, and have been, in material compliance with all applicable Laws respecting (i) employment and employment practices, (ii) terms and conditions of employment and wages and hours, and

(iii) unfair labor practices. Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries has any material liabilities under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1998 as a result of any action taken by Parent (other than at the written direction of Parent or as a result of any of the transactions contemplated hereby).

Section 4.16. Real Property.

(a) With respect to each material real property owned by Parent or any Subsidiary (such property collectively, the "Parent Owned Real Property"), except as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (i) either Parent or a Subsidiary of Parent has marketable and insurable fee simple title to such Parent Owned Real Property, free and clear of all Liens other than any Parent Permitted Liens and Permitted Encumbrances, (ii) there are no leases, subleases, licenses, rights or other agreements affecting any portion of the Parent Owned Real Property that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the existing use of the Parent Owned Real Property by Parent in the operation of its business thereon, and (iii) there are no outstanding options or rights of first refusal in favor of any other party to purchase such Parent Owned Real Property or any portion thereof or interest therein that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the existing use of the Parent Owned Real Property by Parent in the operation of its business thereon. Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries has received notice of any pending, and to the knowledge of Parent there is no threatened, condemnation proceeding with respect to any Parent Owned Real Property, except proceedings which would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Except as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (i) each material lease, sublease and other agreement (collectively, the "Parent Real Property Leases") under which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries uses or occupies or has the right to use or occupy any material real property (the "Parent Leased Real Property") at which the material operations of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries are conducted, is valid, binding and in full force and effect, (ii) neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries is currently subleasing, licensing or otherwise granting any person the right to use or occupy a material portion of a Parent Leased Real Property that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the existing use of the Parent Leased Real Property by Parent in the operation of its business thereon, and (iii) no uncured default of a material nature on the part of Parent or, if applicable, its Subsidiary or, to the knowledge of Parent, the landlord thereunder, exists under any Parent Real Property Lease, and no event has occurred or circumstance exists which, with the giving of notice, the passage of time, or both would constitute a material breach or default under a Parent Real Property Lease. Except as would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect, Parent and each of its Subsidiaries has a good and valid leasehold interest, subject to the terms of the Parent Real Property Leases, in each parcel of Parent Leased Real Property, free and clear of all Liens, except for Parent Permitted Liens and Permitted Encumbrances. Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries has received notice of any pending, and, to the knowledge of Parent, there is no threatened, condemnation proceeding with respect to any Parent Leased Real Property, except such proceeding which would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

(c) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Parent Material Adverse Effect: (i) each of Parent and its Subsidiaries has such Rights-of-Way that are necessary for Parent and its Subsidiaries to use and operate their respective assets and properties in the manner that such assets and properties are currently used and operated, and each such Right-of-Way is valid and free and clear of all Liens (other than Parent Permitted Liens); (ii) Parent and its Subsidiaries conduct their businesses in a manner that does not violate any of the Rights-of-Way; (iii) Parent and its Subsidiaries have fulfilled and performed all of their obligations with respect to such Rights-of-Way; and (iv) Parent has not received written notice of the occurrence of any ongoing event or circumstance that allows, or after the giving of notice or the passage of time, or both, would allow the limitation, revocation or termination of any Right-of-Way or would result in any impairment of the rights of Parent and its Subsidiaries in and to any such Rights-of-Way. All pipelines operated by Parent and its Subsidiaries are subject to Rights-of-Way, and there are no gaps (including any gap arising as a result of any breach by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries of the terms of any Rights-of-Way) in the Rights-of-Way other than gaps that would not, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect the ability of Parent and its Subsidiaries to operate their business in the ordinary course consistent with past practices.

Section 4.17. Vote of Parent Partners; Merger Sub Approval.

(a) The general partner of Parent has approved this Agreement, the Merger and the Unit Issuance. No vote of holders of securities of Parent, other than the approval of and action by its general partner, is required to approve the Unit Issuance and no other vote of the holders of any class of Parent equity holders, other than the approval of and action by its general partner, is necessary to approve this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger.

(b) The Board of Directors of Merger Sub, by written consent duly adopted prior to the Amendment Date, (i) determined that this Agreement and the Merger are advisable and fair to and in the best interests of Merger Sub and its stockholder, (ii) duly approved and adopted this Agreement, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, which adoption has not been rescinded or modified and (iii) recommended this Agreement for adoption by Parent, as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub. Immediately following execution of this Agreement, Parent, as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub, will duly approve and adopt this Agreement and the Merger

Section 4.18. Opinion of Financial Advisors. The Board of Directors of Parent has received the opinion of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC to the effect that, as of the date of such opinion and subject to the assumptions, limitations, qualifications and other matters considered in the preparation thereof, the Merger Consideration is fair, from a financial point of view, to Parent. Parent shall, promptly following receipt of such opinion in written form, furnish an accurate and complete copy of said opinion to the Company solely for informational purposes.

Section 4.19. Material Contracts.

(a) Except for this Agreement, Parent's Benefit Plans and agreements filed as exhibits to Parent SEC Documents and the agreements otherwise provided or made available to

the Company, as of the date of this Agreement, neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to or bound by:

(i) any "material contract" (as such term is defined in Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K of the SEC);

(ii) any contract imposing any material restriction on the right or ability of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries to (A) compete with any other person or (B) acquire or dispose of the securities of another person;

(iii) any mortgage, note, debenture, indenture, security agreement, guaranty, pledge or other agreement or instrument evidencing Indebtedness of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries in an amount in excess of \$500.0 million;

(iv) any Contract that provides for the acquisition, disposition, license, use, distribution or outsourcing of assets, services, rights or properties with a value or requiring annual fees in excess of \$500.0 million;

(v) any Contract to acquire all or a substantial portion of the capital stock, business, property or assets of any other person for an amount of cash (or value of non-cash consideration), in excess of \$500.0 million;

(vi) any joint venture, partnership or limited liability company agreement or other similar Contract relating to the formation, creation, operation, management or control of any joint venture, partnership or limited liability company, other than any such Contract solely between or among Parent and or any of its Subsidiaries;

(vii) any Contract limiting or restricting the ability of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries to make distributions or declare or pay dividends in respect of their capital stock, partnership interests, membership interests or other equity interests, as the case may be;

(viii) any Contract containing any exclusivity or most favored nation clause;

(ix) any Contract that involves future expenditures or receipts by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries of more than \$500.0 million in any one year period that cannot be terminated on less than 90 days notice without material payment or penalty;

(x) any acquisition Contract that contains "earn out" or other contingent payment obligations, or remaining indemnity or similar obligations, that could reasonably be expected to result in future payments by or to Parent or any of its Subsidiaries in excess of \$250.0 million;

(xi) any Contract with a labor union or guild (including any collective bargaining agreement);

(xii) any Contract containing provisions triggered by any change of control of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries;

(xiii) any Contract in favor of directors, officers, members, managers or partners relating to employment or compensation or providing rights to indemnification;

(xiv) any Contract the loss or breach of which could reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect; and

(xv) any lease or sublease with respect to leased real property requiring annual payments in excess of \$50 million.

All contracts of the types referred to in clauses (i) through (xv) above are referred to herein as "Parent Material Contracts." Section 4.19(a) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule sets forth a complete and correct list of all Parent Material Contracts as of the date of this Agreement that have not been filed or incorporated by reference in Parent SEC Reports. Parent has delivered or made available to Parent true and correct copies of all Parent Material Contracts.

(b) Neither Parent nor any Subsidiary of Parent is in material breach of or default under the terms of any Parent Material Contract. To the knowledge of Parent, no other party to any Parent Material Contract is in material breach of or default under the terms of any Parent Material Contract. Each Parent Material Contract is a valid and binding obligation of Parent or the Subsidiary of Parent which is party thereto and, to the knowledge of Parent, of each other party thereto, and is in full force and effect, subject to the Remedies Exceptions.

Section 4.20. Finders or Brokers. Except for Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries has employed any investment banker, broker or finder in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement who might be entitled to any fee or any commission in connection with or upon consummation of the Merger. Parent has furnished to the Company accurate and complete copies of its agreement with Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 4.21. Lack of Ownership of Company Common Stock. Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries nor any "affiliate" or "associate" of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries (as such terms are defined in Section 203 of the DGCL) beneficially owns (or has beneficially owned in the past three years) directly or indirectly, any Shares or other securities convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for Shares or any securities of any Subsidiary of the Company (including for purposes of Section 203 of the DGCL), and neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries has any rights to acquire any Shares except pursuant to this Agreement. Except for the Support Agreements, there are no voting trusts or other agreements or understandings to which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries is a party with respect to the voting of the capital stock or other equity interest of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

Section 4.22. Financing. As of the Amendment Date, Parent has delivered to the Company true, complete and correct copies of the fully executed commitment letter (such letter, as amended, modified or waived from time to time to the extent permitted herein, or any financing commitment in respect of an Alternative Financing as contemplated by the last

sentence of Section 5.18(b), the "Commitment Letter") and fee letter (the "Fee Letter") executed in connection with the debt financing of a portion of the cash component of the Merger Consideration (the "Financing") (with certain fee amounts and certain economic terms of the "market flex" provisions redacted). As of the Amendment Date, the Commitment Letter is in full force and effect and constitutes the legal, valid, binding and enforceable obligations of Parent and, to the knowledge of Parent, the other parties thereto (subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and general principles of equity). As of the Amendment Date, the Commitment Letter has not been amended or modified in any respect and the respective commitments therein have not been withdrawn or terminated. There are no conditions precedent or, to the knowledge of Parent, other contingencies related to the funding of the full amount of the Financing on the terms set forth in the Commitment Letter (as such terms may be altered in accordance with the "market flex" provisions set forth in the Fee Letter) other than as expressly set forth as of the Amendment Date in the Commitment Letter. As of the Amendment Date, no event has occurred that, with or without notice, lapse of time or both, would constitute a breach by Parent or any other party thereto under the Commitment Letter. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Commitment Letter, as of the Amendment Date, assuming compliance by the Company in all material respects with its covenants contained in Section 5.1 and Section 5.18(d) and assuming satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 6.1 and Section 6.3, the aggregate proceeds to be disbursed pursuant to the agreements contemplated by the Commitment Letter, together with other financial resources of Parent, including cash on hand and marketable securities, will, in the aggregate, be sufficient to fund the payment of the cash component of the Merger Consideration. As of the Amendment Date, assuming satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 6.3, Parent has no reason to believe that either it or any other party will be unable to satisfy on a timely basis any condition of the Financing under the Commitment Letter or the Fee Letter or that the Financing contemplated by the Commitment Letter will not be made available to Parent on the Closing Date; provided that Parent is not making any representation or warranty regarding the Company's future performance, the effect of any inaccuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement or the failure of the Company to comply with any of its covenants in all material respects under this Agreement.

Section 4.23. No Additional Representations. Parent and Merger Sub acknowledge that the Company does not make any representation or warranty as to any matter whatsoever except as expressly set forth in this Agreement or in any certificate delivered by the Company to Parent or Merger Sub in accordance with the terms hereof, and specifically (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing) that the Company makes no representation or warranty with respect to (a) any projections, estimates or budgets delivered or made available to Parent or Merger Sub (or any of their respective affiliates, officers, directors, employees or Representatives) of future revenues, results of operations (or any component thereof), cash flows or financial condition (or any component thereof) of the Company and its Subsidiaries or (b) the future business and operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries, and neither Parent or Merger Sub has relied on such information or any other representations or warranties not set forth in this Agreement.

ARTICLE V.

COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS

Section 5.1. Conduct of Business by the Company.

(a) From and after the date hereof and prior to the Effective Time or the date, if any, on which this Agreement is earlier terminated pursuant to Section 7.1 (the "Termination Date"), and except (i) as may be required by applicable Law, (ii) as may be agreed in writing by Parent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), (iii) as may be contemplated or required by this Agreement or (iv) as set forth in Section 5.1(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, the Company covenants and agrees with Parent that the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries shall be conducted, and that such entities shall not take any action except in the ordinary course of business, and shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to preserve intact their present lines of business, maintain their rights and franchises and preserve their relationships with customers and suppliers; provided, however, that no action by the Company or its Subsidiaries with respect to matters specifically addressed by any provision of Section 5.1(b) shall be deemed a breach of this sentence unless such action would constitute a breach of such other provision. The Company shall (i) promptly notify Parent of any material change in its condition (financial or otherwise) or business or any termination, cancellation, repudiation or material breach of any Company Material Contract (or communications indicating that the same may be contemplated), and (ii) give prompt notice to Parent of any change, occurrence, effect, condition, fact, event, or circumstance known to the Company that is reasonably likely, individually or taken together with all other changes, occurrences, effects, conditions, facts, events and circumstances known to such party, to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect; provided, however, that no unintentional failure by the Company to provide a required notice under the last sentence of this Section 5.1(a) with respect to any matter that would not result in a failure of the conditions set forth in Section 6.3(a) shall result in a failure of the condition set forth in Section 6.3(b).

(b) The Company agrees with Parent, on behalf of itself and its Subsidiaries, that between the date hereof and the Effective Time, without the prior written consent of Parent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), the Company:

(i) except in the ordinary course of business or as disclosed in Section 5.1(b)(i) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries that is not wholly owned by the Company or Subsidiaries of any such Subsidiaries to, authorize or pay any dividends on or make any distribution with respect to its outstanding shares of capital stock (whether in cash, assets, stock or other securities of the Company or its Subsidiaries), except (A) dividends or distributions by any Subsidiaries only to the Company or to any Subsidiary of the Company in the ordinary course of business, (B) dividends or distributions required under the applicable organizational documents of such entity in effect on the date of this Agreement, or (C) regular quarterly cash dividends with customary record and payment dates on the shares of the Company Common Stock not in excess of \$0.15 per share per quarter;

(ii) except as otherwise permitted by this Agreement, shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, adopt a plan of complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, merger, consolidation, restructuring, recapitalization or other reorganization, or enter into a letter of intent or agreement in principle with respect thereto, other than the Merger and other than any mergers, consolidations, restructurings or reorganizations solely among the Company and its Subsidiaries or among the Company's Subsidiaries;

(iii) except as otherwise permitted by this Agreement or for transactions between the Company and its Subsidiaries or among the Company's Subsidiaries, shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries, to prepay, redeem, repurchase, defease, cancel or otherwise acquire any Indebtedness or guarantees thereof of the Company or any Subsidiary, other than (A) at stated maturity, (B) any required amortization payments and mandatory prepayments (including mandatory prepayments arising from any change of control put rights to which holders of such Indebtedness or guarantees thereof may be entitled) and (C) Indebtedness or guarantees thereof disclosed in Section 5.1(b)(iii) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, in each case in accordance with the terms of the instrument governing such indebtedness as in effect on the date hereof;

(iv) shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, make any acquisition of any other person or business or make any loans, advances or capital contributions to, or investments in, any other person with a value in excess of \$50.0 million in the aggregate, except (A) as contemplated by the Company's fiscal 2011 budget and capital expenditure plan, as attached to Section 5.1(b)(iv) of the Company Disclosure Schedule (the "Company 2011 Budget") (whether or not such acquisition, loan, advance, capital contribution or investment is made during the 2011 fiscal year), (B) as required by contracts disclosed in Section 5.1(b)(iv) of the Company Disclosure Schedule or (C) as made in connection with any transaction solely between the Company and a wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Company or between wholly-owned Subsidiaries of the Company; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, make any acquisition of any other person or business or make any loans, advances or capital contributions to, or investments in, any other person which would reasonably be expected to prevent, impede or delay the consummation of the Merger by the End Date;

(v) except as disclosed in Section 5.1(b)(v) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, authorize any capital expenditures in excess of \$50.0 million in the aggregate, except for (A) expenditures contemplated by the Company 2011 Budget (whether or not such capital expenditure is made during the 2011 fiscal year), (B) expenditures contemplated by the Company's fiscal 2012 budget and capital expenditures plan, which shall not be greater than the expenditures contemplated by the Company 2011 Budget plus 10%, excluding extraordinary items contained in the Company 2011 Budget, or (C) expenditures made in response to any emergency, whether

caused by war, terrorism, weather events, public health events, outages or otherwise;

(vi) shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, split, combine or reclassify any of its capital stock or issue or authorize or propose the issuance of any other securities in respect of, in lieu of or in substitution for shares of its capital stock, except for any such transaction by a wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company which remains a wholly owned Subsidiary after consummation of such transaction;

(vii) except as disclosed in Section 5.1(b)(vii) of the Company Disclosure Schedule or Company Benefit Plans or as required by applicable Law, shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, (A) increase the compensation or other benefits payable or provided to the Company's directors, officers, employees or other service providers, other than customary increases in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, (B) enter into or amend any employment, change of control, severance or retention agreement with any director, officer or employee of the Company except (1) for agreements entered into with any newly-hired employees who are not officers or (2) for severance agreements entered into with employees who are not officers in connection with terminations of employment, in each case, in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, (C) establish, adopt, enter into, terminate or amend any plan, policy, program or arrangement for the benefit of any current or former directors, officers or employees or any of their beneficiaries, except as permitted pursuant to clause (B) above or in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice as would not result in a material increase in cost to the Company; provided, however, that the foregoing exception shall not apply to any equity based plan, policy, program or arrangement (or award under any of the foregoing), (D) enter into, terminate or amend any collective bargaining agreements, or (E) make any change in the key management structure of the Company or any of its material Subsidiaries, including the hiring of additional officers or the termination of existing officers;

(viii) shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, enter into or make any loans or advances to any of its officers, directors, employees, agents or consultants (other than loans or advances (A) in the ordinary course of business or (B) for travel and reasonable business expenses) or make any change in its existing borrowing or lending arrangements for or on behalf of any of such persons, except as required by the terms of any Company Benefit Plan;

(ix) except as disclosed in Section 5.1(b)(ix) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, materially change financial accounting policies or procedures or any of its methods of reporting income, deductions or other material items for financial accounting purposes, except as required by GAAP, SEC rule or policy or applicable Law;

(x) except as disclosed in Section 5.1(b)(x) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, shall not adopt any amendments to its certificate of incorporation or by-laws or similar applicable charter documents, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to adopt any material amendments to its certificate of incorporation or by-laws or similar applicable charter documents;

(xi) except for transactions among the Company and its wholly owned Subsidiaries or among the Company's wholly owned Subsidiaries, shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, issue, sell, pledge, dispose of or encumber, or authorize the issuance, sale, pledge, disposition or encumbrance of, any shares of its capital stock or other ownership interest in the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for any such shares or ownership interest, or any rights, warrants or options to acquire any such shares of capital stock, ownership interest or convertible or exchangeable securities or take any action to cause to be exercisable any otherwise unexercisable option under any existing Company Benefit Plans (except as otherwise provided by the terms of this Agreement or the express terms of any unexercisable or unexercised options or warrants outstanding on the date hereof), other than (A) issuances of shares of Company Common Stock in respect of any exercise of Company Stock Awards and settlement of any Company Equity Awards outstanding on the date hereof or as may be granted after the date hereof as permitted under this Section 5.1(b), (B) the sale of shares of Company Common Stock pursuant to the exercise of options to purchase Company Common Stock if necessary to effectuate an option direction upon exercise or for withholding of Taxes, or (C) the grant of equity compensation awards at times, in amounts, on terms and conditions and otherwise in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and in accordance with Section 5.1(b)(xi) of the Company Disclosure Schedule;

(xii) except for transactions among the Company and its wholly owned Subsidiaries or among the Company's wholly owned Subsidiaries, shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any shares of the capital stock of any of them or any rights, warrants or options to acquire any such shares;

(xiii) shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, incur, assume, guarantee or otherwise become liable for any Indebtedness (directly, contingently or otherwise), except (A) for any Indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business, (B) for any Indebtedness among the Company and its wholly-owned Subsidiaries or among the Company's wholly-owned Subsidiaries, (C) for any Indebtedness incurred to replace, renew, extend, refinance or refund any existing Indebtedness on substantially the same or more favorable terms to the Company than such existing Indebtedness, (D) for any guarantees by the Company of Indebtedness of Subsidiaries of the Company or guarantees by the Company's Subsidiaries of Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, which Indebtedness is incurred in compliance with this Section 5.1(b), (E) as disclosed in Section 5.1(b)(xiii) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, and

(F) for any Indebtedness not to exceed \$50.0 million in aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time incurred by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries other than in accordance with clauses (A)-(E); provided, however, that in the case of each of clauses (A)-(F) such Indebtedness does not impose or result in any additional restrictions or limitations on the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or, following the Closing, the Surviving Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries, or subject the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or, following the Closing, the Surviving Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries, to any additional covenants or obligations (other than the obligations to make payment on such Indebtedness) to which the Company or its Subsidiaries is not otherwise subject under the terms of any Indebtedness outstanding as of the date hereof;

(xiv) except for transactions among the Company and its wholly owned Subsidiaries or among the Company's wholly owned Subsidiaries or as disclosed in Section 5.1(b)(xiv) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, sell, lease, license, transfer, exchange or swap, mortgage (including securitizations), or otherwise dispose of any material portion of its material properties or non-cash assets, including the capital stock of Subsidiaries;

(xv) except as disclosed in Section 5.1(b)(xv) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, the Company shall not take any action, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to take any action, that would result in the Company or any of its Subsidiaries becoming subject to any restriction not in existence on the date hereof with respect to the payment of distributions or dividends;

(xvi) other than in the ordinary course of business, shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, modify, amend or terminate, or waive any rights under any Company Material Contract, in any material respect in a manner that is adverse to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole or that could prevent or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement past the End Date (or any extension thereof);

(xvii) except as disclosed in Section 5.1(b)(xvii) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, waive, release, assign, settle or compromise any claim, action or proceeding, other than waivers, releases, assignments, settlements or compromises (A) equal to or lesser than the amounts specifically reserved with respect thereto on the balance sheet as of December 31, 2010 included in the Company SEC Documents or (B) that do not exceed \$50.0 million in the aggregate;

(xviii) make, revoke or amend any material Tax election, enter into any closing agreement, settlement or compromise of any claim or assessment with respect to any material Tax liability, amend any material Tax Return, surrender a claim for a material refund of Taxes or consent to any extension or waiver of the statute of limitations period applicable to any material Tax claim or assessment;

(xix) knowingly or intentionally take any action that would reasonably be expected to make any representation or warranty of the Company hereunder inaccurate in any respect or that would cause the condition in Section 6.3(a) not to be met;

(xx) other than in the ordinary course of business in accordance with past practice, shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, modify, amend, permit to lapse, fail to renew, surrender, terminate, or waive any rights under any Company Permit, in any respect in a manner that is materially adverse to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole or that could prevent or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement past the End Date (or any extension thereof);

(xxi) except in the ordinary course of business in accordance with past practice, take or fail to take any action, or permit any of its Subsidiaries to take or fail to take any action, that could cause the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any of their assets or businesses that is not already so regulated or treated to be a natural gas company as defined in the NGA, a public utility, transmitting utility, electric utility or electric utility company under the FPA, a non-exempt holding company under PUHCA, a common carrier under the ICA or a utility, utility holding company, intrastate pipeline, gas service company, electric service company, gas company, electric company, or any similar entity however described under the laws of any state or local jurisdiction and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

(xxii) shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, agree, in writing or otherwise, to take any of the foregoing actions.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any person, without duplication, (a) all obligations of such person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other debt securities or warrants or other rights to acquire any debt securities of such person, (c) all capitalized lease or leveraged lease obligations of such person or obligations of such person to pay the deferred and unpaid purchase price of property and equipment, (d) all obligations of such person pursuant to securitization or factoring programs or arrangements, or (e) all guarantees of any of the foregoing.

Section 5.2. Conduct of Business by Parent.

(a) From and after the date hereof and prior to the Effective Time or the Termination Date, if any, and except (i) as may be required by applicable Law, (ii) as may be agreed in writing by the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), (iii) as may be contemplated or required by this Agreement, (iv) as contemplated by the Drop-Down Agreements or (v) as set forth in Section 5.2(a) of the Parent Disclosure Schedule, Parent covenants and agrees with the Company that the business of Parent shall be conducted in, and that Parent shall not take any action except in, the ordinary course of business and shall use its reasonable best efforts to preserve intact its present lines of business, maintain its rights and franchises and preserve its relationships with customers and suppliers; provided,