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**PROSPECTUS**

**10,000,000 Common Units  
Representing Limited Partner Interests**

Spectra Energy Partners, LP is a limited partnership recently formed by Spectra Energy Corp. This is the initial public offering of our common units. Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our common units. The common units have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol SEP.

**Investing in our common units involves risks. Please read Risk Factors beginning on page 21.**

These risks include the following:

We may not have sufficient cash from operations following the establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including cost reimbursements to our general partner, to enable us to make cash distributions to holders of our common units and subordinated units at the initial distribution rate under our cash distribution policy.

Two of our three primary assets are controlled by Spectra Energy Corp and other third parties who are responsible for the management and operations of those assets. As a result we cannot control the amount of cash we will receive from them and we may be required to contribute significant cash to fund their operations.

Our natural gas transportation and storage operations are subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which could have an adverse impact on our ability to establish transportation and storage rates that would allow us to recover the full cost of operating our pipelines, including a reasonable return, and our ability to make distributions to you.

Spectra Energy Corp controls our general partner, which has sole responsibility for conducting our business and managing our operations. Our general partner and its affiliates, including Spectra Energy Corp, have conflicts of interest with us and limited fiduciary duties, and they may favor their own interests to your detriment.

Affiliates of our general partner, including Spectra Energy Corp, DCP Midstream, LLC and DCP Midstream Partners, LP, are not limited in their ability to compete with us, which could limit our commercial activities or our ability to acquire additional assets or businesses.

If you are not an (1) individual or entity subject to U.S. federal income taxation on the income generated by us or (2) entity not subject to U.S. federal taxation on the income generated by us, but all of whose owners are subject to such taxation, you will not be entitled to receive distributions or allocations of income or loss on your common units and your common units will be subject to redemption at a price that may be below the current market price.

Holders of our common units have limited voting rights and are not entitled to elect our general partner or its directors.

You will experience immediate and substantial dilution of \$9.38 in tangible net book value per common unit.

You may be required to pay taxes on income from us even if you do not receive any cash distributions from us.

|   | <b>Per Common<br/>Unit</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|
| Initial public offering price                             | \$22.000                   | \$220,000,000 |
| Underwriting discount(1)                                  | \$1.375                    | \$13,750,000  |
| Proceeds to Spectra Energy Partners, LP (before expenses) | \$20.625                   | \$206,250,000 |

(1) Excludes an aggregate structuring fee equal to 0.25% of the gross proceeds of this offering, or approximately \$550,000, payable to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc.

We have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 1,500,000 common units from us on the same terms and conditions as set forth above if the underwriters sell more than 10,000,000 common units in this offering.

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

The underwriters expect to deliver the common units through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company on or about July 2, 2007.

**Citi**  
**Merrill Lynch & Co.**

**UBS Investment Bank**

**Lehman Brothers**

**A.G. Edwards**

**Wachovia Securities**  
**Raymond James**

**June 26, 2007**

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where an offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

Until July 21, 2007 (25 days after the date of this prospectus), all dealers that buy, sell or trade our common units, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to the dealers obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.



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**SUMMARY**

*This summary provides a brief overview of information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. You should read the entire prospectus carefully, including Risk Factors beginning on page 21 and the historical and pro forma financial statements. Unless indicated otherwise, the information presented in this prospectus assumes that the underwriters do not exercise their option to purchase additional units. We include a glossary of some of the terms used in this prospectus as Appendix D. References in this prospectus to Spectra Energy Partners, LP, we, our, us or like terms when used in a historical context refer to the businesses that Spectra Energy Corp is contributing to Spectra Energy Partners, LP in connection with this offering. When used in the present tense or prospectively, those terms refer to Spectra Energy Partners, LP and its subsidiaries. References to our general partner refer to Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP and/or Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP, as appropriate. References to Spectra Energy when used with respect to periods prior to January 1, 2007 refer to Spectra Energy Capital, LLC and when used with respect to periods after that date or prospectively refer to Spectra Energy Corp, the ultimate parent company of our general partner. References to East Tennessee and Gulfstream refer to East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC and Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C., respectively. References to Market Hub refer to Market Hub Partners Holding, LLC and its successor, Market Hub Partners Holding, a Delaware general partnership.*

**Spectra Energy Partners, LP**

**Overview**

We are a growth-oriented Delaware limited partnership recently formed by Spectra Energy to own and operate natural gas transportation and storage assets. Our initial assets consist of interests in two interstate natural gas pipeline systems located in the southeastern United States with over 2,100 miles of pipelines, interests in two natural gas storage facilities in Texas and Louisiana with aggregate working gas storage capacity of approximately 35 billion cubic feet, or Bcf, and a liquefied natural gas, or LNG, storage facility in Tennessee.

We intend to utilize the significant experience of Spectra Energy's management team to execute our growth strategy, including the acquisition and construction of additional energy assets. Spectra Energy, which is comprised of the former natural gas businesses of Duke Energy Corporation, became a stand-alone publicly traded company in January 2007. At December 31, 2006, Spectra Energy had approximately 17,500 miles of natural gas transportation pipelines and approximately 265 Bcf of natural gas storage capacity (including the assets to be contributed to us).

**Our Assets**

*East Tennessee System.* We own and operate 100% of the approximately 1,400-mile East Tennessee interstate natural gas transportation system, which extends from central Tennessee eastward into southwest Virginia and northern North Carolina, and southward into northern Georgia. East Tennessee supports the growing energy demands of the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States through its connection to 19 receipt points and more than 175 delivery points and its market delivery capability of approximately 1.3 Bcf/d of natural gas. East Tennessee also owns and operates an LNG storage facility in Kingsport, Tennessee with natural gas storage capacity that can be used for system operations or sold to the market, or working gas storage capacity, of approximately 1.0 Bcf and regasification capability of 150 million cubic feet per day, or MMcf/d.

*Gulfstream System.* We own a 24.5% interest in the approximately 690-mile Gulfstream interstate natural gas transportation system, which extends from Pascagoula, Mississippi and Mobile, Alabama across the Gulf of Mexico

and into Florida. Gulfstream supports the fast growing south and central Florida markets through its connection to seven receipt points and 19 delivery points and its market delivery capability of approximately 1.1 Bcf/d of natural gas. Subsidiaries of Spectra Energy and The Williams

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Companies, Inc. own the remaining 25.5% and 50.0% interests in Gulfstream, respectively, and jointly operate the system.

*Market Hub System.* We own a 50.0% interest in Market Hub, which owns and operates two high-deliverability salt cavern natural gas storage facilities located in Acadia Parish, Louisiana and Liberty County, Texas. These two facilities have aggregate working gas storage capacity of approximately 35 Bcf and interconnect with 12 major natural gas pipeline systems. Market Hub's storage facilities offer access to natural gas supplies from Texas, Louisiana and growing imports of LNG to the Gulf Coast, and each facility interconnects with Spectra Energy's Texas Eastern System. A subsidiary of Spectra Energy owns the remaining 50.0% interest in Market Hub and operates the system.

**Our Operations**

We transport and store natural gas for a broad mix of customers, including local gas distribution companies, or LDCs, municipal utilities, interstate and intrastate pipelines, direct industrial users, electric power generators and natural gas marketers and producers. In addition to serving directly connected Southeastern markets, our pipeline and storage systems have access to customers in the Mid-Atlantic, Northeastern and Midwestern regions of the United States through numerous interconnections with major pipelines. Our rates are regulated under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, rate-making policies, and, in the case of our storage facility in Texas, by the Texas Railroad Commission, or TRC.

We provide a significant portion of our transportation and storage services through firm contracts that obligate our customers to pay us monthly capacity reservation fees, which are fixed charges owed to us regardless of the actual pipeline or storage capacity utilized by a customer. When a customer utilizes the capacity it has reserved under these contracts, we also collect a variable fee based on the volume of natural gas actually transported or stored. This enables us to recover our variable costs. These fees are typically a small percentage of the total fees we receive from our firm contracts. We also derive a smaller portion of our revenues through interruptible contracts under which our customers pay fees based on their actual utilization of our assets for transportation and storage services and other related services. Customers who have executed interruptible contracts are not assured capacity in our pipeline and storage facilities. To the extent that physical capacity that is contracted for firm service is not being fully utilized, we can contract such capacity for interruptible service. The table below sets forth certain information regarding our assets, our contracts and our revenues, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006:

| Asset          | Our<br>Ownership<br>Interest | Revenue Composition %<br>Firm Contracts<br>Capacity |                  |                            | % of<br>Physical<br>Capacity<br>Subscribed<br>Under<br>Firm<br>Contracts | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contract<br>Life (in<br>years)(1) |
|----------------|------------------------------|---|------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
|                |                              | Reservation<br>Fees                                 | Variable<br>Fees | Interruptible<br>Contracts |  |   |
| East Tennessee | 100.0%                       | 97.7%   | 1.7%             | 0.6%                       | 89.7%  | 9.3   |
| Gulfstream     | 24.5%                        | 85.6%   | 2.9%             | 11.5%                      | 68.8%  | 20.2  |
| Market Hub     | 50.0%                        | 90.0%   | 0.0%             | 10.0%                      | 100.0%   | 2.4   |

(1) The average life of each contract is calculated based on the average annual contract revenue for such contract's remaining life.

The high percentage of our earnings derived from capacity reservation fees mitigates the risk to us of earnings fluctuations caused by changing supply and demand conditions. For additional information about our contracts, please see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - How We Evaluate Our Operations and Business Regulation.

### **Our Relationship with Spectra Energy**

One of our principal attributes is our relationship with Spectra Energy, which will own our general partner and a significant interest in us following this offering. Spectra Energy is comprised of the former natural gas businesses of Duke Energy Corporation and became a stand-alone publicly traded company in

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January 2007. Spectra Energy owns and operates a large and diversified portfolio of complementary natural gas-related energy assets and is one of North America's leading midstream natural gas companies. Spectra Energy, which trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol SE, serves three key links in the natural gas value chain: gathering and processing, transportation and storage and distribution. Through its interests in five U.S. pipeline systems (including East Tennessee and Gulfstream) and three Canadian pipeline systems, Spectra Energy owns and operates one of the largest long-haul natural gas pipeline networks in North America consisting of approximately 17,500 miles of transportation pipelines. In addition, Spectra Energy is one of the largest operators of natural gas storage in North America with eleven storage facilities with total working gas capacity of approximately 265 Bcf (including East Tennessee's LNG facility and Market Hub), and owns a 50.0% interest in DCP Midstream, LLC (previously known as Duke Energy Field Services, LLC), which is the largest natural gas liquids producer in North America. DCP Midstream, LLC owns the general partner interest and a 40.7% limited partner interest in DCP Midstream Partners, LP, which is a midstream master limited partnership.

Upon the completion of this offering, Spectra Energy will own our 2% general partner interest, all of our incentive distribution rights and an 83.2% limited partner interest in us. We will enter into an omnibus agreement with Spectra Energy, our general partner and certain of their affiliates that will govern our relationship with them regarding certain reimbursement and indemnification matters. Please read *Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Omnibus Agreement*. While our relationship with Spectra Energy and its subsidiaries is a significant attribute, it may also be a source of conflicts. For example, neither Spectra Energy nor any of its affiliates are prohibited from competing with us. Spectra Energy and its affiliates may acquire, construct or dispose of assets in the future without any obligation to offer us the opportunity to purchase or construct those assets. Please read *Conflicts of Interest and Fiduciary Duties*.

## **Summary of Risk Factors**

An investment in our common units involves risks. The following list of risk factors is not exhaustive. Please read carefully these and other risks described under *Risk Factors*.

### ***Risks Related to Our Business***

We may not have sufficient cash from operations following the establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including cost reimbursements to our general partner, to enable us to make cash distributions to holders of our common units and subordinated units at the initial distribution rate under our cash distribution policy.

On a pro forma basis we would not have had sufficient cash available for distribution to pay the full minimum quarterly distribution on all units for the year ended December 31, 2006. Please read *Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions*.

Gulfstream and Market Hub are controlled by Spectra Energy and other third parties who are responsible for the management and operations of those assets. As a result we cannot control the amount of cash we will receive from Gulfstream and Market Hub and we may be required to contribute significant cash to fund their operations.

Our natural gas transportation and storage operations are subject to regulation by FERC, which could have an adverse impact on our ability to establish transportation and storage rates that would allow us to recover the full cost of operating our pipelines, including a reasonable return, and our ability to make distributions to you.

Certain of our transportation services are subject to long-term, fixed-price negotiated rate contracts that are not subject to adjustment, even if our cost to perform such services exceeds the revenues received from such contracts, and, as a result, our costs could exceed our revenues received under such contracts.

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The assumptions underlying the minimum estimated cash available for distribution we include in Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions are inherently uncertain and are subject to significant business, economic, financial, regulatory and competitive risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those estimated.

If third-party pipelines and other facilities interconnected to our natural gas pipelines and facilities become unavailable to transport natural gas, our revenues and cash available for distribution could be adversely affected.

Any significant decrease in supplies of natural gas in our areas of operation could adversely affect our business and operating results and reduce our cash available for distribution to unitholders.

We may not be able to maintain or replace expiring gas transportation and storage contracts at favorable rates.

We depend on certain key customers for a significant portion of our revenues. The loss of any of these key customers could result in a decline in our revenues and cash available to make distributions to you.

***Risks Inherent in an Investment in Us***

Spectra Energy controls our general partner, which has sole responsibility for conducting our business and managing our operations. Spectra Energy has conflicts of interest, and it may favor its own interests to your detriment.

Affiliates of our general partner, including Spectra Energy, DCP Midstream, LLC and DCP Midstream Partners, LP, are not limited in their ability to compete with us, which could limit our commercial activities or our ability to acquire additional assets or businesses.

If you are not an (1) individual or entity subject to U.S. federal income taxation on the income generated by us or (2) entity not subject to U.S. federal taxation on the income generated by us, but all of whose owners are subject to such taxation, you will not be entitled to receive distributions or allocations of income or loss on your common units and your common units will be subject to redemption at a price that may be below the current market price.

Cost reimbursements to our general partner and its affiliates for services provided, which will be determined by our general partner, will be substantial and will reduce our cash available for distribution to you.

Our partnership agreement limits our general partner's fiduciary duties to holders of our common units and subordinated units and restricts the remedies available to holders of our common units and subordinated units for actions taken by our general partner that might otherwise constitute breaches of fiduciary duty.

***Tax Risks to Common Unitholders***

Our tax treatment depends on our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, as well as our not being subject to a material amount of entity-level taxation by individual states. If the Internal Revenue Service treats us as a corporation or we become subject to a material amount of entity-level taxation for state tax purposes, it would substantially reduce the amount of cash available for distribution to our unitholders.

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An Internal Revenue Service contest of the federal income tax positions we take may adversely affect the market for our common units, and the cost of any Internal Revenue Service contest will reduce our cash available for distribution to our unitholders.

You may be required to pay taxes on income from us even if you do not receive any cash distributions from us.

Tax gain or loss on disposition of common units could be more or less than expected.



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**Formation Transactions and Partnership Structure**

**General**

At the closing of this offering the following transactions will occur:

Spectra Energy or its subsidiaries will contribute certain of their assets to us or our subsidiaries;

we will issue to a subsidiary of Spectra Energy 34,629,880 common units and 21,638,730 subordinated units, representing an aggregate 83.2% limited partner interest in us;

we will issue to Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP, a subsidiary of Spectra Energy, a 2% general partner interest in us and all of our incentive distribution rights, which will entitle our general partner to increasing percentages of the cash we distribute in excess of \$0.345 per unit per quarter (115% of the minimum quarterly distribution);

we will issue 10,000,000 common units to the public in this offering, representing a 14.8% limited partner interest in us, and will use the proceeds as described in Use of Proceeds ;

we expect to borrow \$163.1 million in term debt and \$125 million in revolving debt under our \$500 million credit facility; and

we will enter into an omnibus agreement with Spectra Energy, our general partner and certain of their affiliates pursuant to which:

we will reimburse Spectra Energy for the payment of certain operating expenses and for providing various general and administrative services; and

Spectra Energy will indemnify us for certain environmental and tax liabilities and title and right-of-way defects.

**Management of Spectra Energy Partners, LP**

Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP, our general partner, has sole responsibility for conducting our business and for managing our operations. Because our general partner is a limited partnership, its general partner, Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC, will conduct our business and operations, and the board of directors and officers of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC will make decisions on our behalf. Spectra Energy will elect all seven members to the board of directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC, with at least three directors meeting the independence standards established by the New York Stock Exchange. For more information about these individuals, please read Management Directors and Executive Officers.

As is common with publicly traded limited partnerships and in order to maximize operational flexibility, we will conduct our operations through subsidiaries. We will have one direct operating subsidiary initially, Spectra Energy Partners OLP, LP, a limited partnership that will conduct business through itself and its subsidiaries.

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**Organizational Structure and Ownership**

The following diagram depicts our organizational structure after giving effect to this offering and the related transactions assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional common units.

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| Public Common Units                          | 14.8%  |
| Spectra Energy Common and Subordinated Units | 83.2%  |
| General Partner Units                        | 2.0%   |
| Total  | 100.0% |

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**Principal Executive Offices and Internet Address**

Our principal executive offices are located at 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056 and our telephone number is (713) 627-5400. Our website is located at [www.spectraenergypartners.com](http://www.spectraenergypartners.com) and will be activated in connection with the closing of this offering. We expect to make our periodic reports and other information filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, available free of charge through our website as soon as reasonably practicable after those reports and other information are electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. Information on our website or any other website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

**Summary of Conflicts of Interest and Fiduciary Duties**

*General.* Our general partner has a legal duty to manage us in a manner beneficial to holders of our common units and subordinated units. This legal duty originates in statutes and judicial decisions and is commonly referred to as a fiduciary duty. However, because our general partner is owned by Spectra Energy, the officers and directors of our general partner also have fiduciary duties to manage our general partner in a manner beneficial to Spectra Energy. As a result of this relationship, conflicts of interest may arise in the future between us and holders of our common units and subordinated units, on the one hand, and our general partner and its affiliates on the other hand.

*Partnership Agreement Modifications to Fiduciary Duties.* Our partnership agreement limits the liability and reduces the fiduciary duties of our general partner to holders of our common units and subordinated units. Our partnership agreement also restricts the remedies available to holders of our common units and subordinated units for actions that might otherwise constitute a breach of our general partner's fiduciary duties owed to holders of our common units and subordinated units. Our partnership agreement also provides that affiliates of our general partner, including Spectra Energy and its affiliates, are not restricted from competing with us. By purchasing a common unit, the purchaser agrees to be bound by the terms of our partnership agreement and, pursuant to the terms of our partnership agreement, each holder of common units consents to various actions contemplated in the partnership agreement and conflicts of interest that might otherwise be considered a breach of fiduciary or other duties under applicable state law.

For a more detailed description of the conflicts of interest and fiduciary duties of our general partner, please read Conflicts of Interest and Fiduciary Duties.

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**The Offering**

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| Common units offered to the public  | 10,000,000 common units.   |
| Common units subject to the underwriters option to purchase additional common units | If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional units in full, we will issue 1,500,000 additional common units to the public and redeem the same number of common units from a subsidiary of Spectra Energy, which will be deemed to be a selling unitholder in this offering. Please read <a href="#">Selling Unitholder</a> .   |
| Units outstanding after this offering   | 44,629,880 common units and 21,638,730 subordinated units, representing 66% and 32%, respectively, limited partner interests in us. The general partner will own 1,352,421 general partner units.  |
| Use of proceeds   | <p>We intend to use the net proceeds of approximately \$206.3 million from this offering, after deducting \$13.8 million of underwriting discounts, but before paying offering expenses and structuring fees of approximately \$550,000 to be paid to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc. for evaluation, analysis and structuring of our partnership, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>purchase approximately \$163.1 million of qualifying investment grade securities, which will be assigned as collateral to secure the term loan portion of our credit facility;</li> <li>pay approximately \$7.2 million of expenses associated with the offering and related formation transactions;</li> <li>distribute \$26.0 million in cash to subsidiaries of Spectra Energy as reimbursement for capital expenditures incurred by subsidiaries of Spectra Energy prior to this offering related to the assets to be contributed to us upon the closing of this offering, which distribution will be made in partial consideration of the assets contributed to us upon the closing of this offering; and</li> <li>use the remaining amount of \$10.0 million to fund working capital.</li> </ul> <p>We also anticipate that we will borrow approximately \$163.1 million in term debt and \$125 million in revolving debt upon the closing of this offering, and we will distribute the aggregate amount of the proceeds of such borrowings to subsidiaries of Spectra Energy, which distribution will be made in partial consideration of the assets contributed to us upon the closing of this offering.</p> <p>If the underwriters option to purchase additional common units is exercised in full, we will (1) use the net proceeds of approximately \$30.9 million to purchase an equivalent amount of qualifying investment</p> |

grade securities, which will be assigned as collateral to secure the additional term loan borrowings described below and (2) borrow an additional amount under the term loan portion of our credit facility equal to the net proceeds to be received from the exercise of the underwriters option. The proceeds of the additional term loan borrowings will be used to redeem from a subsidiary of Spectra Energy a number of common units equal to the number of common units

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issued upon exercise of the underwriters' option, at a price per common unit equal to the proceeds per common unit before expenses but after underwriting discounts and a structuring fee.

Cash distributions

We will make an initial quarterly distribution of \$0.30 per common unit (\$1.20 per common unit on an annualized basis) to the extent we have sufficient cash from operations after establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including payments to our general partner and its affiliates. Our ability to pay cash distributions at this initial distribution rate is subject to various restrictions and other factors described in more detail under the caption "Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions."

We will pay investors in this offering a prorated distribution for the first quarter during which we are a publicly traded partnership. Such distribution will cover the period from the closing date of this offering to and including September 30, 2007. We expect to pay this cash distribution on or about November 15, 2007.

Our partnership agreement requires us to distribute all of our cash on hand at the end of each quarter, less reserves established by our general partner. We refer to this cash as "available cash," and we define its meaning in our partnership agreement and in the glossary of terms attached as Appendix D. Our partnership agreement also requires that we distribute all of our available cash from operating surplus each quarter in the following manner:

*first*, 98% to the holders of common units and 2% to our general partner, until each common unit has received a minimum quarterly distribution of \$0.30 plus any arrearages from prior quarters;

*second*, 98% to the holders of subordinated units and 2% to our general partner, until each subordinated unit has received a minimum quarterly distribution of \$0.30; and

*third*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to our general partner, until each unit has received a distribution of \$0.345.

If cash distributions to our unitholders exceed \$0.345 per common unit in any quarter, our general partner will receive, in addition to distributions on its 2% general partner interest, increasing percentages, up to 50%, of the cash we distribute in excess of that amount. We refer to these distributions as "incentive distributions." Please read "Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Relating to Cash Distributions."

The amount of pro forma available cash generated during the year ended December 31, 2006 would have been sufficient to allow us to pay the full minimum quarterly distribution on all of our common units, but only approximately 47% of the minimum quarterly distribution on our

subordinated units during that period. The amount of pro forma available cash generated during the twelve months ended March 31, 2007 would have been sufficient to allow us to pay the full minimum quarterly distribution on all of our common and subordinated units. For a calculation of our ability to make distributions to unitholders based on our pro forma results for 2006 and the twelve months ended March 31,

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2007, please read *Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions – Unaudited Pro Forma Cash Available for Distribution for the Year Ended December 31, 2006 and the Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2007.*

We believe that, based on the estimates contained and the assumptions listed under the caption *Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions – Minimum Estimated Cash Available for Distribution for the Twelve-Month Period Ending June 30, 2008*, we will have sufficient cash available for distribution to make cash distributions for the four quarters ending June 30, 2008 at the initial distribution rate of \$0.30 per common unit per quarter (\$1.20 per common unit on an annualized basis) on all common units and subordinated units.

**Subordinated units**

A subsidiary of Spectra Energy will initially own all of our subordinated units. The principal difference between our common units and subordinated units is that in any quarter during the subordination period, holders of the subordinated units are entitled to receive the minimum quarterly distribution of \$0.30 per unit only after the common units have received the minimum quarterly distribution plus any arrearages in the payment of the minimum quarterly distribution from prior quarters. Subordinated units will not accrue arrearages. The subordination period will end on the first business day after we have earned and paid at least \$0.30 on each outstanding limited partner unit and general partner unit for any three consecutive, non-overlapping four quarter periods ending on or after June 30, 2010. The subordination period also will end upon the removal of our general partner other than for cause if the units held by our general partner and its affiliates are not voted in favor of such removal.

When the subordination period ends, all remaining subordinated units will convert into common units on a one-for-one basis, and the common units will no longer be entitled to arrearages. Please read *Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Related to Cash Distributions – Subordination Period.*

**Early conversion of subordinated units**

Alternatively, the subordination period will end on the first business day after we have earned and paid at least \$1.80 (150% of the annualized minimum quarterly distribution) on each outstanding limited partner unit and general partner unit for any four quarter period ending on or after June 30, 2008. Please read *Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Related to Cash Distributions – Subordination Period.*

**General Partner's right to reset the target distribution levels**

Our general partner has the right, at a time when there are no subordinated units outstanding and it has received incentive distributions at the highest level to which it is entitled (48%) for each of the prior four consecutive fiscal quarters, to reset the initial cash target distribution levels at higher levels based on the distribution at the time of the exercise of the reset election. Following a reset election by our general partner, the minimum





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quarterly distribution amount will be reset to an amount equal to the average cash distribution amount per common unit for the two fiscal quarters immediately preceding the reset election (such amount is referred to as the reset minimum quarterly distribution ) and the target distribution levels will be reset to correspondingly higher levels based on the same percentage increases above the reset minimum quarterly distribution amount as in our current target distribution levels.

In connection with resetting these target distribution levels, our general partner will be entitled to receive Class B units. The Class B units will be entitled to the same cash distributions per unit as our common units and will be convertible into an equal number of common units. The number of Class B units to be issued will be equal to that number of common units whose aggregate quarterly cash distributions equaled the average of the distributions to our general partner on the incentive distribution rights in the prior two quarters. For a more detailed description of our general partner's right to reset the target distribution levels upon which the incentive distribution payments are based and the concurrent right of our general partner to receive Class B units in connection with this reset, please see Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Related to Cash Distributions General Partner's Right to Reset Incentive Distribution Levels.

Issuance of additional units

We can issue an unlimited number of units without the consent of our unitholders. Please read Units Eligible for Future Sale and The Partnership Agreement Issuance of Additional Securities.

Limited voting rights

Our general partner will manage and operate us. Unlike the holders of common stock in a corporation, you will have only limited voting rights on matters affecting our business. You will have no right to elect our general partner or the directors of its general partner on an annual or other continuing basis. Our general partner may not be removed except by a vote of the holders of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the outstanding units, including any units owned by our general partner and its affiliates, voting together as a single class. Upon consummation of this offering, our general partner and its affiliates will own an aggregate of approximately 84.9% of our common and subordinated units. This will give Spectra Energy the ability to prevent our general partner's involuntary removal. Please read The Partnership Agreement Voting Rights.

Limited call right

If at any time our general partner and its affiliates own more than 80% of the outstanding common units, our general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to purchase all of the remaining common units at a price not less than the then-current market price of the common units.

Eligible Holders and redemption

Only Eligible Holders will be entitled to receive distributions or be allocated income or loss from us. Eligible Holders are:

individuals or entities subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us; or

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entities not subject to United States federal taxation on the income generated by us, so long as all of the entity's owners are subject to such taxation.

We have the right, which we may assign to any of our affiliates, but not the obligation, to redeem all of the common and subordinated units of any holder that is not an Eligible Holder or that has failed to certify or has falsely certified that such holder is an Eligible Holder. The purchase price for such redemption would be equal to the lower of the holder's purchase price and the then-current market price of the units. The redemption price will be paid in cash or by delivery of a promissory note, as determined by our general partner.

Please read [Description of the Common Units](#), [Transfer of Common Units](#) and [The Partnership Agreement](#), [Non-Taxpaying Assignees](#); [Redemption](#).

Estimated ratio of taxable income to distributions

We estimate that if you own the common units you purchase in this offering through the record date for distributions for the period ending December 31, 2010, you will be allocated, on a cumulative basis, an amount of federal taxable income for that period that will be 20% or less of the cash distributed to you with respect to that period. For example, if you receive an annual distribution of \$1.20 per unit, we estimate that your average allocable federal taxable income per year will be no more than \$0.24 per unit. Please read [Material Tax Consequences](#), [Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership](#), [Ratio of Taxable Income to Distributions](#).

Material tax consequences

For a discussion of other material federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to prospective unitholders who are individual citizens or residents of the United States, please read [Material Tax Consequences](#).

Exchange listing

The common units have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol [SEP](#).

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**Summary Historical and Pro Forma Financial and Operating Data**

The following table shows (i) summary combined historical financial and operating data of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor, (ii) summary combined pro forma financial data of Spectra Energy Partners and (iii) summary historical financial and operating data of Gulfstream and Market Hub for the periods and as of the dates indicated. The summary combined historical financial data of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 are derived from the historical audited combined financial statements, and as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2007 are derived from the historical unaudited combined financial statements, of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor, appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. The table should also be read together with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The summary historical financial data of Gulfstream and Market Hub as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 are derived from the audited financial statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus, and as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2007 are derived from the historical unaudited combined financial statements, of Gulfstream and Market Hub, respectively.

The summary combined pro forma financial data of Spectra Energy Partners as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, and as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2007 are derived from the unaudited pro forma combined financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners included elsewhere in this prospectus. The pro forma adjustments have been prepared as if certain transactions to be effected at the closing of this offering had taken place on March 31, 2007, in the case of the pro forma balance sheet, and as of January 1, 2006, in the case of the pro forma statements of operations for the year ended December 31, 2006, and for the three months ended March 31, 2007. These transactions include:

East Tennessee's and Market Hub's distribution of accounts receivable of \$11.7 million and \$3.9 million, respectively, to Spectra Energy;

Spectra Energy Partners' receipt of \$220 million in gross proceeds from the issuance and sale of 10,000,000 common units to the public;

Spectra Energy Partners' borrowings under its new \$500 million credit facility of \$163.1 million in term debt and \$125 million in revolving debt; and

Spectra Energy Partners' use of proceeds and borrowings to pay transaction expenses and underwriting commissions, reimburse subsidiaries of Spectra Energy for certain capital expenditures, fund working capital and invest in qualifying investment grade securities (as permitted under our credit agreement).

The following table includes the following non-generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) financial measures:

Our historical and pro forma Adjusted EBITDA;

Adjusted EBITDA for both our 24.5% ownership interest in Gulfstream and our 50.0% ownership interest in Market Hub;

Our historical and pro forma cash available for distribution; and

Cash available for distribution for both our 24.5% ownership interest in Gulfstream and our 50.0% ownership interest in Market Hub.

These measures are presented because such information is relevant to, and will be used by, management, industry analysts, investors, lenders and rating agencies to assess the financial performance and operating results of our fundamental business activities. Our 24.5% ownership interest in Gulfstream and our 50.0% ownership interest in Market Hub are not consolidated in our pro forma financial results, but are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. In order to evaluate our Adjusted EBITDA for the cash impact of our investments in Gulfstream and Market Hub on our results, we calculate Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution separately for us and our ownership interests in Gulfstream and

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Market Hub. We expect distributions we receive from Gulfstream and Market Hub to represent a significant portion of the cash we distribute to our unitholders. The limited liability company agreement for Gulfstream and the general partnership agreement for Market Hub provide for quarterly distributions of available cash to their members. Please read *How We Make Cash Distributions*, *General Limitations on Cash Distributions* and *Our Ability to Change Our Cash Distribution Policy* for more information on the manner in which Gulfstream and Market Hub distribute cash to their members.

We define our Adjusted EBITDA as net income plus interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization less our equity in earnings of Gulfstream and Market Hub, interest income and other income (expenses), net, which primarily consists of non-cash allowance for funds used during construction, or AFUDC, and certain other items such as insurance recoveries.

For Gulfstream and Market Hub, we define Adjusted EBITDA as net income plus interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization less interest income and other income, net, which primarily consists of non-cash AFUDC and certain other items such as insurance recoveries. Our equity share of Gulfstream's Adjusted EBITDA is 24.5%, and our equity share of Market Hub's Adjusted EBITDA is 50.0%.

We define our cash available for distribution as our Adjusted EBITDA plus cash available for distribution from Gulfstream and Market Hub, less net cash paid for interest expense and maintenance capital expenditures. Our cash available for distribution does not reflect changes in working capital balances. Our pro forma cash available for distribution for the year ended December 31, 2006, and for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2007 includes our anticipated incremental general and administrative expense of being a publicly traded partnership.

For Gulfstream and Market Hub, we define cash available for distribution as Adjusted EBITDA less net cash paid for interest expense and maintenance capital expenditures. Cash available for distribution does not reflect changes in working capital balances.

For a reconciliation of these measures to their most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, please read *Non-GAAP Financial Measures*.

|  | <b>Spectra Energy Partners<br/>Predecessor Combined</b>   |             |   |             |             | <b>Spectra Energy<br/>Partners, LP<br/>Pro Forma</b> |   |
|--|---|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|--|---|
|  | <b>Year Ended<br/>December 31,</b>                        |             | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,</b> |             |             | <b>Year<br/>Ended<br/>December 31,</b>               | <b>Three<br/>Months<br/>Ended<br/>March 31,</b> |
|  | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2005</b> | <b>2006</b>                             | <b>2006</b> | <b>2007</b> | <b>2006</b>  | <b>2007</b>                                     |
|  | <b>(In thousands, except per unit and operating data)</b> |             |   |             |             |  |   |

**Statement of  
Operations Data:**

|                          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total operating revenues | \$ 81,716 | \$ 80,003 | \$ 82,609 | \$ 22,221 | \$ 26,433 | \$ 82,609 | \$ 26,433 |
| Operating expenses:      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Operations,              |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| maintenance, and other   | 26,081    | 24,648    | 21,831    | 10,486    | 6,905     | 21,831    | 6,905     |
|                          | 21,492    | 23,640    | 18,986    | 4,754     | 4,969     | 18,986    | 4,969     |

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|   |           |           |           |          |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Depreciation and amortization                   |           |           |           |          |           |           |           |
| Property and other taxes                        | 518       | 5,264     | 4,177     | 1,607    | (127)     | 4,177     | (127)     |
| Total operating expenses                        | 48,091    | 53,552    | 44,994    | 16,847   | 11,747    | 44,994    | 11,747    |
| Operating income                                | 33,625    | 26,451    | 37,615    | 5,374    | 14,686    | 37,615    | 14,686    |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | 35,495    | 46,287    | 41,105    | 7,059    | 11,385    | 41,105    | 11,385    |
| Other income (expenses), net                    | 1,485     | 528       | 1,765     | 335      | 12        | 1,765     | 12        |
| Interest income                                 | 6         | 24        | 15        | 4        | 9         | 8,657     | 2,170     |
| Interest expense                                | (8,258)   | (8,506)   | (8,151)   | (2,067)  | (2,156)   | (24,900)  | (6,343)   |
| Income tax expense                              | (9,202)   | (7,834)   | (10,741)  | (1,212)  | (4,733)   | (453)     | (209)     |
| Net income                                      | \$ 53,151 | \$ 56,950 | \$ 61,608 | \$ 9,493 | \$ 19,203 | \$ 63,789 | \$ 21,701 |
| Net income per limited partners unit            |           |           |           |          |           |           |           |
| Common units                                    |           |           |           |          |           | \$ 1.20   | \$ 0.32   |
| Subordinated unit                               |           |           |           |          |           | \$ 0.41   | \$ 0.32   |



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|  | <b>Spectra Energy Partners<br/>Predecessor Combined</b>   |                                    |                                    |   | <b>Spectra Energy<br/>Partners, LP<br/>Pro Forma</b> |  |   |
|--|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
|  | <b>Year Ended<br/>December 31,</b>                        | <b>Year Ended<br/>December 31,</b> | <b>Year Ended<br/>December 31,</b> | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,</b> | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,</b>              | <b>Year<br/>Ended<br/>December 31,</b> | <b>Three<br/>Months<br/>Ended<br/>March 31,</b> |
|  | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2005</b>                        | <b>2006</b>                        | <b>2006</b>                             | <b>2007</b>  | <b>2006</b>                            | <b>2007</b>                                     |
|  | <b>(In thousands, except per unit and operating data)</b> |                                    |                                    |   |  |  |   |
| <b>Balance Sheet Data (at period end):</b>   |   |                                    |                                    |   |  |  |   |
| Total assets   | \$ 1,302,974  | \$ 1,202,772                       | \$ 1,284,582                       |   | \$ 1,291,966   |  | \$ 1,445,636                                    |
| Property, plant and equipment, net   | 602,226   | 616,316                            | 691,820                            |   | 688,789  |  | 688,789   |
| Investment in unconsolidated affiliates  | 553,731   | 422,340                            | 442,793                            |   | 450,068  |  | 441,409   |
| Long-term debt   | 150,000   | 150,000                            | 150,000                            |   | 150,000  |  | 438,050   |
| Total parent net equity  | 1,024,753   | 895,696                            | 989,125                            |   | 987,702  |  | 971,982   |
| <b>Other Financial Data:</b>   |   |                                    |                                    |   |  |  |   |
| Spectra Energy Partners  |   |                                    |                                    |   |  |  |   |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | \$ 83,987   | \$ 93,272                          | \$ 62,278                          | \$ 17,099                               | \$ 22,478  | \$ 64,459                              | \$ 24,976                                       |
| Adjusted EBITDA  | 55,117  | 50,091                             | 56,601                             | 10,128                                  | 19,655   | 56,601                                 | 19,655  |
| Incremental general and administrative expense of being a publicly-traded partnership(b) |   |                                    |                                    |   |  | 5,500                                  | 1,375   |
| Net cash paid for interest expense   | 12,955  | 8,566                              | 8,591                              | 6                                       | 9  | 16,243                                 | 4,173   |
| Maintenance capital expenditures   | 6,679   | 8,232                              | 10,933                             | 1,354                                   | 895  | 10,933                                 | 895   |
| Cash available for distribution(a)   | 73,784  | 77,526                             | 80,377                             | 21,284                                  | 35,734   | 67,225                                 | 30,195  |
| Expansion capital expenditures   | 27,590  | 51,083                             | 74,977                             | 9,655                                   | 1,198  | 74,977                                 | 1,198   |
| Gulfstream our 24.5%   |   |                                    |                                    |   |  |  |   |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 18,771  | 24,999                             | 24,712                             | 8,373                                   | 8,171  |  |   |
| Adjusted EBITDA  | 18,699  | 29,583                             | 36,060                             | 7,190                                   | 8,905  |  |   |
| Net cash paid for interest expense   | 1,555   | 3,869                              | 12,109                             |   |  |  |   |
| Maintenance capital expenditures   | 47  | 234                                | 151                                | 81                                      | 216  |  |   |
| Cash available for distribution(a)   | 17,097  | 25,480                             | 23,800                             | 7,170                                   | 8,852  |  |   |

|   |        |        |        |       |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Expansion capital expenditures            | 30,356 | 15,000 | 5,149  | 1,642 | 5,204  |
| Market Hub our 50.0%                      |        |        |        |       |        |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 21,452 | 31,139 | 84,386 | 4,702 | 8,358  |
| Adjusted EBITDA                           | 27,027 | 32,552 | 24,286 | 5,677 | 8,727  |
| Net cash paid for interest expense        |        |        | 22     |       |        |
| Maintenance capital expenditures          | 5,823  | 13,799 | 4,763  | 665   | 1,192  |
| Cash available for distribution(a)        | 21,204 | 18,753 | 19,500 | 5,345 | 8,131  |
| Expansion capital expenditures            | 2,677  | 5,195  | 22,279 | 3,341 | 18,550 |
| <b>Operating Data:</b>                    |        |        |        |       |        |
| East Tennessee                            |        |        |        |       |        |
| Transportation capacity (Bcf/d)           | 1.263  | 1.280  | 1.319  | 1.279 | 1.319  |
| Contracted firm capacity (Bcf/d)          | 1.147  | 1.114  | 1.183  | 1.113 | 1.182  |
| Transported volumes (Bcf)                 | 121.7  | 133.1  | 143.7  | 40.9  | 55.8   |
| Gulfstream 100% basis                     |        |        |        |       |        |
| Transportation capacity (Bcf/d)           | 1.063  | 1.063  | 1.063  | 1.077 | 1.077  |
| Contracted firm capacity (Bcf/d)          | 0.296  | 0.731  | 0.731  | 0.723 | 0.723  |
| Transported volumes (Bcf)                 | 110.7  | 179.7  | 251.3  | 47.5  | 47.7   |
| Market Hub 100% basis                     |        |        |        |       |        |
| Storage capacity (Bcf)                    | 28.7   | 29.8   | 34.8   | 29.8  | 34.8   |

(a) Cash available for distribution of Spectra Energy Partners includes cash available for distribution from Gulfstream and Market Hub.

(b) Upon completion of this offering, we anticipate incurring incremental general and administrative expense of approximately \$5.5 million per year as a result of being a publicly-traded limited partnership. The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements do not reflect these expenses.

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**Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We define our Adjusted EBITDA as net income plus interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization less our equity in earnings of Gulfstream and Market Hub, interest income and other income (expenses), net, which primarily consists of non-cash allowance for funds used during construction, or AFUDC, and certain other items such as insurance recoveries.

For Gulfstream and Market Hub, we define Adjusted EBITDA as net income plus interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization less interest income and other income, net, which primarily consists of non-cash AFUDC and certain other items such as insurance recoveries. Our equity share of Gulfstream's Adjusted EBITDA is 24.5%, and our equity share of Market Hub's Adjusted EBITDA is 50.0%.

We define our cash available for distribution as our Adjusted EBITDA plus cash available for distribution from Gulfstream and Market Hub, less net cash paid for interest expense and maintenance capital expenditures. Our cash available for distribution does not reflect changes in working capital balances. Our pro forma cash available for distribution for the year ended December 31, 2006 and the three months ended March 31, 2007 includes our anticipated incremental general and administrative expense of being a publicly traded partnership.

For Gulfstream and Market Hub, we define cash available for distribution as Adjusted EBITDA less net cash paid for interest expense and maintenance capital expenditures. Cash available for distribution does not reflect changes in working capital balances.

Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution are used as supplemental financial measures by management and by external users of our financial statements, such as investors and commercial banks, to assess:

the financial performance of our assets without regard to financing methods, capital structure or historical cost basis;

the ability of our assets to generate cash sufficient to pay interest on our indebtedness and to make distributions to our partners; and

our operating performance and return on invested capital as compared to those of other publicly traded limited partnerships that own energy infrastructure assets, without regard to their financing methods and capital structure.

Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution should not be considered alternatives to net income, operating income, net cash provided by operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution exclude some, but not all, items that affect net income and operating income and these measures may vary among other companies. Therefore, Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution as presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Furthermore, while cash available for distribution is a measure we use to assess our ability to make distributions to our unitholders, cash available for distribution should not be viewed as indicative of the actual amount of cash that we have available for distributions or that we plan to distribute for a given period.

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The following tables present reconciliations of the non-GAAP financial measures of Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution for each of us, Gulfstream and Market Hub to their respective GAAP financial measures of net income and net cash provided (used) by operating activities on a historical basis and on a pro forma basis as adjusted for this offering.

|  | Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor Combined |                  |                  |                  |                  | Spectra Energy Partners, LP Pro Forma |                  |
|--|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
|  | Three Months                                 |                  |                  |                  |                  | Three Months                          |                  |
|  | Year Ended December 31,                      |                  |                  | Ended            |                  | Year                                  | Ended            |
|  | 2004   | 2005             | 2006             | March 31, 2006   | 2007             | Ended December 31, 2006               | March 31, 2007   |
|  | (In thousands)                               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| <b>Spectra Energy Partners</b>   |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| <i>Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Available for Distribution to GAAP Net Income</i> |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| Net income   | \$ 53,151                                    | \$ 56,950        | \$ 61,608        | \$ 9,493         | \$ 19,203        | \$ 63,789                             | \$ 21,701        |
| Add:   |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| Interest expense   | 8,258  | 8,506            | 8,151            | 2,067            | 2,156            | 24,900                                | 6,343            |
| Income tax expense   | 9,202  | 7,834            | 10,741           | 1,212            | 4,733            | 453                                   | 209              |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 21,492                                       | 23,640           | 18,986           | 4,754            | 4,969            | 18,986                                | 4,969            |
| Less:  |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| Interest income  | 6  | 24               | 15               | 4                | 9                | 8,657                                 | 2,170            |
| Equity in earnings of Gulfstream   | 11,081                                       | 16,611           | 16,763           | 2,331            | 4,188            | 16,763                                | 4,188            |
| Equity in earnings of Market Hub   | 24,414                                       | 29,676           | 24,342           | 4,728            | 7,197            | 24,342                                | 7,197            |
| Other income (expenses), net   | 1,485  | 528              | 1,765            | 335              | 12               | 1,765                                 | 12               |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>   | <b>\$ 55,117</b>                             | <b>\$ 50,091</b> | <b>\$ 56,601</b> | <b>\$ 10,128</b> | <b>\$ 19,655</b> | <b>\$ 56,601</b>                      | <b>\$ 19,655</b> |
| Add:   |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| Cash available for distribution from Gulfstream  | 17,097                                       | 25,480           | 23,800           | 7,170            | 8,852            | 23,800                                | 8,852            |
| Cash available for distribution from   | 21,204                                       | 18,753           | 19,500           | 5,345            | 8,131            | 19,500                                | 8,131            |

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|  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Market Hub   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Less:  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Incremental general and administrative expense of being a public company |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 5,500            | 1,375            |
| Net cash paid for interest expense (income), net                         | 12,955           | 8,566            | 8,591            | 6                | 9                | 16,243           | 4,173            |
| Maintenance capital expenditures   | 6,679            | 8,232            | 10,933           | 1,354            | 895              | 10,933           | 895              |
| <b>Cash available for distribution</b>                                   | <b>\$ 73,784</b> | <b>\$ 77,526</b> | <b>\$ 80,377</b> | <b>\$ 21,284</b> | <b>\$ 35,734</b> | <b>\$ 67,225</b> | <b>\$ 30,195</b> |

*Reconciliation of Non-GAAP*

*Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Available for Distribution to GAAP Net cash provided by*

|   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| operating activities  | \$ 83,987        | \$ 93,272        | \$ 62,278        | \$ 17,099        | \$ 22,478        | \$ 64,459        | \$ 24,976        |
| Interest income   | (6)              | (24)             | (15)             | (4)              | (9)              | (8,657)          | \$ (2,170)       |
| Interest expense  | 8,258            | 8,506            | 8,151            | 2,067            | 2,156            | 24,900           | 6,343            |
| Income taxes  | (21,963)         | 3,465            | (2,072)          | (3,822)          | 3,448            | (12,360)         | (1,076)          |
| Distributions received from Market Hub                        |                  |                  |                  |                  | (354)            |                  | (354)            |
| Distributions received from Gulfstream                        | (13,720)         | (29,645)         | (20,335)         | (5,635)          | (3,675)          | (20,335)         | (3,675)          |
| Other   | (2)              | (22)             | (5)              | (4)              |                  | (5)              |                  |
| Changes in operating working capital:                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Accounts receivable   | 848              | (934)            | (49)             | 1,734            | 1,714            | (49)             | 1,714            |
| Other current assets  | (12,837)         | (6,189)          | 878              | 313              | (439)            | 878              | (439)            |
| Accounts payable  | 4,787            | (1,687)          | 798              | 1,907            | (516)            | 798              | (516)            |
| Taxes accrued   | 1,438            | (7,527)          | 3,345            | 3,668            | (1,733)          | 3,345            | (1,733)          |
| Other current liabilities                                     | 3,197            | (1,617)          | 8,927            | 4,500            | (3,310)          | 8,927            | (3,310)          |
| Other, including changes in noncurrent assets and liabilities | 1,130            | (7,507)          | (5,300)          | (11,695)         | (105)            | (5,300)          | (105)            |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>  | <b>\$ 55,117</b> | <b>\$ 50,091</b> | <b>\$ 56,601</b> | <b>\$ 10,128</b> | <b>\$ 19,655</b> | <b>\$ 56,601</b> | <b>\$ 19,655</b> |



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|  | <b>Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor Combined</b> |                  |                  |                       |                  | <b>Spectra Energy Partners, LP<br/>Pro Forma</b> |                  |
|--|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
|  | <b>Three Months</b>                                 |                  |                  |                       |                  | <b>Three Months</b>                              |                  |
|  | <b>Year Ended December 31,</b>                      |                  |                  | <b>Ended</b>          |                  | <b>Year</b>                                      | <b>Ended</b>     |
|  | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2005</b>      | <b>2006</b>      | <b>March 31,</b>      | <b>2007</b>      | <b>Ended</b>                                     | <b>March 31,</b> |
|  |   |                  |                  | <b>2006</b>           | <b>2007</b>      | <b>December 31,</b>                              | <b>2007</b>      |
|  |   |                  |                  | <b>(In thousands)</b> |                  |  |                  |
| Add:   |   |                  |                  |                       |                  |  |                  |
| Cash available for distribution from Gulfstream                          | 17,097  | 25,480           | 23,800           | 7,170                 | 8,852            | 23,800   | 8,852            |
| Cash available for distribution from Market Hub                          | 21,204  | 18,753           | 19,500           | 5,345                 | 8,131            | 19,500   | 8,131            |
| Less:  |   |                  |                  |                       |                  |  |                  |
| Incremental general and administrative expense of being a public company |   |                  |                  |                       |                  | 5,500  | 1,375            |
| Net cash paid for interest expense (income), net                         | 12,955  | 8,566            | 8,591            | 6                     | 9                | 16,243   | 4,173            |
| Maintenance capital expenditures   | 6,679   | 8,232            | 10,933           | 1,354                 | 895              | 10,933   | 895              |
| <b>Cash available for distribution</b>                                   | <b>\$ 73,784</b>                                    | <b>\$ 77,526</b> | <b>\$ 80,377</b> | <b>\$ 21,284</b>      | <b>\$ 35,734</b> | <b>\$ 67,225</b>                                 | <b>\$ 30,195</b> |

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|   | Year Ended December 31, |                   |                   | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |                  |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|   | 2004                    | 2005              | 2006              | 2006                            | 2007             |
|   | (In thousands)          |                   |                   |                                 |                  |
| <b>Gulfstream</b>   |                         |                   |                   |                                 |                  |
| <i>Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Available for Distribution to GAAP Net Income</i>                                    |                         |                   |                   |                                 |                  |
| Net income  | \$ 45,228               | \$ 67,800         | \$ 68,422         | \$ 9,495                        | \$ 17,094        |
| Add:  |                         |                   |                   |                                 |                  |
| Interest expense  | 9,092                   | 25,540            | 48,787            | 12,211                          | 12,124           |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 25,354                  | 29,190            | 30,406            | 7,585                           | 7,623            |
| Less:   |                         |                   |                   |                                 |                  |
| Other income (expenses), net  | 3,353                   | 1,783             | 431               | (56)                            | 494              |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA 100%</b>   | <b>\$ 76,321</b>        | <b>\$ 120,747</b> | <b>\$ 147,184</b> | <b>\$ 29,347</b>                | <b>\$ 36,347</b> |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA our 24.5%</b>  | <b>\$ 18,699</b>        | <b>\$ 29,583</b>  | <b>\$ 36,060</b>  | <b>\$ 7,190</b>                 | <b>\$ 8,905</b>  |
| Less:   |                         |                   |                   |                                 |                  |
| Net cash paid for interest expense  | 6,349                   | 15,794            | 49,423            |                                 |                  |
| Maintenance capital expenditures  | 190                     | 955               | 617               | 81                              | 216              |
| <b>Cash available for distribution 100%</b>   | <b>\$ 69,782</b>        | <b>\$ 103,998</b> | <b>\$ 97,144</b>  | <b>\$ 29,266</b>                | <b>\$ 36,131</b> |
| <b>Cash available for distribution our 24.5%</b>  | <b>\$ 17,097</b>        | <b>\$ 25,480</b>  | <b>\$ 23,800</b>  | <b>\$ 7,170</b>                 | <b>\$ 8,852</b>  |
| <br><i>Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Available for Distribution to GAAP Net cash provided by operating activities</i> |                         |                   |                   |                                 |                  |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | \$ 76,617               | \$ 111,858        | \$ 107,083        | \$ 34,176                       | \$ 33,353        |
| Interest expense  | 9,092                   | 25,540            | 48,787            | 12,211                          | 12,124           |
| Other   | (5,571)                 | (4,962)           | 493               | 56                              | (494)            |
| Changes in operating working capital:   |                         |                   |                   |                                 |                  |
| Accounts receivable   | (420)                   | 9,698             | (3,772)           | (457)                           | (278)            |
| Other current assets  | (3,575)                 | 143               | 545               | (38)                            | (938)            |
| Accounts payable  | (102)                   | 2,066             | (994)             | (305)                           | 166              |
| Accrued taxes   | 1,264                   | (4,861)           | (8,050)           | (3,247)                         | 6,515            |
| Accrued interest  | (1,573)                 | (6,709)           | 687               | (12,367)                        | (12,366)         |
| Accrued liabilities   | 172                     | (5,830)           | 875               | (165)                           |                  |
| Fuel tracker liabilities  |                         | (2,962)           | 2,260             | (592)                           | (107)            |
| Other current liabilities   | (223)                   | (2,940)           | (3,197)           | 0                               | (0)              |
| Other, including changes in noncurrent assets and liabilities   | 640                     | (294)             | 2,467             | 75                              | (1,628)          |



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|  |                  |           |            |            |           |           |
|--|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>                 | <b>100%</b>      | \$ 76,321 | \$ 120,747 | \$ 147,184 | \$ 29,347 | \$ 36,347 |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>                 | <b>our 24.5%</b> | \$ 18,699 | \$ 29,583  | \$ 36,060  | \$ 7,190  | \$ 8,905  |
| Less:                                  |                  |           |            |            |           |           |
| Net cash paid for interest expense     |                  | 6,349     | 15,794     | 49,423     |           |           |
| Maintenance capital expenditures       |                  | 190       | 955        | 617        | 81        | 216       |
| <b>Cash available for distribution</b> | <b>100%(a)</b>   | \$ 69,782 | \$ 103,998 | \$ 97,144  | \$ 29,266 | \$ 36,131 |
| <b>Cash available for distribution</b> | <b>our 24.5%</b> | \$ 17,097 | \$ 25,480  | \$ 23,800  | \$ 7,170  | \$ 8,852  |

(a) Actual member distributions for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 were approximately \$56.0 million, \$121.0 million and \$83.0 million, respectively. In addition, there was a \$621.0 million return of capital in 2005.

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|   | <b>Year Ended December 31,</b> |                  |                  | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |                  |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
|   | <b>2004</b>                    | <b>2005</b>      | <b>2006</b>      | <b>2006</b>               | <b>2007</b>      |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b>          |                  |                  |                           |                  |
| <b>Market Hub</b>   |                                |                  |                  |                           |                  |
| <i>Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Available for Distribution to GAAP Net Income</i>                                    |                                |                  |                  |                           |                  |
| Net income  | \$ 48,829                      | \$ 59,353        | \$ 48,684        | \$ 9,457                  | \$ 14,515        |
| Add:  |                                |                  |                  |                           |                  |
| Interest expense  |                                |                  | 2,636            | 33                        | 1,023            |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 6,788                          | 6,938            | 7,815            | 1,866                     | 2,077            |
| Less:   |                                |                  |                  |                           |                  |
| Interest income   | 30                             | 41               | 11               | 2                         | 4                |
| Other income (expenses), net  | 1,533                          | 1,146            | 10,553           |                           | 157              |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA 100%</b>   | <b>\$ 54,054</b>               | <b>\$ 65,104</b> | <b>\$ 48,571</b> | <b>\$ 11,354</b>          | <b>\$ 17,454</b> |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA our 50.0%</b>  | <b>\$ 27,027</b>               | <b>\$ 32,552</b> | <b>\$ 24,286</b> | <b>\$ 5,677</b>           | <b>\$ 8,727</b>  |
| Less:   |                                |                  |                  |                           |                  |
| Net cash paid for interest expense  |                                |                  | 43               |                           |                  |
| Maintenance capital expenditures  | 11,646                         | 27,599           | 9,528            | 665                       | 1,192            |
| <b>Cash available for distribution 100%</b>   | <b>\$ 42,408</b>               | <b>\$ 37,505</b> | <b>\$ 39,000</b> | <b>\$ 10,689</b>          | <b>\$ 16,262</b> |
| <b>Cash available for distribution our 50.0%</b>  | <b>\$ 21,204</b>               | <b>\$ 18,753</b> | <b>\$ 19,500</b> | <b>\$ 5,345</b>           | <b>\$ 8,131</b>  |
| <br><i>Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Available for Distribution to GAAP Net cash provided by operating activities</i> |                                |                  |                  |                           |                  |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | \$ 42,904                      | \$ 62,278        | \$ 168,771       | \$ 9,403                  | \$ 16,715        |
| Interest income   | (30)                           | (41)             | (11)             | (2)                       | (4)              |
| Interest expense  |                                |                  | 2,636            | 33                        | 1,023            |
| Other   | 6                              | (10)             |                  |                           | (157)            |
| Changes in operating working capital:   |                                |                  |                  |                           |                  |
| Accounts receivable   | 36,682                         | (16,306)         | (5,944)          | 121                       | (7,349)          |
| Inventory   | 808                            | 3,137            | (6,113)          | (335)                     | 183              |
| Other current assets  | (260)                          |                  |                  | 1,891                     | 2,106            |
| Accounts payable  | (1,593)                        | 363              | (4,804)          |                           |                  |
| Accrued taxes   | 214                            | 506              | (379)            | (945)                     | 582              |
| Collateral liabilities  | (1,799)                        | (491)            | (56,341)         | 130                       |                  |
| Other accrued liabilities   | (22,852)                       | 14,587           | (2,638)          | 799                       | 3,687            |
| Other, including changes in noncurrent assets and liabilities   | (26)                           | 1,081            | (46,606)         | 259                       | 668              |

|  |                  |           |           |           |           |           |
|--|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>                 | <b>100%</b>      | \$ 54,054 | \$ 65,104 | \$ 48,571 | \$ 11,354 | \$ 17,454 |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>                 | <b>our 50.0%</b> | \$ 27,027 | \$ 32,552 | \$ 24,286 | \$ 5,677  | \$ 8,727  |
| Less:                                  |                  |           |           |           |           |           |
| Net cash paid for interest expense     |                  |           |           | 43        |           |           |
| Maintenance capital expenditures       |                  | 11,646    | 27,599    | 9,528     | 665       | 1,192     |
| <b>Cash available for distribution</b> | <b>100%</b>      | \$ 42,408 | \$ 37,505 | \$ 39,000 | \$ 10,689 | \$ 16,262 |
| <b>Cash available for distribution</b> | <b>our 50.0%</b> | \$ 21,204 | \$ 18,753 | \$ 19,500 | \$ 5,345  | \$ 8,131  |

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**RISK FACTORS**

*Limited partner interests are inherently different from capital stock of a corporation, although many of the business risks to which we are subject are similar to those that would be faced by a corporation engaged in similar businesses. You should consider carefully the following risk factors together with all of the other information included in this prospectus in evaluating an investment in our common units.*

*If any of the following risks were actually to occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially adversely affected. In that case, we might not be able to make distributions on our common units, the trading price of our common units could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment.*

**Risks Related to Our Business**

***We may not have sufficient cash from operations following the establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including cost reimbursements to our general partner, to enable us to make cash distributions to holders of our common units and subordinated units at the initial distribution rate under our cash distribution policy.***

In order to make cash distributions at our initial distribution rate of \$0.30 per common unit per complete quarter, or \$1.20 per unit per year, we will require available cash of approximately \$20.3 million per quarter, or \$81.1 million per year, based on the number of common units and subordinated units outstanding immediately after completion of this offering, whether or not the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional common units. We may not have sufficient available cash from operating surplus each quarter to enable us to make cash distributions at the initial distribution rate under our cash distribution policy. The amount of cash we can distribute on our units principally depends upon the amount of cash we generate from our operations, which will fluctuate based on, among other things:

the rates we charge for our transportation and storage services and the volumes of natural gas our customers transport and store;

the overall demand for natural gas in the Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States and the quantities of natural gas available for transport, especially from the Gulf of Mexico, Appalachian and Mid-Continent areas;

regulatory action affecting the demand for natural gas, the supply of natural gas, the rates we can charge, how we contract for services, our existing contracts, our operating costs and our operating flexibility;

regulatory and economic limitations on the development of LNG import terminals in the Gulf Coast region;

successful development of LNG import terminals in the eastern or northeastern United States, which could reduce the need for natural gas to be transported on the East Tennessee pipeline system and for the development of additional natural gas storage capacity in the Gulf Coast region; and

the level of our operating and maintenance and general and administrative costs.

In addition, the actual amount of cash we will have available for distribution will depend on other factors, some of which are beyond our control, including:

the level of capital expenditures we make to complete construction projects;

our debt service requirements and other liabilities;

fluctuations in our working capital needs;

our ability to borrow funds and access capital markets;

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restrictions on distributions contained in our debt agreements; and

the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner.

For a description of additional restrictions and factors that may affect our ability to make cash distributions, please read Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions.

***On a pro forma basis we would not have had sufficient cash available for distribution to pay the full minimum quarterly distribution on all units for the year ended December 31, 2006.***

The amount of available cash we need to pay the minimum quarterly distribution for four quarters on all of our units to be outstanding immediately after this offering is approximately \$81.1 million. The amount of pro forma available cash generated during the year ended December 31, 2006 would have been sufficient to allow us to pay the full minimum quarterly distribution on all of our common units, but only approximately 47% of the minimum quarterly distribution on our subordinated units during that period. The amount of pro forma available cash generated during the twelve months ended March 31, 2007 would have been sufficient to allow us to pay the full minimum quarterly distribution on all of our common and subordinated units. For a calculation of our ability to make distributions to unitholders based on our pro forma results for 2006 and the twelve months ended March 31, 2007, please read Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions.

***The assumptions underlying our minimum estimated cash available for distribution we include in Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions are inherently uncertain and are subject to significant business, economic, financial, regulatory and competitive risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those estimated.***

Our estimate of cash available for distribution set forth in Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions has been prepared by management and we have not received an opinion or report on it from our or any other independent auditor. The assumptions underlying this estimate are inherently uncertain and are subject to significant business, economic, financial, regulatory and competitive risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those assumed. If we do not achieve our anticipated results, we may not be able to pay the full minimum quarterly distribution or any amount on our common units or subordinated units, in which event the market price of our common units may decline materially.

***Gulfstream and Market Hub are controlled by Spectra Energy and other third parties who are responsible for the management and operations of those assets. As a result we cannot control the amount of cash we will receive from Gulfstream and Market Hub and we may be required to contribute significant cash to fund their operations.***

Market Hub and Gulfstream are expected to generate approximately half of the cash we distribute to you and our performance is substantially dependant on their distributions to us. Spectra Energy will operate Market Hub and the operation of Gulfstream is shared between Spectra Energy and The Williams Companies. Accordingly, we do not control the amount of cash distributed to us nor do we control ongoing operational decisions, including the incurrence of capital expenditures that we may be required to fund. More specifically:

We have limited ability to influence decisions with respect to the operation of Market Hub and Gulfstream, including decisions with respect to incurrence of expenses and distributions to us;

Gulfstream and Market Hub may establish reserves for working capital and maintenance capital expenditures which would reduce cash otherwise available for distribution to us;

Gulfstream and Market Hub may incur additional indebtedness, and related principal and interest payments that reduce cash otherwise available for distribution to us;

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Market Hub and Gulfstream may require us to make additional capital contributions to fund working and maintenance capital expenditures, as well as to fund expansion capital expenditures, our funding of which would reduce the amount of cash otherwise available for distribution to you.

Our lack of control over the operation of Market Hub and Gulfstream may mean that we do not receive the amount of cash we expect to be distributed to us and may require us to provide additional capital, and these contributions may be material. This lack of control may significantly and adversely affect our ability to distribute cash to you. For a more complete description of the agreements governing the management and operation of Market Hub and Gulfstream, please see Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions.

***Our natural gas transportation and storage operations are subject to regulation by FERC, which could have an adverse impact on our ability to establish transportation and storage rates that would allow us to recover the full cost of operating our pipelines, including a reasonable return, and our ability to make distributions to you.***

Our interstate natural gas transportation and storage operations are subject to federal, state and local regulatory authorities. Specifically, our natural gas pipeline systems and certain of our storage facilities and related assets are subject to regulation by FERC. The federal regulation extends to such matters as:

rates, operating terms and conditions of service;

the types of services we may offer to our customers;

construction of new facilities;

acquisition, extension or abandonment of services or facilities;

accounts and records; and

relationships with affiliated companies involved in certain aspects of the natural gas business.

Under the Natural Gas Act ( NGA ), FERC has authority to regulate natural gas companies that provide natural gas pipeline transportation services in interstate commerce. Its authority to regulate those services includes the rates charged for the services, terms and conditions of service, certification and construction of new facilities, the extension or abandonment of services and facilities, the maintenance of accounts and records, the acquisition and disposition of facilities, the initiation and discontinuation of services, and various other matters. Natural gas companies may not charge rates that have been determined not to be just and reasonable by FERC. In addition, FERC prohibits natural gas companies from unduly preferring or unreasonably discriminating against any person with respect to pipeline rates or terms and conditions of service.

The rates and terms and conditions for our interstate pipeline and storage services are set forth in FERC-approved tariffs. Pursuant to FERC's jurisdiction over rates, existing rates may be challenged by complaint and proposed rate increases may be challenged by protest. Any successful complaint or protest against our rates, or the loss of our market-based rate authority for our storage facilities, could have an adverse impact on our revenues associated with providing transportation and storage services.

Prior to commencing construction of expansions of interstate pipeline and storage facilities, a natural gas company must obtain certificate authorization from FERC. Applications are pending before FERC for certificate authorization for Gulfstream's Phase IV project and for Market Hub's expansion project designed to increase working gas storage



capacity at the Egan storage facility from 24 Bcf to 32 Bcf. Any refusal by FERC to issue certificate authorization for one or more of these projects may mean that we cannot pursue these projects or that they are constructed in a manner and with capacities that we do not currently anticipate. Such refusal or modification could materially and negatively impact the additional revenues expected from these projects.

Should we fail to comply with all applicable FERC administered statutes, rules, regulations and orders, we could be subject to substantial penalties and fines. Under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, FERC has civil penalty authority under the NGA to impose penalties for current violations of up to \$1,000,000 per day for each violation. See Business Regulation FERC Regulation Energy Policy Act of 2005.

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Finally, we cannot give any assurance regarding the likely future regulations under which we will operate our natural gas transportation and storage businesses or the effect such regulation could have on our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to make distributions to you.

***The outcome of certain rate cases involving FERC policy statements is uncertain and could affect our ability to include an income tax allowance in our cost of service based rates, which would in turn impact our revenues.***

In May 2005, FERC issued a policy statement permitting the inclusion of an income tax allowance in the cost of service-based rates of a pipeline organized as a tax pass through partnership entity to reflect actual or potential income tax liability on public utility income, if the pipeline proves that the ultimate owner of its interests has an actual or potential income tax liability on such income. The policy statement also provides that whether a pipeline's owners have such actual or potential income tax liability will be reviewed by FERC on a case-by-case basis. In August 2005, FERC dismissed requests for rehearing of its new policy statement. On December 16, 2005, FERC issued its first significant case-specific review of the income tax allowance issue in another pipeline partnership's rate case. FERC reaffirmed its new income tax allowance policy and directed the subject pipeline to provide certain evidence necessary for the pipeline to determine its income tax allowance. The new tax allowance policy and the December 16, 2005 order were appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (the "D.C. Circuit"). The D.C. Circuit issued an order on May 29, 2007 in which it denied these appeals and fully upheld FERC's new tax allowance policy and the application of that policy in the December 16, 2005 order. We have no way of knowing whether any party will seek rehearing or appeal of the D.C. Circuit's decision. However, it is possible that a party could request rehearing of the decision and/or petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court.

On December 8, 2006, FERC issued a new order addressing rates on another pipeline. In the new order, FERC refined its income tax allowance policy, and notably raised a new issue regarding the implication of the policy statement for publicly traded partnerships. It noted that the tax deferral features of a publicly traded partnership may cause some investors to receive, for some indeterminate duration, cash distributions in excess of their taxable income, which FERC characterized as a "tax savings." FERC stated that it is concerned that this created an opportunity for those investors to earn an additional return, funded by ratepayers. Responding to this concern, FERC chose to adjust the pipeline's equity rate of return downward based on the percentage by which the publicly traded partnership's cash flow exceeded taxable income. On February 7, 2007, the pipeline asked FERC to reconsider this ruling.

The ultimate outcome of these proceedings is not certain and could result in changes to FERC's treatment of income tax allowances in cost of service. Depending upon how the policy statement on income tax allowances is applied in practice to pipelines organized as pass through entities, these decisions might adversely affect us. Under FERC's current income tax allowance policy, if any of our FERC-regulated pipelines and storage facilities were to file a rate case, we would be required to establish that the inclusion of an income tax allowance in our cost of service is just and reasonable. While we have established the Eligible Holder certification requirement, we can provide no assurance that such certification will be effective to establish that our unitholders, or our unitholders' owners, are subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us. If we are unable to do so, FERC could disallow a substantial portion of our interstate pipelines' income tax allowances, and the level of the affected facility's maximum lawful rates could decrease from current levels.

***Certain of our transportation services are subject to long-term, fixed-price negotiated rate contracts that are not subject to adjustment, even if our cost to perform such services exceeds the revenues received from such contracts, and, as a result, our costs could exceed our revenues received under such contracts.***

Under FERC policy, a regulated service provider and a customer may mutually agree to sign a contract for service at a negotiated rate which may be above or below the FERC regulated recourse rate for that service. For the fiscal year

ended December 31, 2006, all of Gulfstream's firm revenues were derived from such negotiated rate contracts and approximately 30% of East Tennessee's firm revenues were derived

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from capacity reservation charges under negotiated rate contracts. These negotiated rate contracts are not subject to adjustment for increased costs which could be produced by inflation or other factors relating to the specific facilities being used to perform the services. It is possible that Gulfstream's and East Tennessee's costs to perform services under these negotiated rate contracts will exceed the negotiated rates. If this occurs, it could decrease cash flow from Gulfstream and East Tennessee. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - How We Evaluate Our Operations - Contract Mix.

***Market Hub's right to charge market-based rates at certain of its facilities is subject to the continued existence of certain conditions related to the competitive position of Market Hub and, if those conditions change, the right to charge market-based rates could be terminated.***

Certain of the rates charged by Market Hub are regulated by FERC pursuant to its market-based rate policy, which allows regulated storage companies to charge rates above those which would be permitted under traditional cost-of-service regulation. The right of Market Hub to charge market-based rates is based upon determinations by FERC that it does not have market power in the relevant market areas it serves. This determination of a lack of market power is subject to review and revision by FERC if circumstances change relating to Market Hub's market power. In the event there were an adverse determination concerning market power with respect to Market Hub, its rates could become subject to cost-of-service regulation which could have adverse consequences for the cash flow of Market Hub.

***Increased competition from alternative natural gas transportation and storage options and alternative fuel sources could have a significant financial impact on us.***

We compete primarily with other interstate and intrastate pipelines and storage facilities in the transportation and storage of natural gas. Some of our competitors have greater financial resources and access to greater supplies of natural gas than we do. Some of these competitors may expand or construct transportation and storage systems that would create additional competition for the services we provide to our customers. Moreover, Spectra Energy and its affiliates are not limited in their ability to compete with us. Further, natural gas also competes with other forms of energy available to our customers, including electricity, coal and fuel oils.

The principal elements of competition among natural gas transportation and storage assets are rates, terms of service, access to natural gas supplies, flexibility and reliability. FERC's policies promoting competition in natural gas markets are having the effect of increasing the natural gas transportation and storage options for our traditional customer base. As a result, we could experience some turnback of firm capacity as existing agreements expire. If East Tennessee, Gulfstream or Market Hub are unable to remarket this capacity or can remarket it only at substantially discounted rates compared to previous contracts, they may have to bear the costs associated with the turned back capacity. Increased competition could reduce the volumes of natural gas transported or stored by our systems or, in cases where we do not have long-term fixed rate contracts, could force us to lower our transportation or storage rates. Competition could intensify the negative impact of factors that significantly decrease demand for natural gas in the markets served by our pipeline systems, such as competing or alternative forms of energy, a recession or other adverse economic conditions, weather, higher fuel costs and taxes or other governmental or regulatory actions that directly or indirectly increase the cost or limit the use of natural gas. Our ability to renew or replace existing contracts at rates sufficient to maintain current revenues and cash flows could be adversely affected by the activities of our competitors. All of these competitive pressures could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and ability to make distributions to you.

***Any significant decrease in supplies of natural gas in our areas of operation could adversely affect our business and operating results and reduce our cash available for distribution to unitholders.***

All of our businesses are dependent on the continued availability of natural gas production and reserves. Low prices for natural gas or regulatory limitations could adversely affect development of additional reserves and production that is accessible by our pipeline and storage assets. Production from existing wells and

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natural gas supply basins with access to our pipelines will naturally decline over time. Additionally, the amount of natural gas reserves underlying these wells may also be less than anticipated, and the rate at which production from these reserves declines may be greater than anticipated. Accordingly, to maintain or increase the volume of natural gas transported, or throughput, on our pipelines and cash flows associated with the transportation of gas, our customers must continually obtain new supplies of natural gas.

If new supplies of natural gas are not obtained to replace the natural decline in volumes from existing supply basins, the overall volume of natural gas transported and stored on our systems would decline, which could have a material adverse effect on our business financial condition, results of operations and ability to make distributions to you.

***The failure of LNG import terminals to be successfully developed in the Gulf Coast region or the successful development of LNG import terminals outside our areas of operations could reduce the demand for our services.***

Imported LNG is expected to be a significant component of future natural gas supply to the United States. Much of this increase in LNG supplies is expected to be imported through new LNG facilities to be developed over the next decade, and the Gulf Coast region is expected to be the region that will attract a majority of these projects. According to FERC's Office of Energy Policy, as of February 2007, there were two LNG terminals operating on the Gulf Coast, and 14 out of a total of 15 additional LNG terminals proposed for construction in the Gulf Coast region had been approved. We cannot predict which, if any, of these projects will be constructed. We may not realize expected increases in future natural gas supply available for transportation and storage on our systems due to factors including;

new projects may fail to be developed;

new projects may not be developed at their announced capacity;

development of new projects may be significantly delayed;

new projects may be built in locations that are not connected to our systems; or

new projects may not influence sources of supply on our systems.

Similarly, the development of new, or expansion of existing, LNG facilities outside our areas of operations, or in an area with a direct connection into the Florida market served by Gulfstream, could reduce the need for customers to transport natural gas from the Gulf Coast and Appalachian regions, as well as other supply basins connected to our pipelines. This could reduce the amount of natural gas transported by our pipelines and the demand for our storage facilities.

If the expected increase in natural gas supply from imported LNG is not realized in our areas of operation, the future overall volume of natural gas transported and stored on our systems could decline, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to make distributions to you.

***We may not be able to maintain or replace expiring natural gas transportation and storage contracts at favorable rates.***

Our primary exposure to market risk occurs at the time existing transportation and storage contracts expire and are subject to renegotiation and renewal. A portion of the revenue generated by our systems in 2006 is attributable to firm capacity reservation fees that are set to expire on or prior to December 31, 2010. For Gulfstream, East Tennessee and Market Hub those portions were 0%, 44%, and 66%, respectively. Upon expiration, we may not be able to extend contracts with existing customers or obtain replacement contracts at favorable rates or on a long-term basis.

The extension or replacement of existing contracts depends on a number of factors beyond our control, including:  
the level of existing and new competition to deliver natural gas to our markets;

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the growth in demand for natural gas in our markets;

whether the market will continue to support long-term contracts;

whether our business strategy continues to be successful; and

the effects of state regulation on customer contracting practices.

Any failure to extend or replace a significant portion of our existing contracts may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to make distributions to you.

***We depend on certain key customers for a significant portion of our revenues. The loss of any of these key customers could result in a decline in our revenues and cash available to make distributions to you.***

We rely on a limited number of customers for a significant portion of revenues. For the year ended December 31, 2006, the three largest customers for East Tennessee were Atmos Energy Corporation, KGen Partners, and AGL Resources, for Gulfstream were Florida Power & Light Company, Florida Power Corporation (d/b/a Progress Energy Florida, Inc.) and Tampa Electric Company and its affiliates and for Market Hub were Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Conectiv, Inc. and Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P., an affiliate. These customers accounted for approximately 41%, 82% and 28% of the operating revenues for East Tennessee, Gulfstream and Market Hub, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2006. While most of these customers are subject to long-term contracts, the loss of all or even a portion of the contracted volumes of these customers, as a result of competition, creditworthiness, inability to negotiate extensions or replacements of contracts or otherwise, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and ability to make distributions to you, unless we are able to contract for comparable volumes from other customers at favorable rates.

***If third-party pipelines and other facilities interconnected to our pipelines and facilities become unavailable to transport natural gas, our revenues and cash available to make distributions to you could be adversely affected.***

We depend upon third-party pipelines and other facilities that provide delivery options to and from our pipelines and storage facilities. For example, our East Tennessee pipeline can receive over 950 MMcf/d from a major pipeline connection with Spectra Energy's Texas Eastern pipeline near Hartsville and Mount Pleasant, Tennessee, and can deliver approximately 700 MMcf/d to an interconnect with the Transco pipeline near Eden, North Carolina, while the Gulfstream pipeline can deliver approximately 500 MMcf/d to two interconnects with Florida Gas Transmission within the Florida peninsula. Similarly, both of the Market Hub storage facilities have interconnections with the Texas Eastern pipeline and many others. Because we do not own these third party pipelines or facilities, their continuing operation is not within our control. If these or any other pipeline connection were to become unavailable for current or future volumes of natural gas due to repairs, damage to the facility, lack of capacity or any other reason, our ability to operate efficiently and continue shipping natural gas to end markets could be restricted, thereby reducing our revenues. Any temporary or permanent interruption at any key pipeline interconnect which caused a material reduction in volumes transported on our pipelines or stored at our facilities could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and ability to make distributions to you.

***Neither Gulfstream nor Market Hub is prohibited from incurring indebtedness, which may affect our ability to make distributions to you.***

Neither of Gulfstream or Market Hub is prohibited from incurring indebtedness by the terms of their respective limited liability company agreement and general partnership agreement. As of the date of this offering, Gulfstream has



\$850 million in outstanding senior notes, none of which indebtedness is consolidated on our balance sheet. Please read Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources - Investing Activities . If Gulfstream were to incur significant additional indebtedness, or if Market Hub were to incur significant indebtedness, it

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could inhibit their respective abilities to make distributions to us. An inability by either of Gulfstream or Market Hub to make distributions to us would materially and adversely affect our ability to make distributions to you because we expect distributions we receive from each of them to represent a substantial portion of the cash we distribute to our unitholders.

***If we do not complete expansion projects or make and integrate acquisitions, our future growth may be limited.***

A principal focus of our strategy is to continue to grow the cash distributions on our units by expanding our business. Our ability to grow depends on our ability to complete expansion projects and make acquisitions that result in an increase in cash generated from operations per unit. We may be unable to complete successful, accretive expansion projects or acquisitions for any of the following reasons:

we are unable to identify attractive expansion projects or acquisition candidates or we are outbid by competitors;

we are unable to obtain necessary rights of way or government approvals;

an inability to integrate successfully the businesses we build or acquire;

we are unable to raise financing for such expansions projects or acquisitions on economically acceptable terms;

mistaken assumptions about volumes, reserves, revenues and costs, including synergies and potential growth; or

we are unable to secure adequate customer commitments to use the newly expanded or acquired facilities.

***Acquisitions or expansion projects that appear to be accretive may nevertheless reduce our cash from operations on a per unit basis.***

Even if we make acquisitions or complete expansion projects that we believe will be accretive, these acquisitions or expansion projects may nevertheless reduce our cash from operations on a per unit basis. Any acquisition or expansion project involves potential risks, including, among other things:

a decrease in our liquidity as a result of our using a significant portion of our available cash or borrowing capacity to finance the project or acquisition;

an inability to complete expansion projects on schedule or within the budgeted cost due to the unavailability of required construction personnel or materials, accidents, weather conditions or an inability to obtain necessary permits;

an inability to receive cash flows from a newly built or acquired asset until it is operational;

unforeseen difficulties operating in new product areas or new geographic areas; and

customer losses at the acquired business.

If any expansion projects or acquisitions we ultimately complete are not accretive to our distributable cash flow per unit, our ability to make distributions to you may be reduced.

***The amount of cash we have available for distribution to holders of our common units and subordinated units depends primarily on our cash flow and not solely on profitability, which may prevent us from making cash distributions during periods when we record net income.***

You should be aware that the amount of cash we have available for distribution depends primarily upon our cash flow, including cash flow from financial reserves and working capital or other borrowings, and not solely on profitability, which will be affected by non-cash items. As a result, we may make cash

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distributions during periods when we record net losses for financial accounting purposes and may not make cash distributions during periods when we record net earnings for financial accounting purposes.

***Significant prolonged changes in natural gas prices could affect supply and demand, reducing throughput on our systems and adversely affecting our revenues and cash available to make distributions to you over the long-term.***

Higher natural gas prices over the long-term could result in a decline in the demand for natural gas and, therefore, in the throughput on our systems. Also, lower natural gas prices over the long-term could result in a decline in the production of natural gas resulting in reduced throughput on our systems. In addition, prolonged reduced price volatility could reduce the revenues generated by our parking and lending and interruptible storage services. As a result, significant prolonged changes in natural gas prices could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and ability to make distributions to you.

***Our operations are subject to environmental laws and regulations that may expose us to significant costs and liabilities.***

Our natural gas transportation and storage activities are subject to stringent and complex federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations. We may incur substantial costs in order to conduct our operations in compliance with these laws and regulations. For instance, we may be required to obtain and maintain permits and other approvals issued by various federal, state and local governmental authorities; limit or prevent releases of materials from our operations in accordance with these permits and approvals; install pollution control equipment; and incur potentially substantial liabilities for any pollution or contamination that may result from our operations. Moreover, new, stricter environmental laws, regulations or enforcement policies could be implemented that significantly increase our compliance costs or the cost of any remediation of environmental contamination that may become necessary, and these costs could be material.

Failure to comply with environmental laws and regulations, or the permits issued under them, may result in the assessment of administrative, civil and criminal penalties, the imposition of remedial obligations and the issuance of injunctions limiting or preventing some or all of our operations. In addition, strict joint and several liability may be imposed under certain environmental laws, which could cause us to become liable for the conduct of others or for consequences of our own actions that were in compliance with all applicable laws at the time those actions were taken. Private parties may also have the right to pursue legal actions against us to enforce compliance, as well as to seek damages for non-compliance, with environmental laws and regulations or for personal injury or property damage that may result from environmental and other impacts of our operations. We may not be able to recover some or any of these costs through insurance or increased revenues, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and ability to make cash distributions to you. Please read [Business Environmental Regulation](#) for more information.

***We may incur significant costs and liabilities as a result of pipeline integrity management program testing and any necessary pipeline repair, or preventative or remedial measures.***

The United States Department of Transportation, or DOT, has adopted regulations requiring pipeline operators to develop integrity management programs for transportation pipelines located where a leak or rupture could do the most harm in high consequence areas. The regulations require operators to:

perform ongoing assessments of pipeline integrity;

identify and characterize applicable threats to pipeline segments that could impact a high consequence area;

improve data collection, integration and analysis;

repair and remediate the pipeline as necessary; and

implement preventive and mitigating actions.

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We currently estimate that we will incur costs of approximately \$44.2 million between 2007 and 2012 to implement pipeline integrity management program testing along certain segments of the East Tennessee pipeline and at the Market Hub facilities. These estimates do not include the costs, if any, of repairs, remediation or preventative or mitigating actions that may be determined to be necessary as a result of the testing program, which could be substantial. Additionally, our actual implementation costs may be materially higher than we estimate if the increased industry-wide demand for the associated contractors and service providers causes their rates to materially increase. Should we fail to comply with DOT regulations, we could be subject to penalties and fines. Please read *Business Safety and Maintenance* for more information.

***We do not own all of the land on which our pipelines and facilities are located, which could disrupt our operations.***

We do not own all of the land on which our pipelines and facilities have been constructed, and we are therefore subject to the possibility of more onerous terms and/or increased costs to retain necessary land use if we do not have valid rights-of-way or if such rights-of-way lapse or terminate. We obtain the rights to construct and operate our pipelines on land owned by third parties and governmental agencies for a specific period of time. Our loss of these rights, through our inability to renew right-of-way contracts or otherwise, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions to you.

***Our operations are subject to operational hazards and unforeseen interruptions.***

Our operations are subject to many hazards inherent in the storage and transportation of natural gas, including:

damage to pipelines, facilities and related equipment caused by hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fires and other natural disasters, explosions and acts of terrorism;

inadvertent damage from third parties, including from construction, farm and utility equipment;

leaks of natural gas and other hydrocarbons or losses of natural gas as a result of the malfunction of equipment or facilities;

collapse of storage caverns;

operator error;

environmental pollution;

explosions and blowouts;

risks related to underwater pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico, which are susceptible to damage from shifting as a result of water currents, as seen in the Gulf of Mexico following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, as well as damage from vessels;

risks related to pipeline traversing areas in Florida where karst conditions exist. Karst conditions refers to terrain, usually found where limestone or other carbonate rock is present, that may subside or result in a sinkhole collapse when the underlying water table changes; and

risks related to operating in a marine environment.

These risks could result in substantial losses due to personal injury and/or loss of life, severe damage to and destruction of property and equipment and pollution or other environmental damage and may result in curtailment or suspension of our related operations. A natural disaster or other hazard affecting the areas in which we operate could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

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***We do not insure against all potential losses and could be seriously harmed by unexpected liabilities.***

We are not fully insured against all risks inherent to our business. We are not insured against all environmental accidents that might occur. If a significant accident or event occurs that is not fully insured, it could adversely affect our operations and financial condition. In addition, we may not be able to maintain or obtain insurance of the type and amount we desire at reasonable rates. Changes in the insurance markets subsequent to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have made it more difficult for us to obtain certain types of coverage, and we may elect to self insure a portion of our asset portfolio. In addition, we do not maintain offshore business interruption insurance. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain the levels or types of insurance we would otherwise have obtained prior to these market changes or that the insurance coverage we do obtain will not contain large deductibles or fail to cover certain hazards or cover all potential losses. The occurrence of any operating risks not fully covered by insurance could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to make distributions to you.

***Our debt levels may limit our flexibility in obtaining additional financing and in pursuing other business opportunities.***

At the closing of this offering we expect to borrow approximately \$163.1 million in term debt and \$125 million in revolving debt under our new \$500 million credit facility. Following this offering, we will continue to have the ability to incur additional debt, subject to limitations in our credit facility. Our level of debt could have important consequences to us, including the following:

our ability to obtain additional financing, if necessary, for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions or other purposes may be impaired or such financing may not be available on favorable terms;

we will need a substantial portion of our cash flow to make principal and interest payments on our indebtedness, reducing the funds that would otherwise be available for operation, future business opportunities and distributions to unitholders; and

our debt level could make us more vulnerable than our competitors with less debt to competitive pressures or a downturn in our business or the economy generally.

Our ability to service our debt will depend upon, among other things, our future financial and operating performance, which will be affected by prevailing economic conditions and financial, business, regulatory and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. In addition, our ability to service debt under our revolving credit facility will depend on market interest rates, since we anticipate that the interest rates applicable to our borrowings will fluctuate with movements in interest rate markets. If our operating results are not sufficient to service our current or future indebtedness, we will be forced to take actions such as reducing distributions, reducing or delaying our business activities, acquisitions, investments or capital expenditures, selling assets, restructuring or refinancing our debt, or seeking additional equity capital. We may not be able to effect any of these actions on satisfactory terms, or at all.

***Restrictions in our credit facility may interrupt distributions to us from our subsidiaries, which will limit our ability to make distributions to you and may limit our ability to capitalize on acquisition and other business opportunities.***

We are a holding company with no business operations. As such, we depend upon the earnings and cash flow of our subsidiaries and the distribution of that cash to us in order to meet our obligations and to allow us to make distributions to our unitholders. The operating and financial restrictions and covenants in our credit facility and any future financing agreements could restrict our ability to finance future operations or capital needs or to expand or



pursue our business activities. For example, our credit facility contains covenants, some of which may be modified or eliminated upon our receipt of an investment grade rating, that restrict or limit our ability to:

make distributions if any default or event of default occurs;

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make other restricted distributions or dividends on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of partnership interests;

incur additional indebtedness or guarantee other indebtedness;

grant liens or make certain negative pledges;

make certain loans or investments;

engage in transactions with affiliates;

make any material change to the nature of our business from the midstream energy business;

make a disposition of assets; or

enter into a merger, consolidate, liquidate, wind up or dissolve.

Furthermore, our credit facility contains covenants requiring us to maintain certain financial ratios and tests. Our ability to comply with the covenants and restrictions contained in our credit facility may be affected by events beyond our control, including prevailing economic, financial and industry conditions. If market or other economic conditions deteriorate, our ability to comply with these covenants may be impaired. If we violate any of the restrictions, covenants, ratios or tests in our credit facility, the lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of all borrowings under the credit facility and demand repayment of amounts outstanding, our lenders' commitment to make further loans to us may terminate, and our operating partnership will be prohibited from making any distribution to us and, ultimately, to you. We might not have, or be able to obtain, sufficient funds to make these accelerated payments. Any subsequent replacement of our credit facility or any new indebtedness could have similar or greater restrictions. Please read Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Capital Requirements. Any interruption of distributions to us from our subsidiaries may limit our ability to satisfy our obligations and to make distributions to you.

***The credit and risk profile of our general partner and its owner, Spectra Energy, could adversely affect our credit ratings and risk profile, which could increase our borrowing costs or hinder our ability to raise capital.***

The credit and business risk profiles of our general partner and Spectra Energy may be factors considered in credit evaluations of us. This is because our general partner controls our business activities, including our cash distribution policy and acquisition strategy and business risk profile. Another factor that may be considered is the financial condition of Spectra Energy, including the degree of its financial leverage and its dependence on cash flow from the partnership to service its indebtedness.

If we were to seek a credit rating in the future, our credit rating may be adversely affected by the leverage of our general partner or Spectra Energy, as credit rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and Moody's Investors Service may consider the leverage and credit profile of Spectra Energy and its affiliates because of their ownership interest in and control of us and the strong operational links between Spectra Energy and us. Any adverse effect on our credit rating would increase our cost of borrowing or hinder our ability to raise financing in the capital markets, which would impair our ability to grow our business and make distributions to unitholders.

***Terrorist attacks, and the threat of terrorist attacks, have resulted in increased costs to our business. Continued hostilities in the Middle East or other sustained military campaigns may adversely impact our results of operations.***

The long-term impact of terrorist attacks and the threat of future terrorist attacks on our industry in general, and on us in particular, is not known at this time. However, the United States government has issued warnings that energy assets, including our nation's pipeline infrastructure, may be the future target of terrorist organizations. Increased security measures taken by us as a precaution against possible terrorist attacks have resulted in increased costs to our business. Uncertainty surrounding continued hostilities in the

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Middle East or other sustained military campaigns may affect our operations in unpredictable ways, including the possibility that infrastructure facilities could be direct targets of, or indirect casualties of, an act of terror. Any terrorist attack on our facilities or pipelines or those of our customers could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Changes in the insurance markets attributable to terrorist attacks may make certain types of insurance more difficult for us to obtain. Moreover, the insurance that may be available to us may be significantly more expensive than our existing insurance coverage. Instability in the financial markets as a result of terrorism or war could also affect our ability to raise capital.

***If we fail to develop or maintain an effective system of internal controls, we may not be able to report our financial results accurately, or prevent fraud which could have an adverse effect on our business and would likely have a negative effect on the trading price of our common units.***

Prior to this offering, our subsidiaries and equity investees were wholly- or partially-owned by Spectra Energy and we have not previously filed reports with the SEC. We will become subject to the public reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 upon the completion of this offering. We produce our combined financial statements in accordance with the requirements of GAAP, but our internal accounting controls may not currently meet all standards applicable to companies with publicly traded securities. Effective internal controls are necessary for us to provide reliable financial reports to prevent fraud and to operate successfully as a publicly traded partnership. Our efforts to develop and maintain our internal controls may not be successful, and we may be unable to maintain adequate controls over our financial processes and reporting in the future, including compliance with the obligations under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which we refer to as Section 404. For example, Section 404 will require us, among other things, annually to review and report on, and our independent registered public accounting firm annually to attest to, our internal control over financial reporting. Any failure to develop or maintain effective controls, or difficulties encountered in their implementation or other effective improvement of our internal controls could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations. Ineffective internal controls subject us to regulatory scrutiny and a loss of confidence in our reported financial information, which could have an adverse effect on our business and would likely have a negative effect on the trading price of our common units.

## **Risks Inherent in an Investment in Us**

***Spectra Energy controls our general partner, which has sole responsibility for conducting our business and managing our operations. Our general partner and its affiliates, including Spectra Energy, have conflicts of interest with us and limited fiduciary duties, and may favor their own interests to your detriment.***

Following this offering, Spectra Energy will own and control our general partner. Some of our general partner's directors, and some of its executive officers, are directors or officers of Spectra Energy or its affiliates. Although our general partner has a fiduciary duty to manage us in a manner beneficial to us and our unitholders, the directors and officers of our general partner have a fiduciary duty to manage our general partner in a manner beneficial to Spectra Energy. Therefore, conflicts of interest may arise between Spectra Energy and its affiliates, including our general partner, on the one hand, and us and our unitholders, on the other hand. In resolving these conflicts of interest, our general partner may favor its own interests and the interests of its affiliates over the interests of our unitholders. These conflicts include, among others, the following situations:

neither our partnership agreement nor any other agreement requires Spectra Energy to pursue a business strategy that favors us. Spectra Energy's directors and officers have a fiduciary duty to make these decisions in the best interests of the owners of Spectra Energy, which may be contrary to our interests;

our general partner is allowed to take into account the interests of parties other than us, such as Spectra Energy and its affiliates, in resolving conflicts of interest;

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Spectra Energy and its affiliates are not limited in their ability to compete with us. Please read Spectra Energy and its affiliates are not limited in their ability to compete with us ;

our general partner may make a determination to receive a quantity of our Class B units in exchange for resetting the target distribution levels related to its incentive distribution rights without the approval of the conflicts committee of our general partner or our unitholders. Please read Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Relating to Cash Distributions ;

some officers of Spectra Energy who provide services to us also will devote significant time to the business of Spectra Energy, and will be compensated by Spectra Energy for the services rendered to it;

our general partner has limited its liability and reduced its fiduciary duties, and has also restricted the remedies available to our unitholders for actions that, without the limitations, might constitute breaches of fiduciary duty. By purchasing common units, unitholders will be deemed to have consented to some actions and conflicts of interest that might otherwise constitute a breach of fiduciary or other duties under applicable law;

our general partner determines the amount and timing of asset purchases and sales, borrowings, issuance of additional partnership securities and reserves, each of which can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to unitholders;

our general partner determines the amount and timing of any capital expenditures and, based on the applicable facts and circumstances, whether a capital expenditure is classified as a maintenance capital expenditure, which reduces operating surplus, or an expansion capital expenditure, which does not reduce operating surplus. This determination can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to our unitholders and the ability of the subordinated units to convert to common units;

our general partner determines which costs incurred by it and its affiliates are reimbursable by us;

in some instances, our general partner may cause us to borrow funds in order to permit the payment of cash distributions, even if the purpose or effect of the borrowing is to make a distribution on the subordinated units, to make incentive distributions or to accelerate the expiration of the subordination period;

our partnership agreement does not restrict our general partner from causing us to pay it or its affiliates for any services rendered to us or entering into additional contractual arrangements with any of these entities on our behalf;

our general partner intends to limit its liability regarding our contractual and other obligations and, in some circumstances, is entitled to be indemnified by us;

our general partner may exercise its limited right to call and purchase common units if it and its affiliates own more than 80% of the common units;

our general partner controls the enforcement of obligations owed to us by our general partner and its affiliates; and

our general partner decides whether to retain separate counsel, accountants or others to perform services for us.

Please read Conflicts of Interest and Fiduciary Duties.

*Affiliates of our general partner, including Spectra Energy, DCP Midstream, LLC and DCP Midstream Partners, LP, are not limited in their ability to compete with us, which could limit our commercial activities or our ability to acquire additional assets or businesses.*

Neither our partnership agreement nor the omnibus agreement among us, Spectra Energy and others will prohibit affiliates of our general partner, including Spectra Energy, DCP Midstream, LLC and DCP Midstream Partners, LP, from owning assets or engaging in businesses that compete directly or indirectly

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with us. In addition, Spectra Energy and its affiliates may acquire, construct or dispose of additional transportation and storage or other assets in the future, without any obligation to offer us the opportunity to purchase or construct any of those assets. Each of these entities is a large, established participant in the midstream energy business, and each has significantly greater resources and experience than we have, which factors may make it more difficult for us to compete with these entities with respect to commercial activities as well as for acquisition candidates. As a result, competition from these entities could adversely impact our results of operations and cash available for distribution. Please read [Conflicts of Interest and Fiduciary Duties](#).

***If you are not an Eligible Holder, you will not be entitled to receive distributions or allocations of income or loss on your common units and your common units will be subject to redemption at a price that may be below the current market price.***

In order to comply with certain FERC rate-making policies applicable to entities that pass through their taxable income to their owners, we have adopted certain requirements regarding those investors who may own our common and subordinated units. Eligible Holders are individuals or entities subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us or entities not subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us, so long as all of the entity's owners are subject to such taxation. Please see [Description of the Common Units](#) and [Transfer of Common Units](#). If you are not a person who fits the requirements to be an Eligible Holder, you will not receive distributions or allocations of income and loss on your units and you run the risk of having your units redeemed by us at the lower of your purchase price cost or the then-current market price. The redemption price will be paid in cash or by delivery of a promissory note, as determined by our general partner.

***Cost reimbursements to our general partner and its affiliates for services provided, which will be determined by our general partner, will be substantial and will reduce our cash available for distribution to you.***

Pursuant to an omnibus agreement we will enter into with Spectra Energy, our general partner and certain of their affiliates upon the closing of this offering, Spectra Energy will receive reimbursement for the payment of operating expenses related to our operations and for the provision of various general and administrative services for our benefit, including costs for rendering administrative staff and support services to us, and overhead allocated to us, which amounts will be determined by our general partner in its sole discretion. Payments for these services will be substantial and will reduce the amount of cash available for distribution to unitholders. Please read [Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions](#) and [Omnibus Agreement](#). In addition, under Delaware partnership law, our general partner has unlimited liability for our obligations, such as our debts and environmental liabilities, except for our contractual obligations that are expressly made without recourse to our general partner. To the extent our general partner incurs obligations on our behalf, we are obligated to reimburse or indemnify it. If we are unable or unwilling to reimburse or indemnify our general partner, our general partner may take actions to cause us to make payments of these obligations and liabilities. Any such payments could reduce the amount of cash otherwise available for distribution to our unitholders.

***Our partnership agreement limits our general partner's fiduciary duties to holders of our common units and subordinated units and restricts the remedies available to holders of our common units and subordinated units for actions taken by our general partner that might otherwise constitute breaches of fiduciary duty.***

Our partnership agreement contains provisions that reduce the fiduciary standards to which our general partner would otherwise be held by state fiduciary duty laws. For example, our partnership agreement:

permits our general partner to make a number of decisions in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as our general partner. This entitles our general partner to consider only the interests and factors that it desires, and it has no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of, or factors affecting, us, our



affiliates or any limited partner. Examples include the exercise of its right to make a determination to receive Class B units in exchange for resetting the target distribution levels related to its incentive distribution rights, the exercise of its limited call right, the

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exercise of its rights to transfer or vote the units it owns, the exercise of its registration rights and its determination whether or not to consent to any merger or consolidation of the partnership or amendment to the partnership agreement;

provides that our general partner will not have any liability to us or our unitholders for decisions made in its capacity as a general partner so long as it acted in good faith, meaning it believed the decision was in the best interests of our partnership;

generally provides that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not approved by the conflicts committee of the board of directors of our general partner acting in good faith and not involving a vote of unitholders must be on terms no less favorable to us than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or must be fair and reasonable to us, as determined by our general partner in good faith and that, in determining whether a transaction or resolution is fair and reasonable, our general partner may consider the totality of the relationships between the parties involved, including other transactions that may be particularly advantageous or beneficial to us;

provides that our general partner and its officers and directors will not be liable for monetary damages to us, our limited partners or assignees for any acts or omissions unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that the general partner or those other persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the conduct was criminal; and

provides that in resolving conflicts of interest, it will be presumed that in making its decision the general partner or its conflicts committee acted in good faith, and in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of any limited partner or us, the person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding will have the burden of overcoming such presumption.

By purchasing a common unit, a common unitholder will agree to become bound by the provisions in the partnership agreement, including the provisions discussed above. Please read **Conflicts of Interest and Fiduciary Duties** **Fiduciary Duties**.

***Our general partner may elect to cause us to issue Class B units to it in connection with a resetting of the target distribution levels related to our general partner's incentive distribution rights without the approval of the conflicts committee of our general partner or holders of our common units and subordinated units. This may result in lower distributions to holders of our common units in certain situations.***

Our general partner has the right, at a time when there are no subordinated units outstanding and it has received incentive distributions at the highest level to which it is entitled (48%) for each of the prior four consecutive fiscal quarters, to reset the initial cash target distribution levels at higher levels based on the distribution at the time of the exercise of the reset election. Following a reset election by our general partner, the minimum quarterly distribution amount will be reset to an amount equal to the average cash distribution amount per common unit for the two fiscal quarters immediately preceding the reset election (such amount is referred to as the reset minimum quarterly distribution ) and the target distribution levels will be reset to correspondingly higher levels based on percentage increases above the reset minimum quarterly distribution amount.

In connection with resetting these target distribution levels, our general partner will be entitled to receive a number of Class B units. The Class B units will be entitled to the same cash distributions per unit as our common units and will be convertible into an equal number of common units. The number of Class B units to be issued will be equal to that number of common units whose aggregate quarterly cash distributions equaled the average of the distributions to our

general partner on the incentive distribution rights in the prior two quarters. We anticipate that our general partner would exercise this reset right in order to facilitate acquisitions or internal growth projects that would not be sufficiently accretive to cash distributions per common unit without such conversion; however, it is possible that our general partner could exercise this reset election at a time when it is experiencing, or may be expected to experience,

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declines in the cash distributions it receives related to its incentive distribution rights and may therefore desire to be issued our Class B units, which are entitled to receive cash distributions from us on the same priority as our common units, rather than retain the right to receive incentive distributions based on the initial target distribution levels. As a result, a reset election may cause our common unitholders to experience dilution in the amount of cash distributions that they would have otherwise received had we not issued new Class B units to our general partner in connection with resetting the target distribution levels related to our general partner incentive distribution rights. Please read

Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Related to Cash Distributions General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights.

***Holders of our common units have limited voting rights and are not entitled to elect our general partner or its directors, which could reduce the price at which the common units will trade.***

Unlike the holders of common stock in a corporation, unitholders have only limited voting rights on matters affecting our business and, therefore, limited ability to influence management's decisions regarding our business. Unitholders will not elect our general partner or its board of directors, and will have no right to elect our general partner or its board of directors on an annual or other continuing basis. The board of directors of our general partner, including the independent directors, will be chosen entirely by its owners and not by the unitholders. Furthermore, if the unitholders were dissatisfied with the performance of our general partner, they will have little ability to remove our general partner. As a result of these limitations, the price at which the common units will trade could be diminished because of the absence or reduction of a takeover premium in the trading price.

***Even if holders of our common units are dissatisfied, they cannot initially remove our general partner without its consent.***

The unitholders will be unable initially to remove our general partner without its consent because our general partner and its affiliates will own sufficient units upon completion of this offering to be able to prevent its removal. The vote of the holders of at least 662/3% of all outstanding units voting together as a single class is required to remove the general partner. Following the closing of this offering, our general partner and its affiliates will own 84.9% of our aggregate outstanding common and subordinated units. Also, if our general partner is removed without cause during the subordination period and units held by our general partner and its affiliates are not voted in favor of that removal, all remaining subordinated units will automatically convert into common units and any existing arrearages on our common units will be extinguished. A removal of our general partner under these circumstances would adversely affect our common units by prematurely eliminating their distribution and liquidation preference over our subordinated units, which would otherwise have continued until we had met certain distribution and performance tests. Cause is narrowly defined to mean that a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a final, non-appealable judgment finding the general partner liable for actual fraud or willful or wanton misconduct in its capacity as our general partner. Cause does not include most cases of charges of poor management of the business, so the removal of the general partner because of the unitholders' dissatisfaction with our general partner's performance in managing our partnership will most likely result in the termination of the subordination period and conversion of all subordinated units to common units.

***Our partnership agreement restricts the voting rights of unitholders owning 20% or more of our common units.***

Our partnership agreement restricts unitholders' voting rights by providing that any units held by a person that owns 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, other than our general partner, its affiliates, their transferees and persons who acquired such units with the prior approval of the board of directors of our general partner, cannot vote on any matter. Our partnership agreement also contains provisions limiting the ability of unitholders to call meetings or to acquire information about our operations, as well as other provisions limiting the unitholders' ability to influence the manner or direction of management.



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***We have a holding company structure in which our subsidiaries conduct our operations and own our operating assets, which may affect our ability to make distributions to you.***

We are a partnership holding company and our operating subsidiaries conduct all of our operations and own all of our operating assets. We have no significant assets other than the ownership interests in our subsidiaries and our equity investments, including Gulfstream and Market Hub. As a result, our ability to make distributions to our unitholders depends on the performance of our subsidiaries and equity investments and their ability to distribute funds to us. The ability of our subsidiaries and joint ventures to make distributions to us may be restricted by, among other things, the provisions of existing and future indebtedness, applicable state partnership and limited liability company laws and other laws and regulations, including FERC policies.

***If we are deemed an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, it would adversely affect the price of our common units and could have a material adverse effect on our business.***

Our initial assets will consist of a 100% ownership interest in East Tennessee, a 24.5% limited liability company interest in Gulfstream and a 50% general partner interest in Market Hub. If a sufficient amount of our assets, such as our ownership interests in Gulfstream and Market Hub or other assets acquired in the future, are deemed to be investment securities within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, we would either have to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act, obtain exemptive relief from the Commission or modify our organizational structure or our contract rights to fall outside the definition of an investment company. Although general partner interests are typically not considered securities or investment securities, there is a risk that our 50% general partner interest in Market Hub could be deemed to be an investment security. In that event, it is possible that our ownership of this interest, combined with our 24.5% interest in Gulfstream or assets acquired in the future, could result in our being required to register under the Investment Company Act if we were not successful in obtaining exemptive relief or otherwise modifying our organizational structure or applicable contract rights. Registering as an investment company could, among other things, materially limit our ability to engage in transactions with affiliates, including the purchase and sale of certain securities or other property to or from our affiliates, restrict our ability to borrow funds or engage in other transactions involving leverage and require us to add additional directors who are independent of us or our affiliates. The occurrence of some or all of these events would adversely affect the price of our common units and could have a material adverse effect on our business.

***Control of our general partner may be transferred to a third party without unitholder consent.***

Our general partner may transfer its general partner interest to a third party in a merger or in a sale of all or substantially all of its assets without the consent of the unitholders. Furthermore, our partnership agreement does not restrict the ability of the owners of our general partner or its parent, from transferring all or a portion of their respective ownership interest in our general partner or its parent to a third party. The new owners of our general partner or its parent would then be in a position to replace the board of directors and officers of its parent with its own choices and thereby influence the decisions taken by the board of directors and officers.

***You will experience immediate and substantial dilution of \$9.38 in tangible net book value per common unit.***

The initial public offering price of \$22.00 per unit exceeds our pro forma net tangible book value of \$12.62 per unit. Based on the initial public offering price of \$22.00 per unit, you will incur immediate and substantial dilution of \$9.38 per common unit. This dilution results primarily because the assets contributed by our general partner and its affiliates are recorded at their historical cost, and not their fair value, in accordance with GAAP. Please read Dilution.



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***Increases in interest rates could adversely impact our unit price and our ability to issue additional equity to make acquisitions, incur debt or for other purposes.***

In recent years, the U.S. credit markets experienced 50-year record lows in interest rates. If the overall economy strengthens, it is possible that monetary policy will tighten, resulting in higher interest rates to counter possible inflation risk. Interest rates on future credit facilities and debt offerings could be higher than current levels, causing our financing costs to increase accordingly. As with other yield-oriented securities, our unit price is impacted by the level of our cash distributions and implied distribution yield. The distribution yield is often used by investors to compare and rank related yield-oriented securities for investment decision-making purposes. Therefore, changes in interest rates may affect the yield requirements of investors who invest in our units, and a rising interest rate environment could have an adverse impact on our unit price and our ability to issue additional equity to make acquisitions, to incur debt or for other purposes.

***We may issue additional units without your approval, which would dilute your existing ownership interests.***

Our partnership agreement does not limit the number of additional limited partner interests that we may issue at any time without the approval of our unitholders. The issuance by us of additional common units or other equity securities of equal or senior rank will have the following effects:

each unitholder's proportionate ownership interest in us will decrease;

the amount of cash available for distribution on each unit may decrease;

because a lower percentage of total outstanding units will be subordinated units, the risk that a shortfall in the payment of the minimum quarterly distribution will be borne by our common unitholders will increase;

the ratio of taxable income to distributions may increase;

the relative voting strength of each previously outstanding unit may be diminished; and

the market price of the common units may decline.

***Spectra Energy and its affiliates may sell units in the public or private markets, which sales could have an adverse impact on the trading price of the common units.***

After the sale of the common units offered hereby, Spectra Energy and its affiliates will hold an aggregate of 34,629,880 common units and 21,638,730 subordinated units. All of the subordinated units will convert into common units at the end of the subordination period, which could occur as early as the first business day after June 30, 2010, and all of the subordinated units may convert into common units by June 30, 2008 if additional tests are satisfied. The sale of any of these units in the public or private markets could have an adverse impact on the price of the common units or on any trading market that may develop.

***Our general partner has a limited call right that may require you to sell your units at an undesirable time or price.***

If at any time our general partner and its affiliates own more than 80% of the common units, our general partner will have the right, but not the obligation, which it may assign to any of its affiliates or to us, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the common units held by unaffiliated persons at a price not less than their then-current market price. As a result, you may be required to sell your common units at an undesirable time or price and may not receive any return



on your investment. You may also incur a tax liability upon a sale of your units. At the completion of this offering and assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional common units, our general partner and its affiliates will own approximately 77.6% of our outstanding common units. At the end of the subordination period, assuming no additional issuances of common units (other than for the conversion of the subordinated units into common units), our general partner and its affiliates will own approximately 84.9% of our aggregate outstanding common units. For additional information about this right, please read "The Partnership Agreement - Limited Call Right."

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***Your liability may not be limited if a court finds that unitholder action constitutes control of our business.***

A general partner of a partnership generally has unlimited liability for the obligations of the partnership, except for those contractual obligations of the partnership that are expressly made without recourse to the general partner. Our partnership is organized under Delaware law and we conduct business in a number of other states. The limitations on the liability of holders of limited partner interests for the obligations of a limited partnership have not been clearly established in some of the other states in which we do business. You could be liable for any and all of our obligations as if you were a general partner if a court or government agency determined that:

we were conducting business in a state but had not complied with that particular state's partnership statute; or

your right to act with other unitholders to remove or replace the general partner, to approve some amendments to our partnership agreement or to take other actions under our partnership agreement constitute control of our business.

For a discussion of the implications of the limitations of liability on a unitholder, please read "The Partnership Agreement - Limited Liability."

***Unitholders may have liability to repay distributions that were wrongfully distributed to them.***

Under certain circumstances, unitholders may have to repay amounts wrongfully returned or distributed to them. Under Section 17-607 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, we may not make a distribution to you if the distribution would cause our liabilities to exceed the fair value of our assets. Delaware law provides that for a period of three years from the date of the impermissible distribution, limited partners who received the distribution and who knew at the time of the distribution that it violated Delaware law will be liable to the limited partnership for the distribution amount. Substituted limited partners are liable for the obligations of the assignor to make contributions to the partnership that are known to the substituted limited partner at the time it became a limited partner and for unknown obligations if the liabilities could be determined from the partnership agreement. Liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interest and liabilities that are non-recourse to the partnership are not counted for purposes of determining whether a distribution is permitted.

***There is no existing market for our common units, and a trading market that will provide you with adequate liquidity may not develop.***

Prior to the offering, there has been no public market for the common units. After the offering, there will be only 10,000,000 publicly traded common units, assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional units. We do not know the extent to which investor interest will lead to the development of a trading market or how liquid that market might be. You may not be able to resell your common units at or above the initial public offering price. Additionally, the lack of liquidity may result in wide bid-ask spreads, contribute to significant fluctuations in the market price of the common units and limit the number of investors who are able to buy the common units.

***We will incur increased costs as a result of being a publicly-traded partnership.***

We have no history operating as a publicly-traded partnership. As a publicly-traded partnership, we will incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses. In addition, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as new rules subsequently implemented by the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange, have required changes in corporate governance practices of publicly-traded entities. We expect these new rules and regulations to increase our legal and financial compliance costs and to make activities more time-consuming and costly. For example, as a result of

becoming a publicly-traded partnership, we are required to have at least three independent directors, create additional board committees and adopt policies regarding internal controls and disclosure controls and procedures, including the preparation of reports on internal controls over financial reporting. In addition, we will incur additional costs associated with our publicly-traded

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company reporting requirements. We also expect these new rules and regulations to make it more difficult and more expensive for our general partner to obtain director and officer liability insurance and it may be required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. As a result, it may be more difficult for our general partner to attract and retain qualified persons to serve on its board of directors or as executive officers. We will incur approximately \$5.5 million of estimated incremental costs associated with being a publicly-traded partnership for purposes of our Statement of Minimum Estimated Cash Available for Distribution included elsewhere in this prospectus; however, it is possible that our actual incremental costs of being a publicly-traded partnership will be higher than we currently estimate.

### **Tax Risks to Common Unitholders**

In addition to reading the following risk factors, you should read **Material Tax Consequences** for a more complete discussion of the expected material federal income tax consequences of owning and disposing of common units.

***Our tax treatment depends on our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, as well as our not being subject to a material amount of entity-level taxation by individual states. If the Internal Revenue Service treats us as a corporation or we become subject to a material amount of entity-level taxation for state tax purposes, it would substantially reduce the amount of cash available for distribution to our unitholders.***

The anticipated after-tax economic benefit of an investment in our common units depends largely on our being treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. We have not requested, and do not plan to request, a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service, which we refer to as the IRS, on this or any other tax matter affecting us.

If we were treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, we would pay federal income tax on our taxable income at the corporate tax rate, which is currently a maximum of 35% and would likely pay state income tax at varying rates. Distributions to you would generally be taxed again as corporate distributions, and no income, gains, losses or deductions would flow through to you. Because a tax would be imposed upon us as a corporation, our cash available for distribution to you would be substantially reduced. Therefore, treatment of us as a corporation would result in a material reduction in the anticipated cash flow and after-tax return to the unitholders, likely causing a substantial reduction in the value of our common units.

Current law may change so as to cause us to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject us to entity-level taxation. In addition, because of widespread state budget deficits and other reasons, several states are evaluating ways to subject partnerships to entity-level taxation through the imposition of state income, franchise and other forms of taxation. We will, for example, be subject to a new entity-level tax on the portion of our income that is generated in Texas. Specifically, the Texas margin tax will be imposed at a maximum effective rate of 0.7% of our gross income apportioned to Texas. The imposition of such a tax on us by Texas, or any other state, will reduce the cash available for distribution to you.

Our partnership agreement provides that if a law is enacted or existing law is modified or interpreted in a manner that subjects us to taxation as a corporation or otherwise subjects us to entity-level taxation for federal, state or local income tax purposes, the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution levels may be adjusted to reflect the impact of that law on us.

***An IRS contest of the federal income tax positions we take may adversely affect the market for our common units, and the cost of any IRS contest will reduce our cash available for distribution to our unitholders.***

We have not requested a ruling from the IRS with respect to our treatment as a partnership for federal income tax purposes or any other matter affecting us. The IRS may adopt positions that differ from the conclusions of our counsel

expressed in this prospectus or from the positions we take. It may be necessary to resort to administrative or court proceedings to sustain some or all of our counsel's conclusions or the

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positions we take. A court may not agree with all of our counsel's conclusions or positions we take. Any contest with the IRS may materially and adversely impact the market for our common units and the price at which they trade. In addition, our costs of any contest with the IRS will be borne indirectly by our unitholders and our general partner because the costs will reduce our cash available for distribution.

***You may be required to pay taxes on your share of our income even if you do not receive any cash distributions from us.***

Because our unitholders will be treated as partners to whom we will allocate taxable income which could be different in amount than the cash we distribute, you will be required to pay any federal income taxes and, in some cases, state and local income taxes on your share of our taxable income even if you receive no cash distributions from us. You may not receive cash distributions from us equal to your share of our taxable income or even equal to the actual tax liability that results from that income.

***Tax gain or loss on disposition of our common units could be more or less than expected.***

If you sell your common units, you will recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized and your tax basis in those common units. Because distributions in excess of your allocable share of our net taxable income decrease your tax basis in your common units, the amount, if any, of such prior excess distributions with respect to the common units you sell will, in effect, become taxable income to you if you sell such common units at a price greater than your tax basis, even if the price you receive is less than your original cost. Furthermore, a substantial portion of the amount realized, whether or not representing gain, may be taxed as ordinary income due to potential recapture items, including depreciation recapture. In addition, because the amount realized includes your share of our nonrecourse liabilities, if you sell your units, you may incur a tax liability in excess of the amount of cash you receive from the sale. Please read "Material Tax Consequences – Disposition of Common Units – Recognition of Gain or Loss" for a further discussion of the foregoing.

***Tax-exempt entities and foreign persons face unique tax issues from owning common units that may result in adverse tax consequences to them.***

Investment in common units by tax-exempt entities, such as individual retirement accounts (known as IRAs), other retirement plans and non-U.S. persons raises issues unique to them. For example, virtually all of our income allocated to organizations that are exempt from federal income tax, including IRAs and other retirement plans, will be unrelated business taxable income and will be taxable to them. Distributions to non-U.S. persons will be reduced by withholding taxes at the highest applicable effective tax rate, and non-U.S. persons will be required to file United States federal tax returns and pay tax on their share of our taxable income. If you are a tax-exempt entity or a foreign person, you should consult your tax advisor before investing in our common units.

***We will treat each purchaser of our common units as having the same tax benefits without regard to the actual common units purchased. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could adversely affect the value of the common units.***

Because we cannot match transferors and transferees of common units and because of other reasons, we will adopt depreciation and amortization positions that may not conform to all aspects of existing U.S. Treasury Regulations. A successful IRS challenge to those positions could adversely affect the amount of tax benefits available to you. It also could affect the timing of these tax benefits or the amount of gain from your sale of our common units and could have a negative impact on the value of our common units or result in audit adjustments to your tax returns. For a further discussion of the effect of the depreciation and amortization positions we will adopt, please read "Material Tax Consequences – Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership – Section 754 Election."



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***We have adopted certain valuation methodologies that may result in a shift of income, gain, loss and deduction between the general partner and the unitholders. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could adversely affect the value of the common units.***

When we issue additional units or engage in certain other transactions, we determine the fair market value of our assets and allocate any unrealized gain or loss attributable to our assets to the capital accounts of our unitholders and our general partner. Our methodology may be viewed as understating the value of our assets. In that case, there may be a shift of income, gain, loss and deduction between certain unitholders and the general partner, which may be unfavorable to such unitholders. Moreover, subsequent purchasers of common units may have a greater portion of their Internal Revenue Code Section 743(b) adjustment allocated to our tangible assets and a lesser portion allocated to our intangible assets. The IRS may challenge our valuation methods, or our allocation of the Section 743(b) adjustment attributable to our tangible and intangible assets, and allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction between the general partner and certain of our unitholders.

A successful IRS challenge to these methods or allocations could adversely affect the amount of taxable income or loss being allocated to our unitholders. It also could affect the amount of gain from our unitholders' sale of common units and could have a negative impact on the value of the common units or result in audit adjustments to our unitholders' tax returns without the benefit of additional deductions.

***The sale or exchange of 50% or more of our capital and profits interests during any twelve-month period will result in the termination of our partnership for federal income tax purposes.***

We will be considered to have terminated our partnership for federal income tax purposes if there is a sale or exchange of 50% or more of the total interests in our capital and profits within a twelve-month period. Our termination would, among other things, result in the closing of our taxable year for all unitholders and could result in a deferral of depreciation deductions allowable in computing our taxable income. Please read [Material Tax Consequences](#) [Disposition of Common Units](#) [Constructive Termination](#) for a discussion of the consequences of our termination for federal income tax purposes.

***You will likely be subject to state and local taxes and return filing requirements in states where you do not live as a result of investing in our common units.***

In addition to federal income taxes, you will likely be subject to other taxes, including foreign, state and local taxes, unincorporated business taxes and estate, inheritance or intangible taxes that are imposed by the various jurisdictions in which we do business or own property, even if you do not live in any of those jurisdictions. You will likely be required to file foreign, state and local income tax returns and pay state and local income taxes in some or all of these jurisdictions. Further, you may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. We will initially own assets and do business in the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Each of these states, other than Texas and Florida, currently imposes a personal income tax on individuals. A majority of these states impose an income tax on corporations and other entities. As we make acquisitions or expand our business, we may own assets or conduct business in additional states that impose an income tax. It is your responsibility to file all United States federal, foreign, state and local tax returns. Our counsel has not rendered an opinion on the foreign, state or local tax consequences of an investment in the common units.



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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We expect to receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$206.3 million after deducting underwriting discounts but before paying expenses associated with the offering and related formation transactions and structuring fees of approximately \$550,000 to be paid to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc. for evaluation, analysis and structuring of our partnership. We anticipate using the aggregate net proceeds of this offering to:

purchase approximately \$163.1 million of qualifying investment grade securities, which will be assigned as collateral to secure the term loan portion of our credit facility;

pay approximately \$7.2 million of expenses associated with the offering and related formation transactions;

distribute \$26.0 million in cash to subsidiaries of Spectra Energy as reimbursement for capital expenditures incurred by subsidiaries of Spectra Energy prior to this offering related to the assets to be contributed to us upon the closing of this offering, which distribution will be made in partial consideration of the assets contributed to us upon the closing of this offering; and

use the remaining proceeds of \$10.0 million to fund working capital.

We have entered into a \$500 million credit facility under which we expect to borrow approximately \$163.1 million in term debt and \$125 million in revolving debt upon the closing of this offering. We will distribute the aggregate amount of the proceeds of such borrowings to subsidiaries of Spectra Energy, which distribution will be made in partial consideration of the assets contributed to us upon the closing of this offering. Please see [Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions](#) [Distributions and Payments to our General Partner and its Affiliates](#).

The qualifying securities we will purchase will be assigned as collateral to secure the term loan borrowings. The interest we receive from our ownership of these securities will partially offset our cost of borrowings under the term loan facility. Please read [Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations](#) [Capital Requirements](#) [Description of Credit Agreement](#).

If the underwriters' option to purchase additional common units is exercised in full, we will (1) use the net proceeds of approximately \$30.9 million from the sale of these additional securities to purchase an equivalent amount of qualifying investment grade securities and (2) borrow an additional amount of term debt equal to the net proceeds to be received from the exercise of the underwriters' option. The qualifying securities purchased will be assigned as collateral to secure such additional term loan borrowings. The proceeds of the additional term loan borrowings will be used to redeem from a subsidiary of Spectra Energy a number of common units equal to the number of common units issued upon exercise of the underwriters' option, at a price per common unit equal to the proceeds per common unit before expenses but after underwriting discounts and a structuring fee.

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The following table shows:

our capitalization as of March 31, 2007; and

our pro forma capitalization as of March 31, 2007, as adjusted to reflect this offering, the other transactions described under Summary Formation Transactions and Partnership Structure General and the application of the net proceeds from this offering and our borrowings as described under Use of Proceeds.

We derived this table from, and it should be read in conjunction with and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, our historical and pro forma financial statements and the accompanying notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. You should also read this table in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. This table does not reflect any indebtedness associated with our equity investment in Gulfstream, which amount is included in the historical financial statements and the accompanying notes of Gulfstream included elsewhere in this prospectus.

|   | <b>As of March 31, 2007</b> |                  |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|
|   | <b>Historical</b>           | <b>Pro Forma</b> |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b>       |                  |
| Long-term debt:                                   |                             |                  |
| Revolving borrowings                              | \$                          | \$ 125,000       |
| Term borrowings (a)                               |                             | 163,050          |
| East Tennessee                                    | 150,000                     | 150,000          |
| Total long-term debt                              | \$ 150,000                  | \$ 438,050       |
| Partners' capital/parent net investment:          |                             |                  |
| Parent net investment (b)                         | \$ 983,989                  | \$               |
| Common units - public                             |                             | 200,050          |
| Common units - sponsor                            |                             | 461,695          |
| Subordinated units - sponsor                      |                             | 288,493          |
| General partner interest                          |                             | 18,031           |
| Total partners' capital/parent net investment (b) | 983,989                     | 968,269          |
| Total capitalization                              | \$ 1,133,989                | \$ 1,406,319     |

(a) Our initial \$163.1 million in term borrowings will be collateralized by an equal \$163.1 million in qualifying investment grade securities not reflected in the capitalization table shown above. Please see Use of Proceeds.

(b) Parent net investment and total partners' capital do not include accumulated other comprehensive income of \$3.7 million.



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Dilution is the amount by which the offering price paid by the purchasers of common units sold in this offering will exceed the pro forma net tangible book value per unit after the offering. On a pro forma basis as of March 31, 2007, after giving effect to the offering of common units and the application of the related net proceeds, our net tangible book value was \$853.6 million, or \$12.62 per common unit. Net tangible book value excludes \$118.3 million of goodwill. Purchasers of common units in this offering will experience substantial and immediate dilution in net tangible book value per common unit for financial accounting purposes, as illustrated in the following table:

|  |          |           |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Initial public offering price per common unit  |          | \$ 22.00  |
| Net tangible book value per common unit before the offering(a)                                 | \$ 15.09 |           |
| Decrease in net tangible book value per common unit attributable to purchasers in the offering | (2.47)   |           |
| Less: Pro forma net tangible book value per common unit after the offering(b)                  |          | 12.62     |
| Immediate dilution in tangible net book value per common unit to purchasers in the offering    |          | \$ (9.38) |

(a) Determined by dividing the number of units and general partner units (34,629,880 common units, 21,638,730 subordinated units and 1,352,421 general partner units) to be issued to a subsidiary of Spectra Energy for its contribution of assets and liabilities to Spectra Energy Partners, LP into the net tangible book value of the contributed assets and liabilities.

(b) Determined by dividing the total number of units and general partner units to be outstanding after the offering (44,629,880 common units, 21,638,730 subordinated units and 1,352,421 general partner units) and the application of the related net proceeds into our pro forma net tangible book value, after giving effect to the application of the expected net proceeds of the offering.

The following table sets forth the number of units that we will issue and the total consideration contributed to us by our general partner and its affiliates and by the purchasers of common units in this offering:

|                                      | Units Acquired |         | Total Consideration |         |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
|                                      | Number         | Percent | Amount              | Percent |
| (In thousands)                       |                |         |                     |         |
| General partner and affiliates(a)(b) | 57,621,031     | 85.2%   | \$ 768,219          | 77.7%   |
| New investors                        | 10,000,000     | 14.8%   | 220,000             | 22.3%   |
| Total                                | 67,621,031     | 100.0%  | \$ 988,219          | 100.0%  |

(a) The common and subordinated units and general partner units acquired by our general partner and its affiliates consist of 34,629,880 common units and 21,638,730 subordinated units and 1,352,421 general partner units.

- (b) The assets contributed by our general partner and its affiliates were recorded at historical cost in accordance with GAAP. Book value of the consideration provided by our general partner and its affiliates, as of March 31, 2007, after giving effect to the application of the net proceeds of this offering is as follows:

The following table shows the investment of Spectra Energy in us after giving effect to this offering and related formation transactions. Please see our unaudited pro forma balance sheet for a more complete presentation of the adjustments associated with this offering and the related formation transactions.

|   | <b>(In thousands)</b> |
|---|-----------------------|
| Parent net investment   | \$ 983,989            |
| Less: Payment to affiliates of our general partner from the net proceeds of the offering and borrowings under the credit facility | (314,050)             |
| Plus: Retention by Spectra Energy of tax related accounts, accounts receivable, and certain Market Hub assets                     | 103,846               |
| Less: Contribution to Market Hub from Spectra Energy for funds swept for security deposits  | (5,566)               |
| Total consideration   | \$ 768,219            |

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**OUR CASH DISTRIBUTION POLICY AND RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRIBUTIONS**

*You should read the following discussion of our cash distribution policy in conjunction with specific assumptions included in this section. For more detailed information regarding the factors and assumptions upon which our cash distribution policy is based, please read Assumptions and Considerations below. In addition, you should read Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors for information regarding statements that do not relate strictly to historical or current facts and certain risks inherent in our business.*

*For additional information regarding our historical and pro forma operating results, you should refer to our historical audited combined financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, and to our historical unaudited combined financial statements as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2007; and our unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006 and as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2007 included elsewhere in this prospectus.*

**General**

***Rationale for Our Cash Distribution Policy.*** Our cash distribution policy reflects a basic judgment that our unitholders will be better served by our distributing our cash available after expenses and reserves rather than retaining it. Because we believe we will generally finance any capital investments from external financing sources, we believe that our investors are best served by our distributing all of our available cash. Because we are not subject to an entity-level federal income tax, we have more cash to distribute to you than would be the case were we subject to tax. Our cash distribution policy is consistent with the terms of our partnership agreement, which requires that we distribute all of our available cash quarterly.

***Limitations on Cash Distributions and Our Ability to Change Our Cash Distribution Policy.*** There is no guarantee that unitholders will receive quarterly distributions from us. Our distribution policy may be changed at any time and is subject to certain restrictions, including:

Our cash distribution policy is subject to restrictions on distributions under our new credit facility. Specifically, the agreement related to our credit facility contains material financial tests and covenants that we must satisfy. These financial tests and covenants are described in this prospectus under the caption Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Capital Requirements Description of Credit Agreement. Should we be unable to satisfy these restrictions under our credit facility or if we are otherwise in default under our credit facility, we would be prohibited from making cash distributions to you notwithstanding our stated cash distribution policy.

Our board of directors will have the authority to establish reserves for the prudent conduct of our business and for future cash distributions to our unitholders, and the establishment of those reserves could result in a reduction in cash distributions to you from the levels we currently anticipate pursuant to our stated distribution policy.

While our partnership agreement requires us to distribute all of our available cash, our partnership agreement, including provisions requiring us to make cash distributions contained therein, may be amended. Although during the subordination period, with certain exceptions, our partnership agreement may not be amended without the approval of the public common unitholders, our partnership agreement can be amended with the approval of a majority of the outstanding common units and any Class B units issued upon the reset of incentive distribution rights, if any, voting as a class (including common units held by affiliates of Spectra

Energy) after the subordination period has ended. At the closing of this offering, a subsidiary of Spectra Energy will own our general partner and approximately 84.9% of our outstanding common units and subordinated units.

Even if our cash distribution policy is not modified or revoked, the amount of distributions we pay under our cash distribution policy and the decision to make any distribution is determined by our general partner, taking into consideration the terms of our partnership agreement.

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Under Section 17-607 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, we may not make a distribution to you if the distribution would cause our liabilities to exceed the fair value of our assets.

We may lack sufficient cash to pay distributions to our unitholders due to increases in our operating or general and administrative expenses, principal and interest payments on our outstanding debt, tax expenses, working capital requirements and anticipated cash needs. Our cash available for distribution to unitholders is directly impacted by our cash expenses necessary to run our business and will be reduced dollar-for-dollar to the extent that such uses of cash increase. Please read Provisions of our partnership Agreement Relating to Cash Distributions Distributions of Available Cash.

We own a 24.5% interest in Gulfstream, a subsidiary of Spectra Energy owns a 25.5% interest and a subsidiary of The Williams Companies owns the remaining 50.0% interest. Gulfstream is required by the terms of its limited liability company agreement to make quarterly cash distributions equal to 100% of its available cash, which is defined to include Gulfstream's cash and cash equivalents on hand at the end of the quarter less any reserves that may be deemed appropriate by the Gulfstream management committee for the operation of Gulfstream's business (including reserves for its future maintenance capital expenditures and for its anticipated future credit needs) or for its compliance with law or other agreements. The management committee representative of Spectra Energy and The Williams Companies will jointly make the determinations related to Gulfstream's available cash. The limited liability company agreement of Gulfstream may not be amended without the approval of Spectra Energy, The Williams Companies and us. Please read Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Contracts with Affiliates Gulfstream Limited Liability Company Agreement.

We own a 50.0% interest in Market Hub and a subsidiary of Spectra Energy owns the other 50.0% interest. Market Hub is required by the terms of its general partnership agreement to make quarterly cash distributions equal to 100% of its available cash, which is defined to include Market Hub's cash and cash equivalents on hand at the end of the quarter less any reserves that may be deemed appropriate by the Market Hub management committee for the operation of Market Hub's business (including reserves for its future maintenance capital expenditures and for its anticipated future credit needs) or for its compliance with law or other agreements. The management committee representative of Spectra Energy and us will jointly make the determinations related to Market Hub's available cash. The general partnership agreement of Market Hub may not be amended without the approval of Spectra Energy and us. Please read Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Contracts with Affiliates Market Hub General Partnership Agreement.

***Our Ability to Grow is Dependent on Our Ability to Access External Expansion Capital.*** We will distribute all of our available cash to our unitholders on a quarterly basis. As a result, we expect that we will rely primarily upon external financing sources, including commercial bank borrowings and the issuance of debt and equity securities, to fund our acquisitions and expansion capital expenditures. To the extent we are unable to finance growth externally, our cash distribution policy will significantly impair our ability to grow. In addition, because we distribute all of our available cash, our growth may not be as fast as businesses that reinvest their available cash to expand ongoing operations. To the extent we issue additional units in connection with any acquisitions or expansion capital expenditures, the payment of distributions on those additional units may increase the risk that we will be unable to maintain or increase our per unit distribution level, which in turn may impact the available cash that we have to distribute on each unit. There are no limitations in our partnership agreement or our credit facility on our ability to issue additional units, including units ranking senior to the common units. The incurrence of additional commercial borrowings or other debt to finance our growth strategy would result in increased interest expense, which in turn may impact the available cash that we have to distribute to our unitholders.





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Upon completion of this offering, the board of directors of our general partner will adopt a policy pursuant to which we will declare an initial quarterly distribution of \$0.30 per unit per complete quarter, or \$1.20 per unit per year, to be paid no later than 45 days after the end of each fiscal quarter (beginning with the quarter ending September 30, 2007) through the quarter ending June 30, 2008. This equates to an aggregate cash distribution of \$20.3 million per quarter or \$81.1 million per year, in each case based on the number of common units, subordinated units and general partner units outstanding immediately after completion of this offering. If the underwriters' option to purchase additional common units is exercised, an equivalent number of common units will be redeemed. If the underwriters' option to purchase additional common units is exercised, we will (1) use the net proceeds from the sale of these additional securities to purchase an equivalent amount of qualifying investment grade securities and (2) borrow an additional amount of term debt equal to the net proceeds to be received from the exercise of the underwriters' option. The qualifying securities purchased will be assigned as collateral to secure such additional term loan borrowings. The proceeds of the additional term loan borrowings will be used to redeem from a subsidiary of Spectra Energy a number of common units equal to the number of common units issued upon exercise of the underwriters' option, at a price per common unit equal to the proceeds per common unit before expenses but after underwriting discounts and a structuring fee. Accordingly, the exercise of the underwriters' option will not affect the total amount of units outstanding or the amount of cash needed to pay the initial distribution rate on all units. Our ability to make cash distributions at the initial distribution rate pursuant to this policy will be subject to the factors described above under the caption "Limitations on Cash Distributions and Our Ability to Change Our Cash Distribution Policy."

The table below sets forth the number of outstanding common units, subordinated units and general partner units upon the closing of this offering and the aggregate distribution amounts payable on such units during the year following the closing of this offering at our initial distribution rate of \$0.30 per common unit per quarter (\$1.20 per common unit on an annualized basis).

|  | Number of Units   | Distributions        |                      |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|  |                   | One Quarter          | Four Quarters        |
| Publicly held common units                   | 10,000,000        | \$ 3,000,000         | \$ 12,000,000        |
| Common units held by Spectra Energy          | 34,629,880        | 10,388,964           | 41,555,856           |
| Subordinated units held by Spectra Energy    | 21,638,730        | 6,491,619            | 25,966,476           |
| General partner units held by Spectra Energy | 1,352,421         | 405,726              | 1,622,905            |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>67,621,031</b> | <b>\$ 20,286,309</b> | <b>\$ 81,145,237</b> |

As of the date of this offering, our general partner will be entitled to 2% of all distributions that we make prior to our liquidation. The general partner's initial 2% interest in these distributions may be reduced if we issue additional units in the future and our general partner does not elect to contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its initial 2% general partner interest.

The subordination period will generally end if we have earned and paid at least \$1.20 (the minimum quarterly distribution on an annualized basis) on each outstanding limited partner unit and general partner unit for any three consecutive, non-overlapping four-quarter periods ending on or after June 30, 2010. Alternatively, if we have earned and paid at least \$0.45 per quarter (150% of the minimum quarterly distribution, which is \$1.80 on an annualized

basis) on each outstanding limited partner unit and general partner unit for any four-quarter periods ending on or after June 30, 2008, the subordination period will terminate automatically. In addition, the subordination period will end if our general partner is removed without cause and the units held by our general partner and its affiliates are not voted in favor of such removal. When the subordination period ends, all remaining subordinated units will convert into an equal number of common units, and the common units will no longer be entitled to arrearages.

If distributions on our common units are not paid with respect to any fiscal quarter at the initial distribution rate, our unitholders will not be entitled to receive such payments in the future except that during the subordination period, to the extent we have available cash in any future quarter in excess of the

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amount necessary to make cash distributions to holders of our common units at the initial distribution rate, we will use this excess available cash to pay these deficiencies related to prior quarters before any cash distribution is made to holders of subordinated units. Please read Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Relating to Cash Distributions Subordination Period.

We do not have a legal obligation to pay distributions at our initial distribution rate or at any other rate except as provided in our partnership agreement. Our distribution policy is consistent with the terms of our partnership agreement, which requires that we distribute all of our available cash quarterly. Under our partnership agreement, available cash is defined to generally mean, for each fiscal quarter, cash generated from our business in excess of the amount of reserves our general partner determines is necessary or appropriate to provide for the conduct of our business, to comply with applicable law, any of our debt instruments or other agreements or to provide for future distributions to our unitholders for any one or more of the upcoming four quarters.

Our partnership agreement provides that any determination made by our general partner in its capacity as our general partner must be made in good faith and that any such determination will not be subject to any other standard imposed by our partnership agreement, the Delaware limited partnership statute or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity. Holders of our common units may pursue judicial action to enforce provisions of our partnership agreement, including those related to requirements to make cash distributions as described above; however, our partnership agreement provides that our general partner is entitled to make the determinations described above without regard to any standard other than the requirements to act in good faith. Our partnership agreement provides that, in order for a determination by our general partner to be made in good faith, our general partner must believe that the determination is in our best interests. Please read Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Relating to Cash Distributions.

Our cash distribution policy, as expressed in our partnership agreement, may not be modified or repealed without amending our partnership agreement; however, the actual amount of our cash distributions for any quarter is subject to fluctuations based on the amount of cash we generate from our business and the amount of reserves our general partner establishes in accordance with our partnership agreement as described above. Our partnership agreement may be amended with the approval of our general partner and holders of a majority of our outstanding common units and any Class B units issued upon the reset of the incentive distribution rights, voting together as a class.

We will pay our distributions on or about the 15th day of each of February, May, August and November to holders of record on or about the 1st day of each such month. If the distribution date does not fall on a business day, we will make the distribution on the business day immediately preceding the indicated distribution date. We will adjust the quarterly distribution for the period from the closing of this offering through September 30, 2007 based on the actual length of the period.

In the sections that follow, we present in detail the basis for our belief that we will be able to fully fund our initial distribution rate of \$0.30 per unit each quarter through the quarter ending June 30, 2008. In those sections, we present two tables, consisting of:

Unaudited Pro Forma Cash Available for Distribution, in which we present the amount of cash we would have had available for distribution for our fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 and for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007 derived from our unaudited pro forma financial statements that are included in this prospectus, which unaudited pro forma financial statements are based on the audited historical combined financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor for the year ended December 31, 2006 and for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007, as adjusted to give pro forma effect to:

the transactions to be completed as of the closing of this offering, including our incurrence of approximately \$163.1 million of term borrowings and \$125 million of revolving borrowings under our new

\$500 million credit facility; and

this offering and the application of the net proceeds as described under Use of Proceeds.

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Statement of Minimum Estimated Cash Available for Distribution, in which we demonstrate our anticipated ability to generate the minimum estimated cash available for distribution necessary for us to pay distributions at the initial distribution rate on all units for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008.

**Unaudited Pro Forma Cash Available for Distribution for the Year Ended December 31, 2006 and Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2007**

If we had completed the transactions contemplated in this prospectus on January 1, 2006, pro forma cash available for distribution for the year ended December 31, 2006 would have been approximately \$67.2 million. This amount would have been sufficient to make a cash distribution for 2006 at the initial rate of \$0.30 per unit per quarter (or \$1.20 per unit on an annualized basis) on all of the common units but only 47% of the minimum quarterly distribution on the subordinated units.

If we had completed the transactions contemplated in this prospectus on April 1, 2006, our pro forma available cash for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007 would have been approximately \$81.7 million. This amount would have been sufficient to make a cash distribution for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007 at the initial distribution rate of \$0.30 per unit per quarter (or \$1.20 per unit on an annualized basis) on all of the common and subordinated units.

Unaudited pro forma cash available for distribution from operating surplus includes incremental general and administrative expense we will incur as a result of being a publicly traded limited partnership, including compensation and benefit expenses of our executive management personnel, costs associated with annual and quarterly reports to unitholders, tax return and Schedule K-1 preparation and distribution, independent auditor fees, investor relations activities, registrar and transfer agent fees, incremental director and officer liability insurance costs and director compensation. We expect our incremental general and administrative expense of being a publicly-traded partnership to total approximately \$5.5 million per year. Our incremental general and administrative expense is not reflected in our historical or pro forma net income for 2006 or for the three months ended March 31, 2007. Corporate general and administrative costs allocated to us by Spectra Energy's predecessor company totaled \$2.7 million in 2006 and \$0.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007, and are already reflected in our historical results for 2006 and for the three months ended March 31, 2007.

The following table illustrates, on a pro forma basis, for the year ended December 31, 2006 and for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007 the amount of available cash that would have been available for distributions to our unitholders, assuming in each case that this offering had been consummated at the beginning of such period. Each of the pro forma adjustments presented below is explained in the footnotes to such adjustments.

We based the pro forma adjustments upon currently available information and specific estimates and assumptions. The pro forma amounts below do not purport to present our results of operations had the transactions contemplated in this prospectus actually been completed as of the dates indicated. In addition, cash available to pay distributions is primarily a cash accounting concept, while our pro forma financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis. As a result, you should view the amount of pro forma cash available for distribution only as a general indication of the amount of cash available to pay distributions that we might have generated had we been formed in earlier periods.

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|   | <b>Year<br/>Ended<br/>December 31,<br/>2006<br/>(\$ thousands, except per unit<br/>data)</b> | <b>Twelve Months<br/>Ended<br/>March 31,<br/>2007</b> |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Pro Forma Net Income(a)</b>  | \$ 63,789  | \$ 73,499   |
| Add:  |  |   |
| Interest expense, net(b)  | 24,900   | 24,989  |
| Income tax expense(b)   | 453  | 3,974   |
| Depreciation and amortization(b)  | 18,986   | 19,201  |
| Less:   |  |   |
| Interest income   | 8,657  | 8,662   |
| Equity in earnings of Gulfstream(c)   | 16,763   | 18,620  |
| Equity in earnings of Market Hub(c)   | 24,342   | 26,811  |
| Other income (expense), net(b)  | 1,765  | 1,442   |
| <b>Pro forma Adjusted EBITDA(d)</b>   | <b>\$ 56,601</b>   | <b>\$ 66,128</b>                                      |
| Add:  |  |   |
| Pro forma cash available for distribution from Gulfstream(e)                | 23,800   | 25,482  |
| Pro forma cash available for distribution from Market Hub(f)                | 19,500   | 22,286  |
| Less:   |  |   |
| Incremental general and administrative expense of being a public company(g) | 5,500  | 5,500   |
| Pro forma net cash paid for interest expense(h)                             | 16,243   | 16,246  |
| Maintenance capital expenditures(i)   | 10,933   | 10,474  |
| <b>Pro forma cash available for distribution</b>                            | <b>67,225</b>  | <b>81,676</b>   |
| <b>Pro forma cash distributions</b>   |  |   |
| Distributions per unit(j)   | \$ 1.20  | \$ 1.20   |
| Distributions to public common unitholders(j)                               | 12,000   | 12,000  |
| Distributions to Spectra Energy(j)  | 69,145   | 69,145  |
| Total distributions(j)  | \$ 81,145  | \$ 81,145   |
| <b>Excess (shortfall)</b>   | <b>\$ (13,920)</b>   | <b>\$ 531</b>   |
| Interest coverage ratio(k)  | 5.8x   | 6.6x  |
| Leverage ratio(k)   | 2.9x   | 2.5x  |

- (a) Reflects net income of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor derived from its historical combined financial statements for the periods indicated giving pro forma effect to the offering and the related transactions.
- (b) Reflects adjustments to reconcile pro forma net income to pro forma Adjusted EBITDA.
- (c) Reflects an adjustment to our Adjusted EBITDA for the elimination of Gulfstream and Market Hub's equity earnings.
- (d) Our Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income plus interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization less our equity earnings in Gulfstream and Market Hub, interest income and other income (expenses), net, which primarily consists of a non-cash allowance for funds used during construction, or AFUDC, and certain other items such as insurance recoveries. We have provided Adjusted EBITDA in this prospectus because we believe it provides investors with additional information to measure our financial performance and liquidity. Adjusted EBITDA is not a presentation made in accordance with GAAP. Because Adjusted EBITDA excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income and is defined differently by different companies in our industry, our definition of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Adjusted EBITDA has important limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation, or as a



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substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Please read Summary Summary Historical and Pro Forma Financial and Operating Data Non-GAAP Financial Measures.

- (e) Pro forma cash available for distribution from Gulfstream for the year ended December 31, 2006 and for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007, is calculated as follows:

| <b>Gulfstream</b>  | <b>Year<br/>Ended<br/>December 31,<br/>2006</b> | <b>Twelve Months<br/>Ended March 31,<br/>2007</b> |
|--|---|---|
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b>                           |   |
| <b>Net income</b>  | \$ 68,422                                       | \$ 76,021   |
| Add:   |   |   |
| Interest expense   | 48,787  | 48,700  |
| Depreciation and amortization                              | 30,406  | 30,444  |
| Less:  |   |   |
| Other income (expenses), net                               | 431   | 980   |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>                                     | \$ 147,184                                      | \$ 154,185  |
| Less:  |   |   |
| Net cash paid for interest expense                         | 49,423  | 49,423  |
| Maintenance capital expenditures                           | 617   | 752   |
| <b>Pro forma cash available for distribution 100%</b>      | \$ 97,144                                       | \$ 104,010  |
| <b>Pro forma cash available for distribution our 24.5%</b> | \$ 23,800                                       | \$ 25,482   |

- (f) Pro forma cash available for distribution from Market Hub for the year ended December 31, 2006 and for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007, is calculated as follows:

| <b>Market Hub</b>             | <b>Year<br/>Ended<br/>December 31,<br/>2006</b> | <b>Twelve Months<br/>Ended March 31,<br/>2007</b> |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
|                               | <b>(In thousands)</b>                           |   |
| <b>Net income</b>             | \$ 48,684                                       | \$ 53,742   |
| Add:                          |   |   |
| Interest expense              | 2,636   | 3,625   |
| Depreciation and amortization | 7,815   | 8,026   |
| Less:                         |   |   |
| Interest income               | 11  | 13  |
| Other income (expenses), net  | 10,553  | 10,711  |

|  |  |           |           |
|--|--|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>                                     |  | \$ 48,571 | \$ 54,669 |
| Less:  |  |           |           |
| Net cash paid for interest expense                         |  | 43        | 43        |
| Maintenance capital expenditures                           |  | 9,528     | 10,056    |
| <b>Pro forma cash available for distribution 100%</b>      |  | \$ 39,000 | \$ 44,570 |
| <b>Pro forma cash available for distribution our 50.0%</b> |  | \$ 19,500 | \$ 22,286 |

(g) Reflects an adjustment to our adjusted EBITDA for an estimated incremental cash expense associated with being a publicly traded limited partnership, including compensation and benefit expenses of our executive management personnel, costs associated with annual and quarterly reports to unitholders, tax return and Schedule K-1 preparation and distribution, independent auditor fees, investor relations activities, registrar and transfer agent fees, incremental director and officer liability insurance costs and director compensation.

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- (h) Reflects on a net basis the interest expense related to borrowings under our credit facility made in connection with this offering and the interest income related to the long-term investments we intend to purchase with a portion of the proceeds from this offering.
- (i) Maintenance capital expenditures are capital expenditures made to replace partially or fully depreciated assets, to maintain the existing operating capacity of our assets and to extend their useful lives, or other capital expenditures that are incurred in maintaining existing system volumes and related cash flows.

In addition, we made expansion capital expenditures of \$75.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 and \$66.3 million for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007. Expansion capital expenditures are made to acquire additional assets to grow our business, to expand and upgrade our systems and facilities and to construct or acquire similar systems or facilities. These expenditures were assumed to be funded by cash contributions from our parent, Spectra Energy, and are not included in our pro forma cash available for distribution calculation.

- (j) The table below sets forth the number of outstanding common units, subordinated units and general partner units upon the closing of this offering and the per unit and aggregate distribution amounts payable on our common units, subordinated units and general partner units for four quarters at our initial distribution rate of \$0.30 per common unit per quarter (\$1.20 per common unit on an annualized basis).

|   | Number of<br>Units | Distribution for<br>Four Quarters |                      |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
|   |                    | Per<br>Unit                       | Aggregate            |
| Pro forma distributions on publicly held common units               | 10,000,000         | \$ 1.20                           | \$ 12,000,000        |
| Pro forma distributions on common units held by Spectra Energy      | 34,629,880         | 1.20                              | 41,555,856           |
| Pro forma distribution on subordinated units held by Spectra Energy | 21,638,730         | 1.20                              | 25,966,476           |
| Pro forma distribution on general partner units                     | 1,352,421          | 1.20                              | 1,622,905            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>67,621,031</b>  | <b>\$ 1.20</b>                    | <b>\$ 81,145,237</b> |

- (k) We are a party to a \$500 million credit facility under which we expect to borrow approximately \$163.1 million in term debt and \$125 million in revolving debt upon the closing of this offering. The credit facility contains covenants limiting our ability to make distributions if any default or event of default occurs; make other restricted distributions or dividends on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of partnership interests; incur additional indebtedness; grant liens or make certain negative pledges; make certain loans or investments; engage in transactions with affiliates; make any material change to the nature of our business from the midstream energy business; make a disposition of assets; or enter into a merger, consolidate, liquidate, wind up or dissolve. These covenants may be modified or eliminated upon our receipt of an investment grade rating.

In addition, the credit facility contains financial covenants requiring us to maintain:

an interest coverage ratio (the ratio of our consolidated EBITDA to our consolidated interest expense (net of interest income), in each case as defined in the credit agreement) of not less than 2.5 to 1.0, determined as of the last day of each quarter for the four-quarter period ending on the date of determination; and

a leverage ratio (the ratio of our consolidated indebtedness to our consolidated EBITDA, in each case as defined in the credit agreement) of not more than 5.0 to 1.0 (or, on a temporary basis for not more than three consecutive quarters following the consummation of certain acquisitions, not more than 5.5 to 1.0).

On a pro forma basis for the year ended December 31, 2006 and for the three months ended March 31, 2007, we would have been in compliance with these covenants.

If an event of default exists under the credit agreement, the lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of all borrowings under the credit facility and exercise other rights and remedies.

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**Minimum Estimated Cash Available for Distribution for the Twelve-Month Period Ending June 30, 2008**

Set forth below is a Statement of Minimum Estimated Cash Available for Distribution that reflects our ability to generate sufficient cash flows to make the minimum quarterly distribution on all of our outstanding units for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008, based on assumptions we believe to be reasonable. These assumptions include adjustments to reflect this offering, the other transactions described under Summary Formation Transactions and Partnership Structure General and the application of the net proceeds from this offering as described under Use of Proceeds. Cash available for distribution is defined as net income plus interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization, less our equity earnings in Gulfstream and Market Hub and plus distributions received from Gulfstream and Market Hub and other income, net, which primarily consists of non-cash AFUDC and certain other items such as insurance recoveries.

Our minimum estimated cash available for distribution reflects our judgment as of the date of this prospectus of conditions we expect to exist and the course of action we expect to take during the twelve months ending June 30, 2008. The assumptions disclosed below under Assumptions and Considerations are those that we believe are significant to our ability to generate our minimum estimated cash available for distribution. We believe our actual results of operations and cash flows will be sufficient to generate our minimum estimated cash available for distribution; however, we can give you no assurance that our minimum estimated cash available for distribution will be achieved. There will likely be differences between our minimum estimated cash available for distribution and our actual results and those differences could be material. If we fail to generate the minimum estimated cash available for distribution, we may not be able to pay cash distributions on our common units at the initial distribution rate stated in our cash distribution policy. In order to fund distributions to our unitholders at our initial rate of \$1.20 per common unit for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008, our Adjusted EBITDA for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 must be at least \$54.8 million and our cash distributions from Gulfstream and Market Hub must be at least \$56.7 million in the aggregate. As set forth in the table below and as further explained under Assumptions and Considerations, we believe our operations will produce minimum estimated cash available for distribution of \$81.1 million for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008.

We do not as a matter of course make public projections as to future operations, earnings, or other results. However, management has prepared the minimum estimated cash available for distribution and assumptions set forth below to substantiate our belief that we will have sufficient cash available to make the minimum quarterly distribution to our unitholders for twelve months ending June 30, 2008. The accompanying prospective financial information was not prepared with a view toward complying with the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants with respect to prospective financial information, but, in the view of our management, was prepared on a reasonable basis, reflects the best currently available estimates and judgments, and presents, to the best of management's knowledge and belief, the assumptions on which we base our belief that we can generate the minimum estimated cash available for distribution necessary for us to have sufficient cash available for distribution to pay the minimum quarterly distribution to all of our unitholders. However, this information is not fact and should not be relied upon as being necessarily indicative of future results, and readers of this prospectus are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the prospective financial information.

Neither our independent auditors, nor any other independent accountants, have compiled, examined, or performed any procedures with respect to the prospective financial information contained herein, nor have they expressed any opinion or any other form of assurance on such information or its achievability, and assume no responsibility for, and disclaim any association with, the prospective financial information.

When considering our minimum estimated cash available for distribution you should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements under Risk Factors. Any of the risks discussed in this prospectus could cause our actual results of operations to vary significantly from those supporting our minimum estimated available cash.

We are providing our minimum estimated cash available for distribution and related assumptions to supplement our pro forma and historical financial statements in support of our belief that we will have

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sufficient available cash to allow us to pay cash distributions on all of our outstanding common and subordinated units for each quarter in the twelve month period ending June 30, 2008 at our stated initial distribution rate. Please read below under Assumptions and Considerations for further information as to the assumptions we have made for the preparation of our minimum estimated cash available for distribution.

Actual payments of distributions on common units, subordinated units and the general partner units are expected to be \$81.1 million for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2008. This is the expected aggregate amount of cash distributions of \$20.3 million per quarter for the period. Quarterly distributions will be paid within 45 days after the close of each quarter.

We do not undertake any obligation to release publicly the results of any future revisions we may make to the assumptions used in generating our minimum estimated cash available for distribution or to update those assumptions to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus. Therefore, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on this information.

**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP****STATEMENT OF  
MINIMUM ESTIMATED CASH AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION**

|                                   | <b>Twelve months<br/>ending June 30,<br/>2008<br/>(In thousands,<br/>except per<br/>unit data)</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Operating revenues</b>         | \$ 103,078   |
| <b>Operating expenses:</b>        |  |
| Operations, maintenance and other | 36,924   |
| Depreciation and amortization     | 21,548   |
| Property and other taxes          | 7,294  |
| Total operating expenses          | 65,766   |
| <b>Operating income</b>           | 37,312   |
| Add:                              |  |
| Equity earnings of Gulfstream     | 22,114   |
| Equity earnings of Market Hub     | 31,535   |
| Interest income(a)                | 9,376  |
| Less:                             |  |
| Interest expense(b)               | 28,003   |
| <b>Net income</b>                 | 72,334   |

Adjustments to reconcile net income to Adjusted EBITDA:

Add:

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Depreciation and amortization | 21,548        |
| Interest expense(b)           | 28,003        |
| Less:                         |               |
| Equity earnings in Gulfstream | 22,114        |
| Equity earnings in Market Hub | 31,535        |
| Interest income(a)            | 9,376         |
| Cash reserve(c)               | 4,013         |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>        | <b>54,847</b> |



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|   | <b>Twelve months<br/>ending June 30,<br/>2008<br/>(In thousands,<br/>except per<br/>unit data)</b> |
|---|--|
| Add:  |  |
| Interest income   | 9,376  |
| Estimated cash available for distribution from Gulfstream(d)                                | 23,806   |
| Estimated cash available for distribution from Market Hub(e)                                | 32,886   |
| Less:   |  |
| Cash interest expense   | 28,003   |
| Maintenance capital expenditures  | 11,767   |
| <b>Minimum estimated cash available for distribution</b>                                    | <b>\$ 81,145</b>   |
| Per unit minimum annual distribution  | \$ 1.20  |
| Annual distributions to:  |  |
| Public common unitholders   | 12,000   |
| Spectra Energy  | 69,145   |
| Total distributions to our unitholders and general partner at the initial distribution rate | \$ 81,145  |
| Interest coverage ratio(f)  | 6.2x   |
| Leverage ratio(f)   | 3.1x   |

- (a) Reflects the interest income related to the long-term investments we intend to purchase with a portion of the proceeds from this offering.
- (b) Reflects the interest expense related to borrowings under our credit facility made in connection with this offering.
- (c) Represents a discretionary reserve to be used for reinvestment and other general partnership purposes.
- (d) Gulfstream's estimated cash available for distribution for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 is calculated as follows:

| <b>Gulfstream</b>                     | <b>Twelve months<br/>ending<br/>June 30, 2008<br/>(In thousands)</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Net income                            | \$ 90,263  |
| Add:                                  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 30,309   |

|  |                  |    |                |
|--|------------------|----|----------------|
| Interest expense, net  |                  |    | 32,536         |
| Less:  |                  |    |                |
| Other income (expenses), net                                     |                  |    | 4,798          |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>   |                  |    | <b>148,310</b> |
| Less:  |                  |    |                |
| Cash interest expense, net                                       |                  |    | 49,307         |
| Maintenance capital expenditures                                 |                  |    | 1,834          |
| <b>Estimated cash available for distribution from Gulfstream</b> | <b>100%</b>      | \$ | 97,169         |
| <b>Estimated cash available for distribution from Gulfstream</b> | <b>our 24.5%</b> | \$ | 23,806         |

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(e) Market Hub's estimated cash available for distribution for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 is calculated as follows:

| <b>Market Hub</b>  | <b>Twelve months<br/>ending<br/>June 30, 2008<br/>(In thousands)</b> |
|--|--|
| Net income   | \$ 63,071  |
| Add:   |  |
| Depreciation and amortization expense                                      | 8,344  |
| Less:  |  |
| Other income (expenses), net   | 2,641  |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>   | <b>68,774</b>  |
| Less:  |  |
| Maintenance capital expenditures   | 2,946  |
| Cash paid for taxes  | 57   |
| <b>Estimated cash available for distribution from Market Hub 100%</b>      | <b>\$ 65,771</b>   |
| <b>Estimated cash available for distribution from Market Hub our 50.0%</b> | <b>\$ 32,886</b>   |

(f) Please read accompanying summary of the assumptions and considerations underlying these estimates.

We are a party to a \$500 million credit facility under which we expect to borrow approximately \$163.1 million in term debt and \$125 million in revolving debt upon the closing of this offering. The credit facility contains covenants limiting our ability to make distributions if any default or event of default occurs; make other restricted distributions or dividends on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of partnership interests; incur additional indebtedness; grant liens or make certain negative pledges; make certain loans or investments; engage in transactions with affiliates; make any material change to the nature of our business from the midstream energy business; make a disposition of assets; or enter into a merger, consolidate, liquidate, wind up or dissolve. These covenants may be modified or eliminated upon our receipt of an investment grade rating.

In addition, the credit facility contains financial covenants requiring us to maintain:

an interest coverage ratio (the ratio of our consolidated EBITDA to our consolidated interest expense (net of interest income), in each case as defined in the credit agreement) of not less than 2.5 to 1.0, determined as of the last day of each quarter for the four-quarter period ending on the date of determination; and

a leverage ratio (the ratio of our consolidated indebtedness to our consolidated EBITDA, in each case as defined in the credit agreement) of not more than 5.0 to 1.0 (or, on a temporary basis for not more than three consecutive quarters following the consummation of certain acquisitions, not more than 5.5 to 1.0).

We believe that we will be in compliance with these covenants for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008.

If an event of default exists under the credit agreement, the lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of the credit facility and demand repayment of amounts outstanding.

## **Assumptions and Considerations**

### *General*

We believe that our estimated minimum cash available for distribution for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 will not be less than \$81.1 million. This amount of estimated minimum cash available for distribution is approximately \$13.9 million more than and \$0.5 million less than the pro forma cash

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available for distribution we generated for the year ended December 31, 2006 and the twelve months ended March 31, 2007, respectively. As we discuss in further detail below, we believe that increased revenue primarily from firm transportation and storage agreements partially offset by increased operating and administrative expenses, will result in our generating higher cash available for distribution for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008. Our expected minimum revenue of \$103.1 million, offset by the maximum operating expense, excluding depreciation and amortization, of approximately \$36.9 million, taxes other than income taxes of \$7.3 million less cash reserve of \$4.0 million, plus cash interest income of \$9.4 million, cash distributions of \$23.8 million and \$32.9 million from Gulfstream and Market Hub, respectively, less cash interest expense of \$28.0 million and maintenance capital expenditures of \$11.8 million, results in our estimated minimum cash available for distribution of \$81.1 million. We believe the assumptions and estimates we have made to support our ability to generate minimum estimated cash available for distribution, which are set forth below, are reasonable.

### ***Spectra Energy Partners***

#### ***Our Operating Revenue***

We estimate that we will generate at least \$103.1 million in revenues for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008. Substantially all of these revenues will be generated from services provided under firm transportation and LNG storage agreements and capacity reservation charges relating to the East Tennessee system. We estimate less than \$2.0 million of these revenues will be charges based on actual utilization and interruptible transportation service. We generated \$80.0 million, \$82.6 million and \$86.8 million in revenues for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 and the twelve months ended March 31, 2007, respectively.

The expected \$20.5 million increase in our revenues from the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 is primarily due to increased revenues associated with the Jewell Ridge Lateral, placed in service in 2006, as well as increased revenues associated with the Patriot Extension, which was placed into service in 2005.

#### ***Our Expenses***

We estimate operating and maintenance expenses will not be more than \$36.9 million for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008, which include certain scheduled pipeline integrity expenditures that do not occur annually, as compared to \$24.6 million, \$21.8 million and \$18.3 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 and the twelve months ending March 31, 2007.

We estimate our total general and administrative expense will not be more than \$8.5 million, a portion of which will be capped pursuant to the terms of the omnibus agreement. Our general and administrative expenses will consist of corporate general and administrative expense allocated from Spectra Energy as well as additional general and administrative costs that result from our being a publicly traded limited partnership. Our estimated general and administrative expense of \$8.5 million includes approximately \$1.0 million of non-cash expense related to awards to be granted under our Long-Term Incentive Plan. General and administrative expense allocated from Spectra Energy was \$2.7 million for the calendar year ended December 31, 2006. Please read *Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions* *Omnibus Agreement*.

We estimate depreciation and amortization expense for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 for the East Tennessee system will be \$21.5 million as compared to \$23.6 million, \$19.0 million and \$19.2 million of depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 and the twelve months ended March 31, 2007, respectively. Estimated depreciation and amortization expense reflects management's estimates, which are based on consistent average depreciable asset lives and depreciation methodologies,

taking into account estimated capital expenditures.

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We estimate property and other taxes for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 will be \$7.3 million as compared to \$5.3 million, \$4.2 million and \$2.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 and the twelve months ended March 31, 2007, respectively.

*Our Capital Expenditures*

We estimate that East Tennessee's maintenance capital expenditures will not exceed \$11.8 million for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 as compared to \$8.2 million, \$10.9 million and \$10.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 and the twelve months ended March 31, 2007, respectively.

We estimate that East Tennessee's expansion capital expenditures will not exceed \$11.8 million for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008. Expansion capital expenditures for East Tennessee were approximately \$51.1 million, \$75.0 million and \$66.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 and the twelve months ended March 31, 2007, respectively, and consisted of expansions associated with the Jewell Ridge Lateral and other projects. The increased revenue from these projects is reflected in the twelve months ending June 30, 2008. Organic growth opportunities associated with the Jewell Ridge Lateral constitute the majority of the expansion capital expenditures planned for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008.

*Our Financing*

We estimate that at closing of this offering we will borrow \$125 million in revolving debt and approximately \$163.1 million in term debt under our new \$500 million credit facility. We estimate that the revolving borrowings will bear a variable average interest rate of 6.0%.

We estimate that our term debt borrowings, net of interest earned on the approximately \$163.1 million in qualifying investment grade securities pledged to secure the loan, will bear an interest rate of 0.25%.

We estimate that East Tennessee's \$150 million senior notes will remain outstanding and continue to bear interest at 5.71%.

We estimate our capital expenditures and capital contribution requirements will total approximately \$81.9 million and will be funded through borrowings under our new credit facility at a variable average interest rate of 6.0%.

We estimate that we will remain in compliance with the financial covenants in our existing and future debt agreements during the twelve months ending June 30, 2008.

*Our Regulatory, Industry and Economic Factors*

We estimate there will not be any new federal, state or local regulations of portions of the energy industry in which we operate, or any new interpretations of existing regulations, that will be materially adverse to our business during the twelve months ending June 30, 2008.

We estimate there will not be any major adverse changes in the portions of the energy industry in which we operate or in general economic conditions during the twelve months ending June 30, 2008.

We estimate that industry, insurance and overall economic conditions will not change substantially during the twelve months ending June 30, 2008.

*Our Cash Distributions from Gulfstream and Market Hub*

Our estimate reflects cash distributions relating to our 24.5% interest in Gulfstream and our 50.0% interest in Market Hub. Under the terms of their governing agreements, each of Gulfstream and Market Hub must distribute to their members on a quarterly basis 100% of their available cash, which is generally defined as cash on hand at the end of the applicable quarter, less any reserves



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taken by the management committee. As a result, we estimate that we will receive 24.5% and 50.0% of the available cash of Gulfstream and Market Hub, respectively, during the twelve months ending June 30, 2008. Based on our assumptions regarding the revenues, expenses and other capital requirements discussed below, we estimate receiving cash distributions of approximately \$23.8 million from Gulfstream and approximately \$32.9 million from Market Hub during the twelve months ending June 30, 2008.

***Gulfstream System***

Although we account for our 24.5% interest in Gulfstream under the equity-method for financial reporting purposes, we have assumed that Gulfstream's cash distributions to us will be based on the following estimates.

***Gulfstream Operating Revenue***

We estimate that Gulfstream will generate at least \$155.3 million in firm service revenues for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 related to services provided under firm transportation agreements. Gulfstream generated \$121.5 million and \$157.9 million in revenues related to these agreements for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively. We do not anticipate that Gulfstream will receive any revenues from its Phase III and Phase IV expansions during the twelve months ending June 30, 2008.

We estimate that Gulfstream will generate revenues for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 of at least \$27.1 million related to interruptible transportation and park and loan service on estimated throughput of 48 Bcf. Gulfstream generated \$23.6 million and \$22.2 million in revenues related to interruptible transportation and park and loan services on throughput of 32 Bcf and 35 Bcf for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively. This increase in Gulfstream's interruptible transportation and park and loan services revenue is primarily attributable to currently identified increased customer demand.

***Gulfstream Expenses***

We estimate Gulfstream's direct operating and maintenance expense will not be more than \$16.3 million for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008, and includes certain scheduled asset integrity expenditures which do not occur annually, as compared to \$9.3 million and \$15.2 million for the calendar years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively. Operating expenses exclude capital expenditure provisions on development projects.

We estimate Gulfstream's depreciation and amortization expense will be no more than \$30.3 million for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008. This expense was \$29.2 million and \$30.4 million for the calendar years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively. Estimated depreciation and amortization expense reflects management's estimates, which are based on consistent average depreciable asset lives and depreciation methodologies, taking into account estimated capital expenditures as described below.

We estimate property and other taxes for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 will be \$17.8 million as compared to \$15.1 million and \$17.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

***Gulfstream Capital Expenditures***

We estimate that Gulfstream's maintenance capital expenditures will not exceed \$1.8 million for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 as compared to \$1.0 million and \$0.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

We estimate that Gulfstream's net cash expansion capital expenditures will not exceed \$152.2 million for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 as compared to \$61.2 million and \$21.0 million for the

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years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively. Our 24.5% share of Gulfstream's net cash expansion capital expenditures for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 will be \$37.3 million.

The majority of Gulfstream's expansion capital expenditures for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 will be associated with its estimated \$134.9 million Phase III project and its estimated \$117.1 million Phase IV project. These projects are expected to be phased in beginning in summer 2008 and completed in early 2009. The Phase III project has already received FERC approval and the Phase IV project has an application pending with FERC for approval. The capital expenditures associated with Phase III and IV totaled \$12.0 million through December 31, 2006. Both of these expansions are fully supported by customer contracts with 23-year initial terms. These two projects will significantly increase Gulfstream's firm transportation service contracts and will significantly decrease Gulfstream's reliance on seasonal, interruptible transportation service.

### ***Market Hub System***

Although we account for our 50.0% interest in Market Hub under the equity method for financial reporting purposes, we have assumed that Market Hub's cash distributions to us will be based on the following estimates.

#### ***Market Hub Operating Revenue***

We estimate that Market Hub will generate at least \$84.9 million in total revenues related to services provided under firm and interruptible storage agreements for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008. Market Hub generated \$77.9 million and \$78.8 million in revenues related to those services for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively. This increase in revenues is primarily attributable to higher average storage rates.

Included in the storage service revenues above, we estimated that Market Hub will generate revenues of \$9.4 million related to interruptible storage services for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008. Market Hub generated \$14.3 million and \$10.2 million in revenues related to these services for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

#### ***Market Hub Expenses***

We estimate that Market Hub's operating and maintenance expenses will not be more than \$11.7 million for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008, which includes certain scheduled asset integrity expenditures that will not occur annually, as compared to \$9.5 million and \$26.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively. The increase in operating and maintenance expenses from \$9.5 million in 2005 to \$26.3 million in 2006 was attributable to a natural gas inventory adjustment as well as expenses associated with two unit overhauls and an information technology upgrade.

We estimate that Market Hub's depreciation and amortization expense will be no more than \$8.3 million as compared to \$6.9 million and \$7.8 million of depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively. Estimated depreciation and amortization expense reflects management's estimates, which are based on consistent average depreciable asset lives and depreciation methodologies, taking into account estimated capital expenditures as described below.

We estimate property and other taxes for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 will be \$4.4 million as compared to \$3.4 million and \$4.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

#### ***Market Hub Capital Expenditures***

We estimate that Market Hub's maintenance capital expenditures will not exceed \$2.9 million for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008, as compared to \$27.6 million and \$9.5 million for the years

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ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively. This decrease is primarily attributable to the substantial completion of repairs at Moss Bluff following a fire at a cavern well-head in 2004.

As a result of ongoing expansion projects, we estimate that Market Hub's expansion capital expenditures will increase to approximately \$68.2 million for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008, as compared to \$10.4 million and \$44.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively. Expansion projects are currently being pursued at Market Hub's Egan, Louisiana storage facility to increase its aggregate working gas storage capacity from its current capacity of 20 Bcf to 24 Bcf by 2008. An application is currently pending with FERC for approval to further expand Egan to 32 Bcf by 2012. Our 50.0% share of Market Hub's net cash expansion capital expenditures for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 will be \$34.1 million.

***Payments of Distributions on Common Units, Subordinated Units and the General Partner Units***

Distributions on common units, subordinated units and general partner units for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 are estimated to be \$81.1 million in the aggregate. Quarterly distributions will be paid within 45 days after the close of each quarter.

While we believe that these assumptions are reasonable based upon management's current expectations concerning future events, they are inherently uncertain and are subject to significant business, economic, regulatory and competitive risks and uncertainties, including those described in Risk Factors, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those we anticipate. If our assumptions are not realized, the actual cash available for distribution that we generate could be substantially less than that currently expected and could, therefore, be insufficient to permit us to make the full minimum quarterly distribution on all units, in which event the market price of the common units may decline materially.

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**PROVISIONS OF OUR PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
RELATING TO CASH DISTRIBUTIONS**

Set forth below is a summary of the significant provisions of our partnership agreement that relate to cash distributions.

**Distributions of Available Cash**

**General.** Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, beginning with the quarter ending September 30, 2007, we distribute all of our available cash to unitholders of record on the applicable record date.

**Definition of Available Cash.** Available cash, for any quarter, consists of all cash on hand at the end of that quarter:

less the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner to:

provide for the proper conduct of our business;

comply with applicable law, any of our debt instruments or other agreements; or

provide funds for distributions to our unitholders and to our general partner for any one or more of the next four quarters;

plus, if our general partner so determines, all or a portion of cash on hand on the date of determination of available cash for the quarter.

**Minimum Quarterly Distribution.** We will distribute to the holders of common units and subordinated units on a quarterly basis at least the minimum quarterly distribution of \$0.30 per unit, or \$1.20 per year, to the extent we have sufficient cash from our operations after establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including payments to our general partner. However, there is no guarantee that we will pay the minimum quarterly distribution on the units in any quarter. Even if our cash distribution policy is not modified or revoked, the amount of distributions paid under our policy and the decision to make any distribution is determined by our general partner, taking into consideration the terms of our partnership agreement. We will be prohibited from making any distributions to unitholders if it would cause an event of default, or an event of default is existing, under our credit agreement. Please read Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Capital Requirements Description of Credit Agreement for a discussion of the restrictions to be included in our credit agreement that may restrict our ability to make distributions.

**General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights.** Initially, our general partner will be entitled to 2% of all quarterly distributions since inception that we make prior to our liquidation. This general partner interest will be represented by 1,352,421 general partner units. Our general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its current general partner interest. The general partner's initial 2% interest in these distributions will be reduced if we issue additional units in the future and our general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its 2% general partner interest.

Our general partner also currently holds incentive distribution rights that entitle it to receive increasing percentages, up to a maximum of 50%, of the cash we distribute from operating surplus (as defined below) in excess of \$0.345 per

unit per quarter. The maximum distribution of 50% includes distributions paid to our general partner on its 2% general partner interest and assumes that our general partner maintains its general partner interest at 2%. The maximum distribution of 50% does not include any distributions that our general partner may receive on units that it owns. Please read [General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights](#) for additional information.

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**Operating Surplus and Capital Surplus**

**General.** All cash distributed to unitholders will be characterized as either operating surplus or capital surplus. Our partnership agreement requires that we distribute available cash from operating surplus differently than available cash from capital surplus.

**Operating Surplus.** We define operating surplus in the partnership agreement and for any period it generally means:

an operating surplus basket equal to the sum of (i) two times the amount needed to pay the minimum quarterly distribution on all of our units (including the general partner units) and (ii) two times the amount in excess of the minimum quarterly distribution needed for any quarter to pay a distribution on our common units at the same per-unit amount as was distributed on our common units in excess of the minimum quarterly distribution in the immediately preceding quarter, provided the amount in (ii) will be deemed to be operating surplus only to the extent that the distribution paid in respect of such amounts is paid on our common units; *plus*

all of our cash receipts after the closing of this offering, excluding cash from interim capital transactions, as defined below under Capital Surplus ; *less*

all of our operating expenditures after the closing of this offering, excluding the repayment of borrowings, but including maintenance capital expenditures (including capital contributions to Gulfstream and Market Hub to be used by them for maintenance capital expenditures); *less*

the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner to provide funds for future operating expenditures.

We define operating expenditures in the partnership agreement, and it generally means all of our expenditures, including, but not limited to, taxes, reimbursement of expenses incurred by our general partner on our behalf, non-pro rata purchases of units (other than those made with the proceeds of an interim capital transaction (as defined below)), interest payments, payments made in the ordinary course of business under interest rate hedge contracts and commodity hedge contracts and maintenance capital expenditures, provided that operating expenditures will not include:

payments of principal of and premium on indebtedness;

expansion capital expenditures;

payment of transaction expenses (including taxes) related to interim capital transactions;

distributions to our partners; and

non-pro rata purchases of units of any class made with the proceeds of an interim capital transaction.

Maintenance capital expenditures represent capital expenditures made to replace partially or fully depreciated assets, to maintain the existing operating capacity of our assets and to extend their useful lives, or other capital expenditures that are incurred in maintaining existing system volumes and related asset base. Expansion capital expenditures represent capital expenditures made to increase the long-term operating capacity or asset base, whether through construction or acquisition. Expansion capital expenditures include contributions made to Gulfstream and Market Hub



to be used by them for expansion capital expenditures. Costs for repairs and minor renewals to maintain facilities in operating condition and that do not extend the useful life of existing assets will be treated as operations and maintenance expenses as we incur them. Our partnership agreement provides that our general partner, with the concurrence of the conflicts committee, determines how to allocate a capital expenditure for the acquisition or expansion of our assets between maintenance capital expenditures and expansion capital expenditures.

**Capital Surplus.** We also define capital surplus in the partnership agreement and in Characterization of Cash Distributions below, and it will generally be generated only by the following, which we call interim capital transactions :

borrowings;

sales of our equity and debt securities;

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sales or other dispositions of assets for cash, other than inventory, accounts receivable and other current assets sold in the ordinary course of business or as part of normal retirement or replacement of assets;

the termination of interest rate hedge contracts or commodity hedge contracts prior to the termination date specified therein;

capital contributions received; and

corporate reorganizations or restructurings.

***Characterization of Cash Distributions.*** Our partnership agreement requires that we treat all available cash distributed as coming from operating surplus until the sum of all available cash distributed since the closing of this offering equals the operating surplus as of the most recent date of determination of available cash. Our partnership agreement requires that we treat any amount distributed in excess of operating surplus, regardless of its source, as capital surplus. As reflected above, operating surplus includes an operating surplus basket which initially equals \$40.6 million. This amount does not reflect actual cash on hand that is available for distribution to our unitholders. Rather, it is a provision that will enable us, if we choose, to distribute as operating surplus up to this amount of cash we receive in the future from interim capital transactions, that would otherwise be distributed as capital surplus. We do not anticipate that we will make any distributions from capital surplus. The characterization of cash distributions as operating surplus versus capital surplus does not result in a different impact to unitholders for federal tax purposes. Please read **Material Tax Consequences** **Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership** **Treatment of Distributions** for a discussion of the tax treatment of cash distributions.

## **Subordination Period**

***General.*** Our partnership agreement provides that, during the subordination period (which we define below and in Appendix D), the common units will have the right to receive distributions of available cash from operating surplus each quarter in an amount equal to \$0.30 per common unit, which amount is defined in our partnership agreement as the minimum quarterly distribution, plus any arrearages in the payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units from prior quarters, before any distributions of available cash from operating surplus may be made on the subordinated units. Furthermore, no arrearages will be paid on the subordinated units. The practical effect of the subordinated units is to increase the likelihood that during the subordination period there will be available cash to be distributed on the common units.

***Subordination Period.*** The subordination period will extend until the first business day of any quarter beginning after June 30, 2010 that each of the following tests are met:

distributions of available cash from operating surplus on each of the outstanding common units, subordinated units and general partner units equaled or exceeded the minimum quarterly distribution for each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-quarter periods immediately preceding that date;

the adjusted operating surplus (as defined below) generated during each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-quarter periods immediately preceding that date equaled or exceeded the sum of the minimum quarterly distributions on all of the outstanding common units, subordinated units and general partner units during those periods on a fully diluted basis; and

there are no arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units.

***Expiration of the Subordination Period.*** When the subordination period expires, each outstanding subordinated unit will convert into one common unit and will then participate pro rata with the other common units in distributions of available cash. In addition, if the unitholders remove our general partner

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other than for cause and units held by the general partner and its affiliates are not voted in favor of such removal:

the subordination period will end and each subordinated unit will immediately convert into one common unit;

any existing arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units will be extinguished; and

the general partner will have the right to convert its general partner units and its incentive distribution rights into common units or to receive cash in exchange for those interests.

***Early Conversion of Subordinated Units.*** The subordination period will automatically terminate and all of the subordinated units will convert into common units on a one-for-one basis on the first business day following the distribution of available cash to partners in respect of any quarter ending on or after June 30, 2008 that each of the following occurs:

distributions of available cash from operating surplus on each outstanding common unit, subordinated unit and general partner unit equaled or exceeded \$1.80 (150% of the annualized minimum quarterly distribution) for the four-quarter period immediately preceding the date;

the adjusted operating surplus (as defined below) generated during the four-quarter period immediately preceding the date equaled or exceeded the sum of the distribution of \$1.80 (150% of the annualized minimum quarterly distribution) on all of the outstanding common units, subordinated units and general partner units during that period on a fully diluted basis; and

there are no arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units.

***Adjusted Operating Surplus.*** Adjusted operating surplus is intended to reflect the cash generated from operations during a particular period and therefore excludes the two-quarter operating surplus basket and net drawdowns of reserves of cash generated in prior periods. We define adjusted operating surplus in the partnership agreement and for any period it generally means:

operating surplus generated with respect to that period; plus

any net decrease made in subsequent periods in cash reserves for operating expenditures initially established with respect to that period to the extent such decrease results in a reduction in adjusted operating surplus in subsequent periods pursuant to the following bullet point; less

any net decrease in cash reserves for operating expenditures with respect to that period not relating to an operating expenditure made with respect to that period; plus

any net increase in cash reserves for operating expenditures with respect to that period required by any debt instrument for the repayment of principal, interest or premium.

**Distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus during the Subordination Period**

Our partnership agreement requires that we make distributions of available cash from operating surplus for any quarter during the subordination period in the following manner:

*first*, 98% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until we distribute for each outstanding common unit an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter;

*second*, 98% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until we distribute for each outstanding common unit an amount equal to any arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units for any prior quarters during the subordination period;

*third*, 98% to the subordinated unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until we distribute for each subordinated unit an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter; and

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*thereafter*, in the manner described in General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights below.

The preceding discussion is based on the assumptions that our general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and that we do not issue additional classes of equity securities.

**Distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus after the Subordination Period**

Our partnership agreement requires that we make distributions of available cash from operating surplus for any quarter after the subordination period in the following manner:

*first*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until we distribute for each outstanding unit an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter; and

*thereafter*, in the manner described in General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights below.

The preceding discussion is based on the assumptions that our general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and that we do not issue additional classes of equity securities.

**General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights**

Our partnership agreement provides that our general partner initially will be entitled to 2% of all distributions that we make prior to our liquidation. Our general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its 2% general partner interest if we issue additional units. Our general partner's 2% interest, and the percentage of our cash distributions to which it is entitled, will be proportionately reduced if we issue additional units in the future and our general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us in order to maintain its 2% general partner interest. Our general partner will be entitled to make a capital contribution in order to maintain its 2% general partner interest in the form of the contribution to us of common units based on the current market value of the contributed common units.

Incentive distribution rights represent the right to receive an increasing percentage (13%, 23% and 48%) of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus after the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels have been achieved. Our general partner currently holds the incentive distribution rights, but may transfer these rights separately from its general partner interest, subject to restrictions in the partnership agreement.

The following discussion assumes that the general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and continues to own the incentive distribution rights.

If for any quarter:

we have distributed available cash from operating surplus to the common and subordinated unitholders in an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution; and

we have distributed available cash from operating surplus on outstanding common units in an amount necessary to eliminate any cumulative arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution;

then, our partnership agreement requires that we distribute any additional available cash from operating surplus for that quarter among the unitholders and the general partner in the following manner:

*first*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until each unitholder receives a total of \$0.345 per unit for that quarter (the first target distribution );

*second*, 85% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the general partner, until each unitholder receives a total of \$0.375 per unit for that quarter (the second target distribution );

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*third*, 75% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the general partner, until each unitholder receives a total of \$0.45 per unit for that quarter (the *third target distribution* ); and

*thereafter*, 50% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 50% to the general partner.

**Percentage Allocations of Available Cash from Operating Surplus**

The following table illustrates the percentage allocations of available cash from operating surplus between the unitholders and our general partner based on the specified target distribution levels. The amounts set forth under *Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions* are the percentage interests of our general partner and the unitholders in any available cash from operating surplus we distribute up to and including the corresponding amount in the column *Total Quarterly Distribution Per Unit*, until available cash from operating surplus we distribute reaches the next target distribution level, if any. The percentage interests shown for the unitholders and the general partner for the minimum quarterly distribution are also applicable to quarterly distribution amounts that are less than the minimum quarterly distribution. The percentage interests set forth below for our general partner include its 2% general partner interest and assume our general partner has contributed any additional capital to maintain its 2% general partner interest and has not transferred its incentive distribution rights.

|                                | <b>Total Quarterly<br/>Distribution per Unit<br/>Target Amount</b> | <b>Marginal Percentage<br/>Interest in Distribution<br/>Unitholders</b> | <b>General<br/>Partner</b> |
|--------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|
| Minimum Quarterly Distribution | \$0.30   | 98%   | 2%                         |
| First Target Distribution      | Up to \$0.345  | 98%   | 2%                         |
| Second Target Distribution     | above \$0.345 up to \$0.375  | 85%   | 15%                        |
| Third Target Distribution      | above \$0.375 up to \$0.45   | 75%   | 25%                        |
| Thereafter                     | above \$0.45   | 50%   | 50%                        |

**General Partner's Right to Reset Incentive Distribution Levels**

Our general partner, as the holder of our incentive distribution rights, has the right under our partnership agreement to elect to relinquish the right to receive incentive distribution payments based on the initial cash target distribution levels and to reset, at higher levels, the minimum quarterly distribution amount and cash target distribution levels upon which the incentive distribution payments to our general partner would be set. Our general partner's right to reset the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution levels upon which the incentive distributions payable to our general partner are based may be exercised, without approval of our unitholders or the conflicts committee of our general partner, at any time when there are no subordinated units outstanding and we have made cash distributions to the holders of the incentive distribution rights at the highest level of incentive distribution for each of the prior four consecutive fiscal quarters. The reset minimum quarterly distribution amount and target distribution levels will be higher than the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution levels prior to the reset such that our general partner will not receive any incentive distributions under the reset target distribution levels until cash distributions per unit following this event increase as described below. We anticipate that our general partner would exercise this reset right in order to facilitate acquisitions or internal growth projects that would otherwise not be sufficiently accretive to cash distributions per common unit, taking into account the existing levels of incentive distribution payments being made to our general partner.



In connection with the resetting of the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution levels and the corresponding relinquishment by our general partner of incentive distribution payments based on the target cash distributions prior to the reset, our general partner will be entitled to receive a number of newly issued Class B units based on a predetermined formula described below that takes into account the cash parity value of the average cash distributions related to the incentive distribution rights received by our general partner for the two quarters prior to the reset event as compared

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to the average cash distributions per common unit during this period. We will also issue an additional amount of general partner units in order to maintain the general partner's ownership interest in us relative to the issuance of the Class B units.

The number of Class B units that our general partner would be entitled to receive from us in connection with a resetting of the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution levels then in effect would be equal to (x) the average amount of cash distributions received by our general partner in respect of its incentive distribution rights during the two consecutive fiscal quarters ended immediately prior to the date of such reset election divided by (y) the average of the amount of cash distributed per common unit during each of these two quarters. Each Class B unit will be convertible into one common unit at the election of the holder of the Class B unit at any time following the first anniversary of the issuance of these Class B units. The issuance of Class B units will be conditioned upon approval of the listing or admission for trading of the common units into which the Class B units are convertible by the national securities exchange on which the common units are then listed or admitted for trading. Each Class B unit will receive the same level of distribution as a common unit on a pari passu basis with other unitholders.

Following a reset election by our general partner, the minimum quarterly distribution amount will be reset to an amount equal to the average cash distribution amount per common unit for the two fiscal quarters immediately preceding the reset election (such amount is referred to as the reset minimum quarterly distribution) and the target distribution levels will be reset to be correspondingly higher such that we would distribute all of our available cash from operating surplus for each quarter thereafter as follows:

first, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until each unitholder receives an amount equal to 115% of the reset minimum quarter distribution for that quarter;

second, 85% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the general partner, until each unitholder receives an amount per unit equal to 125% of the reset minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter;

third, 75% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the general partner, until each unitholder receives an amount per unit equal to 150% of the reset minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter; and

thereafter, 50% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 50% to the general partner.

The following table illustrates the percentage allocation of available cash from operating surplus between the unitholders and our general partner at various levels of cash distribution levels pursuant to the cash distribution provision of our partnership agreement in effect at the closing of this offering as well as following a hypothetical reset of the minimum quarterly distribution and target distribution levels based on the assumption that the average quarterly cash distribution amount per common unit during the two fiscal quarters immediately preceding the reset election was \$0.60.

|                                   | <b>Quarterly Distribution<br/>per Unit<br/>Prior to Reset</b> | <b>Marginal Percentage<br/>Interest in<br/>Distribution</b> |                            | <b>Quarterly Distribution<br/>per Unit following<br/>Hypothetical Reset</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|---|
|                                   |   | <b>Unitholders</b>  | <b>General<br/>Partner</b> |   |
| Minimum Quarterly<br>Distribution | \$0.30  | 98%   | 2%                         | \$0.60  |
| First Target Distribution         | Up to \$0.345   | 98%   | 2%                         | Up to \$0.69(1)   |

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|                            |                                |     |     |                                 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------------------|
| Second Target Distribution | above \$0.345 up to<br>\$0.375 | 85% | 15% | above \$0.69 up to<br>\$0.75(2) |
| Third Target Distribution  | above \$0.375 up to \$0.45     | 75% | 25% | above \$0.75 up to<br>\$0.90(3) |
| Thereafter                 | above \$0.45                   | 50% | 50% | above \$0.90(3)                 |

(1) This amount is 115% of the hypothetical reset minimum quarterly distribution.

(2) This amount is 125% of the hypothetical reset minimum quarterly distribution.

(3) This amount is 150% of the hypothetical reset minimum quarterly distribution.

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The following table illustrates the total amount of available cash from operating surplus that would be distributed to the unitholders and the general partner, including in respect of incentive distribution rights, or IDRs, based on an average of the amounts distributed per quarter for the two quarters immediately prior to the reset. The table assumes that there are 66,268,610 common units and 1,352,421 general partner units, representing a 2% general partner interest, outstanding, and that the average distribution to each common unit is \$0.60 for the two quarters prior to the reset. The assumed number of outstanding units assumes the conversion of all subordinated units into common units and no additional unit issuances.

|                                      | Quarterly<br>Distribution<br>per Unit<br>Prior to Reset | Common<br>Unitholders<br>Cash<br>Distributions<br>Prior to<br>Reset | General Partner Cash Distributions Prior to Reset |                                      |               |               | Total         | Total<br>Distributions |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|
|                                      |   |   | Class B<br>Units                                  | 2%<br>General<br>Partner<br>Interest | IDRs          | Total         |               |                        |
| Minimum<br>Quarterly<br>Distribution | \$0.30  | \$ 19,880,583   | \$ 0  | \$ 405,726                           | \$0           | \$405,726     | \$ 20,286,309 |                        |
| First Target<br>Distribution         | \$0.345   | 2,982,087   | 0   | 60,859                               | 0             | 60,859        | 3,042,946     |                        |
| Second<br>Target<br>Distribution     | \$0.375   | 1,988,058   | 0   | 46,778                               | 304,056       | 350,834       | 2,338,892     |                        |
| Third Target<br>Distribution         | \$0.45  | 4,970,146   | 0   | 132,537                              | 1,524,178     | 1,656,715     | 6,626,861     |                        |
| Thereafter                           | \$0.45  | 9,940,292   | 0   | 397,612                              | 9,542,680     | 9,940,292     | 19,880,584    |                        |
|                                      |   | \$ 39,761,166   | \$ 0  | \$ 1,043,512                         | \$ 11,370,914 | \$ 12,414,426 | \$ 52,175,592 |                        |

The following table illustrates the total amount of available cash from operating surplus that would be distributed to the unitholders and the general partner with respect to the quarter in which the reset occurs. The table reflects that as a result of the reset there are 66,268,610 common units, 18,951,523 Class B units and 1,739,186 general partner units, outstanding, and that the average distribution to each common unit is \$0.60. The number of Class B units was calculated by dividing (x) \$11,370,914 as the average of the amounts received by the general partner in respect of its incentive distribution rights, or IDRs, for the two quarters prior to the reset as shown in the table above by (y) the \$0.60 of available cash from operating surplus distributed to each common unit as the average distributed per common unit for the two quarters prior to the reset.

| Quarterly<br>Distribution<br>per<br>Unit After Reset | Common<br>Unitholders<br>Cash<br>Distributions<br>After Reset | General Partner Cash Distributions<br>After Reset |                                      |      |       | Total | Total<br>Distributions |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|------------------------|
|  |   | Class B<br>Units                                  | 2%<br>General<br>Partner<br>Interest | IDRs | Total |       |                        |

|                                      |        |               |               |              |      |               |               |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| Minimum<br>Quarterly<br>Distribution | \$0.60 | \$ 39,761,166 | \$ 11,370,914 | \$ 1,043,512 | \$ 0 | \$ 12,414,426 | \$ 52,175,592 |
| First Target<br>Distribution         | \$0.69 | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0    | 0             | 0             |
| Second<br>Target<br>Distribution     | \$0.75 | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0    | 0             | 0             |
| Third Target<br>Distribution         | \$0.90 | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0    | 0             | 0             |
| Thereafter                           | \$0.90 | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0    | 0             | 0             |
|                                      |        | \$ 39,761,166 | \$ 11,370,914 | \$ 1,043,512 | \$ 0 | \$ 12,414,426 | \$ 52,175,592 |

Our general partner will be entitled to cause the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution levels to be reset on more than one occasion, provided that it may not make a reset election except at a time when it has received incentive distributions for the prior four consecutive fiscal quarters based on the highest level of incentive distributions that it is entitled to receive under our partnership agreement.

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### **Distributions from Capital Surplus**

***How Distributions from Capital Surplus Will Be Made.*** Our partnership agreement requires that we make distributions of available cash from capital surplus, if any, in the following manner:

*first*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until we distribute for each common unit that was issued in this offering an amount of available cash from capital surplus equal to the initial public offering price;

*second*, 98% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until we distribute for each common unit an amount of available cash from capital surplus equal to any unpaid arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units; and

*thereafter*, we will make all distributions of available cash from capital surplus as if they were from operating surplus.

***Effect of a Distribution from Capital Surplus.*** Our partnership agreement treats a distribution of capital surplus as the repayment of the initial unit price from this initial public offering, which is a return of capital. The initial public offering price less any distributions of capital surplus per unit is referred to as the unrecovered initial unit price. Each time a distribution of capital surplus is made, the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels will be reduced in the same proportion as the corresponding reduction in the unrecovered initial unit price. Because distributions of capital surplus will reduce the minimum quarterly distribution, after any of these distributions are made, it may be easier for the general partner to receive incentive distributions and for the subordinated units to convert into common units. However, any distribution of capital surplus before the unrecovered initial unit price is reduced to zero cannot be applied to the payment of the minimum quarterly distribution or any arrearages.

Once we distribute capital surplus on a unit issued in this offering in an amount equal to the initial unit price, our partnership agreement specifies that the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels will be reduced to zero. Our partnership agreement specifies that we then make all future distributions from operating surplus, with 50% being paid to the holders of units and 50% to the general partner. The percentage interests shown for our general partner include its 2% general partner interest and assume the general partner has not transferred the incentive distribution rights.

### **Adjustment to the Minimum Quarterly Distribution and Target Distribution Levels**

In addition to adjusting the minimum quarterly distribution and target distribution levels to reflect a distribution of capital surplus, if we combine our units into fewer units or subdivide our units into a greater number of units, our partnership agreement specifies that the following items will be proportionately adjusted:

the minimum quarterly distribution;

target distribution levels;

the unrecovered initial unit price; and

the number of common units into which a subordinated unit is convertible.

For example, if a two-for-one split of the common units should occur, the minimum quarterly distribution, the target distribution levels and the unrecovered initial unit price would each be reduced to 50% of its initial level and each subordinated unit would be convertible into two common units. Our partnership agreement provides that we not make any adjustment by reason of the issuance of additional units for cash or property.

In addition, if legislation is enacted or if existing law is modified or interpreted by a governmental authority, so that we become taxable as a corporation or otherwise subject to taxation as an entity for federal, state or local income tax purposes, our partnership agreement specifies that the general partner may reduce the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels for each quarter by multiplying

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each distribution level by a fraction, the numerator of which is available cash for that quarter and the denominator of which is the sum of available cash for that quarter plus the general partner's estimate of our aggregate liability for the quarter for such income taxes payable by reason of such legislation or interpretation. To the extent that the actual tax liability differs from the estimated tax liability for any quarter, the difference will be accounted for in subsequent quarters.

### **Distributions of Cash Upon Liquidation**

**General.** If we dissolve in accordance with the partnership agreement, we will sell or otherwise dispose of our assets in a process called liquidation. We will first apply the proceeds of liquidation to the payment of our creditors. We will distribute any remaining proceeds to the unitholders and the general partner, in accordance with their capital account balances, as adjusted to reflect any gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition of our assets in liquidation.

The allocations of gain and loss upon liquidation are intended, to the extent possible, to entitle the holders of outstanding common units to a preference over the holders of outstanding subordinated units upon our liquidation, to the extent required to permit common unitholders to receive their unrecovered initial unit price plus the minimum quarterly distribution for the quarter during which liquidation occurs plus any unpaid arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units. However, there may not be sufficient gain upon our liquidation to enable the holders of common units to fully recover all of these amounts, even though there may be cash available for distribution to the holders of subordinated units. Any further net gain recognized upon liquidation will be allocated in a manner that takes into account the incentive distribution rights of the general partner.

**Manner of Adjustments for Gain.** The manner of the adjustment for gain is set forth in the partnership agreement. If our liquidation occurs before the end of the subordination period, we will allocate any gain to the partners in the following manner:

first, to the general partner and the holders of units who have negative balances in their capital accounts to the extent of and in proportion to those negative balances;

second, 98% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until the capital account for each common unit is equal to the sum of: (1) the unrecovered initial unit price; (2) the amount of the minimum quarterly distribution for the quarter during which our liquidation occurs; and (3) any unpaid arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution;

third, 98% to the Class B unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until the capital account for each Class B unit is equal to the sum of: (1) the unrecovered initial unit price; and (2) the amount for the minimum quarterly distribution for the quarter during which our liquidation occurs;

fourth, 98% to the subordinated unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner until the capital account for each subordinated unit is equal to the sum of: (1) the unrecovered initial unit price; and (2) the amount of the minimum quarterly distribution for the quarter during which our liquidation occurs;

fifth, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until we allocate under this paragraph an amount per unit equal to: (1) the sum of the excess of the first target distribution per unit over the minimum quarterly distribution per unit for each quarter of our existence; less (2) the cumulative amount per unit of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the minimum quarterly distribution per unit that we distributed 98% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, for each quarter of our existence;



sixth, 85% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the general partner, until we allocate under this paragraph an amount per unit equal to: (1) the sum of the excess of the second target distribution per unit over the first target distribution per unit for each quarter of our existence; less (2) the cumulative amount per unit of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of

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the first target distribution per unit that we distributed 85% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the general partner for each quarter of our existence;

seventh, 75% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the general partner, until we allocate under this paragraph an amount per unit equal to: (1) the sum of the excess of the third target distribution per unit over the second target distribution per unit for each quarter of our existence; less (2) the cumulative amount per unit of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the second target distribution per unit that we distributed 75% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the general partner for each quarter of our existence; and

thereafter, 50% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 50% to the general partner.

The percentage interests set forth above for our general partner include its 2% general partner interest and assume the general partner has not transferred the incentive distribution rights.

If the liquidation occurs after the end of the subordination period, the distinction between common units and subordinated units will disappear, so that clause (3) of the second bullet point above and all of the fourth bullet point above will no longer be applicable.

***Manner of Adjustments for Losses.*** If our liquidation occurs before the end of the subordination period, we will generally allocate any loss to the general partner and the unitholders in the following manner:

first, 98% to holders of subordinated units in proportion to the positive balances in their capital accounts and 2% to the general partner, until the capital accounts of the subordinated unitholders have been reduced to zero;

second, 98% to holders of Class B units in proportion to the positive balances in their capital accounts and 2% to the general partner, until the capital accounts of the Class B unitholders have been reduced to zero;

third, 98% to the holders of common units in proportion to the positive balances in their capital accounts and 2% to the general partner, until the capital accounts of the common unitholders have been reduced to zero; and

thereafter, 100% to the general partner.

If the liquidation occurs after the end of the subordination period, the distinction between common units and subordinated units will disappear, so that all of the first bullet point above will no longer be applicable.

***Adjustments to Capital Accounts.*** Our partnership agreement requires that we make adjustments to capital accounts upon the issuance of additional units. In this regard, our partnership agreement specifies that we allocate any unrealized and, for tax purposes, unrecognized gain or loss resulting from the adjustments to the unitholders and the general partner in the same manner as we allocate gain or loss upon liquidation. In the event that we make positive adjustments to the capital accounts upon the issuance of additional units, our partnership agreement requires that we allocate any later negative adjustments to the capital accounts resulting from the issuance of additional units or upon our liquidation in a manner which results, to the extent possible, in the general partner's capital account balances equaling the amount which they would have been if no earlier positive adjustments to the capital accounts had been made.

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**SELECTED HISTORICAL AND PRO FORMA FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA**

The following table shows (i) selected combined historical financial and operating data of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor, (ii) selected combined pro forma financial data of Spectra Energy Partners and (iii) selected historical financial and operating data of Gulfstream and Market Hub for the periods and as of the dates indicated. The selected combined historical financial data of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 are derived from the historical audited combined financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor, appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. The historical combined financial data of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2003 and as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2007 are derived from the unaudited combined financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor. The table should also be read together with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The selected historical financial data of Gulfstream and Market Hub as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 are derived from the audited financial statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus, and as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2007 are derived from the historical unaudited combined financial statements of Gulfstream and Market Hub, respectively. All other historical financial data for Gulfstream and Market Hub are derived from our financial records.

The combined pro forma financial data of Spectra Energy Partners as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, and as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2007 are derived from the unaudited pro forma combined financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners included elsewhere in this prospectus. The pro forma adjustments have been prepared as if certain transactions to be effected at the closing of this offering had taken place on March 31, 2007, in the case of the pro forma balance sheet, as of January 1, 2006 and in the case of the pro forma statements of operations for the year ended December 31, 2006, and for the three months ended March 31, 2007. These transactions include:

East Tennessee's and Market Hub's distribution of accounts receivable of \$11.7 million and \$3.9 million, respectively, to Spectra Energy Corp;

The proceeds to Spectra Energy Partners from the issuance and sale of 10.0 million common units at an initial offering price of \$22.00 per unit;

Spectra Energy Partners' borrowings under a new \$500 million credit facility of approximately \$163.1 million in term debt and \$125 million in revolving debt; and

Spectra Energy Partners' use of proceeds and borrowings to pay transaction expenses and underwriting commissions, reimburse subsidiaries of Spectra Energy for certain capital expenditures, fund working capital, and invest in qualifying investment grade securities.

The following table includes the following non-GAAP financial measures:

Our historical and pro forma Adjusted EBITDA;

Adjusted EBITDA for both our 24.5% ownership interest in Gulfstream and our 50.0% ownership interest in Market Hub;

Our historical and pro forma cash available for distribution; and

Cash available for distribution for both our 24.5% ownership interest in Gulfstream and our 50.0% ownership interest in Market Hub.

These measures are presented because such information is relevant to, and is expected to be used by, management, industry analysts, investors, lenders and rating agencies to assess the financial performance and operating results of our fundamental business activities. Our 24.5% ownership interest in Gulfstream and our 50.0% ownership interest in Market Hub are not consolidated in our pro forma financial results, but are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. In order to evaluate our Adjusted EBITDA for

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the cash impact of our investments in Gulfstream and Market Hub on our results, we calculate Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution separately for us and our ownership interests in Gulfstream and Market Hub. We expect distributions we receive from Gulfstream and Market Hub to represent a significant portion of the cash we distribute to our unitholders. The limited liability company agreement for Gulfstream and the general partnership agreement for Market Hub provide for quarterly distributions of available cash to their members. Please read [How We Make Cash Distributions](#) [General](#) [Limitations on Cash Distributions and Our Ability to Change Our Cash Distribution Policy](#) for more information on the manner in which Gulfstream and Market Hub distribute cash to their members.

We define our Adjusted EBITDA as net income plus interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization less our equity in earnings of Gulfstream and Market Hub, interest income and other income (expenses), net, which primarily consists of non-cash AFUDC and certain other items such as insurance recoveries.

For Gulfstream and Market Hub, we define Adjusted EBITDA as net income plus interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization less interest income and other income, net, which primarily consists of non-cash AFUDC and certain other items such as insurance recoveries. Our equity share of Gulfstream's Adjusted EBITDA is 24.5%, and our equity share of Market Hub's Adjusted EBITDA is 50.0%.

We define our cash available for distribution as Adjusted EBITDA plus cash available for distribution from Gulfstream and Market Hub, less net cash paid for interest expense and maintenance capital expenditures. Our cash available for distribution does not reflect changes in working capital balances. Our pro forma cash available for distribution for the year ended December 31, 2006, and for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2007, includes our anticipated incremental general and administrative expense of being a publicly traded partnership.

For Gulfstream and Market Hub, we define cash available for distribution as Adjusted EBITDA less net cash paid for interest expense and maintenance capital expenditures. Cash available for distribution does not reflect changes in working capital balances.

For a reconciliation of these measures to their most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, please read [Non-GAAP Financial Measures](#).

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Pro For**Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor Combined**

|              | Year Ended December 31,                           |           |           |           |           |           | Three Months    |           | Year     |  |
|--------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|----------|--|
|              | 2002  | 2003      | 2004      | 2005      | 2006      | 2006      | 2007            | Ended     |          |  |
|              |   |           |           |           |           |           | Ended March 31, |           | December |  |
|              |   |           |           |           |           |           | 2006            |           | 31,      |  |
|              |   |           |           |           |           |           | 2007            |           | 2006     |  |
|              | (In thousands except per unit and operating data) |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |          |  |
| of           |   |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |          |  |
| <b>Data:</b> |   |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |          |  |
| ng           | \$ 58,442   | \$ 65,865 | \$ 81,716 | \$ 80,003 | \$ 82,609 | \$ 22,221 | \$ 26,433       | \$ 82,609 | \$       |  |
| penses:      |   |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |          |  |
| and          | 11,613  | 19,032    | 26,081    | 24,648    | 21,831    | 10,486    | 6,905           | 21,831    |          |  |
| and          | 14,577  | 15,804    | 21,492    | 23,640    | 18,986    | 4,754     | 4,969           | 18,986    |          |  |
| other        | 3,661   | 4,318     | 518       | 5,264     | 4,177     | 1,607     | (127)           | 4,177     |          |  |
| ng           | 29,851  | 39,154    | 48,091    | 53,552    | 44,994    | 16,847    | 11,747          | 44,994    |          |  |
| of other     |   | (161)     |           |           |           |           |                 |           |          |  |
| come         | 28,591  | 26,550    | 33,625    | 26,451    | 37,615    | 5,374     | 14,686          | 37,615    |          |  |
| nings of     |   |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |          |  |
| ed           | 35,428  | 28,367    | 35,495    | 46,287    | 41,105    | 7,059     | 11,385          | 41,105    |          |  |
| e            | 3,123   | 7,983     | 1,485     | 528       | 1,765     | 335       | 12              | 1,765     |          |  |
| et           | 17,651  | 11        | 6         | 24        | 15        | 4         | 9               | 8,657     |          |  |
| me           | (17,839)  | (6,203)   | (8,258)   | (8,506)   | (8,151)   | (2,067)   | (2,156)         | (24,900)  |          |  |
| nse          | (11,539)  | (6,048)   | (9,202)   | (7,834)   | (10,741)  | (1,212)   | (4,733)         | (453)     |          |  |
| xpense       |   |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |          |  |
|              | \$ 55,415   | \$ 50,660 | \$ 53,151 | \$ 56,950 | \$ 61,608 | \$ 9,493  | \$ 19,203       | \$ 63,789 | \$       |  |
| per          |   |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |          |  |
| ers unit     |   |           |           |           |           |           |                 |           |          |  |
| ts           |   |           |           |           |           |           |                 | \$ 1.20   | \$       |  |
| l units      |   |           |           |           |           |           |                 | \$ 0.41   | \$       |  |

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|              |              |              |              |              |              |    |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|
| \$ 1,081,254 | \$ 1,258,141 | \$ 1,302,974 | \$ 1,202,772 | \$ 1,284,582 | \$ 1,291,966 | \$ |
| 433,244      | 566,697      | 602,226      | 616,316      | 691,820      | 688,789      |    |
| 511,240      | 531,956      | 553,731      | 422,340      | 442,793      | 450,068      |    |
| 150,000      | 150,000      | 150,000      | 150,000      | 150,000      | 150,000      |    |
| 878,203      | 1,021,321    | 1,024,753    | 895,696      | 989,125      | 987,702      |    |

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|  | <b>Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor Combined</b>       |             |             |                  |             | <b>Spectra Energy Partners, LP Pro Forma</b> |                           |
|--|---|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|--|---------------------------|
|  | <b>Three Months Ended</b>                                 |             |             |                  |             | <b>Year Ended</b>                            | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |
|  | <b>Year Ended December 31,</b>                            |             |             | <b>March 31,</b> |             | <b>December 31,</b>                          | <b>March 31,</b>          |
|  | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2005</b> | <b>2006</b> | <b>2006</b>      | <b>2007</b> | <b>2006</b>                                  | <b>2007</b>               |
|  | <b>(In thousands, except per unit and operating data)</b> |             |             |                  |             |  |                           |
| <b>Other Financial Data:</b>   |   |             |             |                  |             |  |                           |
| Spectra Energy Partners  |   |             |             |                  |             |  |                           |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | \$ 83,987   | 93,272      | \$ 62,278   | \$ 17,099        | \$ 22,478   | \$ 64,459                                    | \$ 24,976                 |
| Adjusted EBITDA  | 55,117  | 50,091      | 56,601      | 10,128           | 19,655      | 56,601                                       | 19,655                    |
| Incremental general and administrative expense of being a publicly-traded partnership(a) |   |             |             |                  |             | 5,500  | 1,375                     |
| Net cash paid for interest expense   | 12,955  | 8,566       | 8,591       | 6                | 9           | 16,243                                       | 4,173                     |
| Maintenance capital expenditures   | 6,679   | 8,232       | 10,933      | 1,354            | 895         | 10,933                                       | 895                       |
| Cash available for distribution(b)   | 73,784  | 77,526      | 80,377      | 21,284           | 35,734      | 67,225                                       | 30,195                    |
| Expansion capital expenditures   | 27,590  | 51,083      | 74,977      | 9,655            | 1,198       | 74,977                                       | 1,198                     |
| Gulfstream our 24.5%   |   |             |             |                  |             |  |                           |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 18,771  | 24,999      | 24,712      | 8,373            | 8,171       |  |                           |
| Adjusted EBITDA  | 18,699  | 29,583      | 36,060      | 7,190            | 8,905       |  |                           |
| Net cash paid for interest expense   | 1,555   | 3,869       | 12,109      |                  |             |  |                           |
| Maintenance capital expenditures   | 47  | 234         | 151         | 81               | 216         |  |                           |
| Cash available for distribution(b)   | 17,097  | 25,480      | 23,800      | 7,170            | 8,852       |  |                           |
| Expansion capital expenditures   | 30,356  | 15,000      | 5,149       | 1,642            | 5,204       |  |                           |
| Market Hub our 50.0%   |   |             |             |                  |             |  |                           |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 21,452  | 31,139      | 84,386      | 4,702            | 8,358       |  |                           |
| Adjusted EBITDA  | 27,027  | 32,552      | 24,286      | 5,677            | 8,727       |  |                           |
| Net cash paid for interest expense   |   |             |             |                  |             |  |                           |



|                                    |        |        |        |       |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Maintenance capital expenditures   | 5,823  | 13,799 | 4,763  | 665   | 1,192  |
| Cash available for distribution(b) | 21,204 | 18,753 | 19,500 | 5,345 | 8,131  |
| Expansion capital expenditures     | 2,677  | 5,195  | 22,279 | 3,341 | 18,550 |

**Operating Data:**

|                                  |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| East Tennessee                   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Transportation capacity (Bcf/d)  | 1.263 | 1.280 | 1.319 | 1.279 | 1.319 |
| Contracted firm capacity (Bcf/d) | 1.147 | 1.114 | 1.183 | 1.113 | 1.182 |
| Transported volumes (Bcf)        | 121.7 | 133.1 | 143.7 | 40.9  | 55.8  |
| Gulfstream 100% basis            |       |       |       |       |       |
| Transportation capacity (Bcf/d)  | 1.063 | 1.063 | 1.063 | 1.077 | 1.077 |
| Contracted firm capacity (Bcf/d) | 0.296 | 0.731 | 0.731 | 0.723 | 0.723 |
| Transported volumes (Bcf)        | 110.7 | 179.7 | 251.3 | 47.5  | 47.7  |
| Market Hub 100% basis            |       |       |       |       |       |
| Storage capacity (Bcf)           | 28.7  | 29.8  | 34.8  | 29.8  | 34.8  |

- (a) Upon completion of this offering, we anticipate incurring incremental general and administrative expense of approximately \$5.5 million per year as a result of being a publicly-traded limited partnership. The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements do not reflect these expenses.
- (b) Cash available for distribution of Spectra Energy Partners includes the cash available for distribution from Gulfstream and Market Hub.

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**Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We define our Adjusted EBITDA as net income plus interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization less our equity in earnings of Gulfstream and Market Hub, interest income, and other income (expenses), net, which primarily consists of non-cash AFUDC and certain other items such as insurance recoveries.

For Gulfstream and Market Hub, we define Adjusted EBITDA as net income plus interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization less interest income, and other income, net, which primarily consists of non-cash AFUDC and certain other items such as insurance recoveries. Our equity share of Gulfstream's Adjusted EBITDA is 24.5%, and our equity share of Market Hub's Adjusted EBITDA is 50.0%.

We define our cash available for distribution as Adjusted EBITDA plus cash available for distribution from Gulfstream and Market Hub, less net cash paid for interest expense and maintenance capital expenditures. Our cash available for distribution does not reflect changes in working capital balances. Our pro forma cash available for distribution for the year ended December 31, 2006 and as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2007, includes our anticipated incremental general and administrative expense of being a publicly traded partnership.

For Gulfstream and Market Hub, we define cash available for distribution as Adjusted EBITDA less net cash paid for interest expense and maintenance capital expenditures. Cash available for distribution does not reflect changes in working capital balances.

Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution are used as supplemental financial measures by management and by external users of our financial statements, such as investors and commercial banks, to assess:

the financial performance of our assets without regard to financing methods, capital structure or historical cost basis;

the ability of our assets to generate cash sufficient to pay interest on our indebtedness and to make distributions to our partners; and

our operating performance and return on invested capital as compared to those of other publicly traded limited partnerships that own energy infrastructure assets, without regard to their financing methods and capital structure.

Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution should not be considered alternatives to net income, operating income, net cash provided by operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution exclude some, but not all, items that affect net income and operating income and these measures may vary among other companies. Therefore, Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution as presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Furthermore, while cash available for distribution is a measure we use to assess our ability to make distributions to our unitholders, cash available for distribution should not be viewed as indicative of the actual amount of cash that we have available for distributions or that we plan to distribute for a given period.

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The following tables present reconciliations of the non-GAAP financial measures of Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution for each of us, Gulfstream and Market Hub to their respective GAAP financial measures of net income and net cash provided (used) by operating activities on a historical basis and on a pro forma basis as adjusted for this offering.

|   | Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor Combined |                  |                  |                  |                  | Spectra Energy Partners, LP Pro Forma |                  |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
|   | Three Months                                 |                  |                  |                  |                  | Three Months                          |                  |
|   | Year Ended December 31,                      |                  |                  | Ended            |                  | Year                                  | Ended            |
|   | 2004   | 2005             | 2006             | March 31,        | 2007             | Ended                                 | March 31,        |
|   |  |                  |                  |                  | 2006             | 2007                                  |                  |
| (In thousands)  |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| <b>Spectra Energy Partners</b>  |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| <i>Reconciliation of Non-GAAP</i>   |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| <i>Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Available for Distribution to GAAP Net Income</i> |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| Net income  | \$ 53,151                                    | \$ 56,950        | \$ 61,608        | \$ 9,493         | \$ 19,203        | \$ 63,789                             | \$ 21,701        |
| Add:  |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| Interest expense  | 8,258  | 8,506            | 8,151            | 2,067            | 2,156            | 24,900                                | 6,343            |
| Income tax expense  | 9,202  | 7,834            | 10,741           | 1,212            | 4,733            | 453                                   | 209              |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 21,492                                       | 23,640           | 18,986           | 4,754            | 4,969            | 18,986                                | 4,969            |
| Less:   |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| Interest income   | 6  | 24               | 15               | 4                | 9                | 8,657                                 | 2,170            |
| Equity in earnings of Gulfstream  | 11,081                                       | 16,611           | 16,763           | 2,331            | 4,188            | 16,763                                | 4,188            |
| Equity in earnings of Market Hub  | 24,414                                       | 29,676           | 24,342           | 4,728            | 7,197            | 24,342                                | 7,197            |
| Other income (expenses), net  | 1,485  | 528              | 1,765            | 335              | 12               | 1,765                                 | 12               |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>  | <b>\$ 55,117</b>                             | <b>\$ 50,091</b> | <b>\$ 56,601</b> | <b>\$ 10,128</b> | <b>\$ 19,655</b> | <b>\$ 56,601</b>                      | <b>\$ 19,655</b> |
| Add:  |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                       |                  |
| Cash available for distribution from Gulfstream                               | 17,097                                       | 25,480           | 23,800           | 7,170            | 8,852            | 23,800                                | 8,852            |
| Cash available for distribution from Market Hub                               | 21,204                                       | 18,753           | 19,500           | 5,345            | 8,131            | 19,500                                | 8,131            |

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|  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Less:  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Incremental general and administrative expense of being a public company |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | 5,500            | 1,375            |
| Net cash paid for interest expense (income), net                         | 12,955           | 8,566            | 8,591            | 6                | 9                | 16,243           | 4,173            |
| Maintenance capital expenditures   | 6,679            | 8,232            | 10,933           | 1,354            | 895              | 10,933           | 895              |
| <b>Cash available for distribution</b>                                   | <b>\$ 73,784</b> | <b>\$ 77,526</b> | <b>\$ 80,377</b> | <b>\$ 21,284</b> | <b>\$ 35,734</b> | <b>\$ 67,225</b> | <b>\$ 30,195</b> |

*Reconciliation of Non-GAAP*

*Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Available for Distribution to GAAP Net cash provided by operating activities*

|   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Net cash provided by operating activities                     | \$ 83,987        | \$ 93,272        | \$ 62,278        | \$ 17,099        | \$ 22,478        | \$ 64,459        | \$ 24,976        |
| Interest income   | (6)              | (24)             | (15)             | (4)              | (9)              | (8,657)          | (2,170)          |
| Interest expense  | 8,258            | 8,506            | 8,151            | 2,067            | 2,156            | 24,900           | 6,343            |
| Income taxes  | (21,963)         | 3,465            | (2,072)          | (3,822)          | 3,448            | (12,360)         | (1,076)          |
| Distributions received from Market Hub                        |                  |                  |                  |                  | (354)            |                  | (354)            |
| Distributions received from Gulfstream                        | (13,720)         | (29,645)         | (20,335)         | (5,635)          | (3,675)          | (20,335)         | (3,675)          |
| Other   | (2)              | (22)             | (5)              | (4)              |                  | (5)              |                  |
| Changes in operating working capital:                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Accounts receivable   | 848              | (934)            | (49)             | 1,734            | 1,714            | (49)             | 1,714            |
| Other current assets  | 12,837           | (6,189)          | 878              | 313              | (439)            | 878              | (439)            |
| Accounts payable  | 4,787            | (1,687)          | 798              | 1,907            | (516)            | 798              | (516)            |
| Taxes accrued   | 1,438            | (7,527)          | 3,345            | 3,668            | (1,733)          | 3,345            | (1,733)          |
| Other current liabilities                                     | 3,197            | (1,617)          | 8,927            | 4,500            | (3,310)          | 8,927            | (3,310)          |
| Other, including changes in noncurrent assets and liabilities | 1,130            | (7,507)          | (5,300)          | (11,695)         | (105)            | (5,300)          | (105)            |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>  | <b>\$ 55,117</b> | <b>\$ 50,091</b> | <b>\$ 56,601</b> | <b>\$ 10,128</b> | <b>\$ 19,655</b> | <b>\$ 56,601</b> | <b>\$ 19,655</b> |



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|  | <b>Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor Combined</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  | <b>Spectra Energy Partners, LP<br/>Pro Forma</b> |                  |
|--|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
|  | <b>Three Months</b>                                 |                  |                  |                  |                  | <b>Three Months</b>                              |                  |
|  | <b>Year Ended December 31,</b>                      |                  |                  | <b>Ended</b>     |                  | <b>Year</b>                                      | <b>Ended</b>     |
|  | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2005</b>      | <b>2006</b>      | <b>March 31,</b> | <b>2007</b>      | <b>Ended</b>                                     | <b>March 31,</b> |
|  |   |                  |                  | <b>2006</b>      |                  | <b>December 31,</b>                              | <b>2007</b>      |
|  |   |                  |                  |                  |                  | <b>2006</b>                                      |                  |
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b>                               |                  |                  |                  |                  |  |                  |
| Add:   |   |                  |                  |                  |                  |  |                  |
| Cash available for distribution from Gulfstream                          | 17,097  | 25,480           | 23,800           | 7,170            | 8,852            | 23,800   | 8,852            |
| Cash available for distribution from Market Hub                          | 21,204  | 18,753           | 19,500           | 5,345            | 8,131            | 19,500   | 8,131            |
| Less:  |   |                  |                  |                  |                  |  |                  |
| Incremental general and administrative expense of being a public company |   |                  |                  |                  |                  | 5,500  | 1,375            |
| Net cash paid for interest expense (income), net                         | 12,955  | 8,566            | 8,591            | 6                | 9                | 16,243   | 4,173            |
| Maintenance capital expenditures   | 6,679   | 8,232            | 10,933           | 1,354            | 895              | 10,933   | 895              |
| <b>Cash available for distribution</b>                                   | <b>\$ 73,784</b>                                    | <b>\$ 77,526</b> | <b>\$ 80,377</b> | <b>\$ 21,284</b> | <b>\$ 35,734</b> | <b>\$ 67,225</b>                                 | <b>\$ 30,195</b> |

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|   | Year Ended December 31, |                   |                   | Three Months Ended |                  |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|   | 2004                    | 2005              | 2006              | March 31,          | 2007             |
|   | (In thousands)          |                   |                   |                    |                  |
| <b>Gulfstream</b>   |                         |                   |                   |                    |                  |
| <i>Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Available for Distribution to GAAP Net Income</i>                                    |                         |                   |                   |                    |                  |
| Net income  | \$ 45,228               | \$ 67,800         | \$ 68,422         | \$ 9,495           | \$ 17,094        |
| Add:  |                         |                   |                   |                    |                  |
| Interest expense  | 9,092                   | 25,540            | 48,787            | 12,211             | 12,124           |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 25,354                  | 29,190            | 30,406            | 7,585              | 7,623            |
| Less:   |                         |                   |                   |                    |                  |
| Other income (expenses), net  | 3,353                   | 1,783             | 431               | (56)               | 494              |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA 100%</b>   | <b>\$ 76,321</b>        | <b>\$ 120,747</b> | <b>\$ 147,184</b> | <b>\$ 29,347</b>   | <b>\$ 36,347</b> |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA our 24.5%</b>  | <b>\$ 18,699</b>        | <b>\$ 29,583</b>  | <b>\$ 36,060</b>  | <b>\$ 7,190</b>    | <b>\$ 8,905</b>  |
| Less:   |                         |                   |                   |                    |                  |
| Net cash paid for interest expense  | 6,349                   | 15,794            | 49,423            |                    |                  |
| Maintenance capital expenditures  | 190                     | 955               | 617               | 81                 | 216              |
| <b>Cash available for distribution 100%</b>   | <b>\$ 69,782</b>        | <b>\$ 103,998</b> | <b>\$ 97,144</b>  | <b>\$ 29,266</b>   | <b>\$ 36,131</b> |
| <b>Cash available for distribution our 24.5%</b>  | <b>\$ 17,097</b>        | <b>\$ 25,480</b>  | <b>\$ 23,800</b>  | <b>\$ 7,170</b>    | <b>\$ 8,852</b>  |
| <br><i>Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Available for Distribution to GAAP Net cash provided by operating activities</i> |                         |                   |                   |                    |                  |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | \$ 76,617               | \$ 111,858        | \$ 107,083        | \$ 34,176          | \$ 33,353        |
| Interest expense  | 9,092                   | 25,540            | 48,787            | 12,211             | 12,124           |
| Other   | (5,571)                 | (4,962)           | 493               | 56                 | (494)            |
| Changes in operating working capital:   |                         |                   |                   |                    |                  |
| Accounts receivable   | (420)                   | 9,698             | (3,772)           | (457)              | (278)            |
| Other current assets  | (3,575)                 | 143               | 545               | (38)               | (938)            |
| Accounts payable  | (102)                   | 2,066             | (994)             | (305)              | 166              |
| Accrued taxes   | 1,264                   | (4,861)           | (8,050)           | (3,247)            | 6,515            |
| Accrued interest  | (1,573)                 | (6,709)           | 687               | (12,367)           | (12,366)         |
| Accrued liabilities   | 172                     | (5,830)           | 875               | (165)              |                  |
| Fuel tracker liabilities  |                         | (2,962)           | 2,260             | (592)              | (107)            |
| Other current liabilities   | (223)                   | (2,940)           | (3,197)           | 0                  | (0)              |
| Other, including changes in noncurrent assets and liabilities   | 640                     | (294)             | 2,467             | 75                 | (1,628)          |

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|  |                  |           |            |            |           |           |
|--|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>                 | <b>100%</b>      | \$ 76,321 | \$ 120,747 | \$ 147,184 | \$ 29,347 | \$ 36,347 |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>                 | <b>our 24.5%</b> | \$ 18,699 | \$ 29,583  | \$ 36,060  | \$ 7,190  | \$ 8,905  |
| Less:                                  |                  |           |            |            |           |           |
| Net cash paid for interest expense     |                  | 6,349     | 15,794     | 49,423     |           |           |
| Maintenance capital expenditures       |                  | 190       | 955        | 617        | 81        | 216       |
| <b>Cash available for distribution</b> | <b>100%(a)</b>   | \$ 69,782 | \$ 103,998 | \$ 97,144  | \$ 29,266 | \$ 36,131 |
| <b>Cash available for distribution</b> | <b>our 24.5%</b> | \$ 17,097 | \$ 25,480  | \$ 23,800  | \$ 7,170  | \$ 8,852  |

(a) Actual member distributions for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 were approximately \$56.0 million, \$121.0 million and \$83.0 million, respectively. In addition, there was a \$621.0 million return of capital in 2005.



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|   | Year Ended December 31, |                  |                  | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |                  |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|   | 2004                    | 2005             | 2006             | 2006                            | 2007             |
|   | (In thousands)          |                  |                  |                                 |                  |
| <b>Market Hub</b>   |                         |                  |                  |                                 |                  |
| <i>Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Available for Distribution to GAAP Net Income</i>                                    |                         |                  |                  |                                 |                  |
| Net income  | \$ 48,829               | \$ 59,353        | \$ 48,684        | \$ 9,457                        | \$ 14,515        |
| Add:  |                         |                  |                  |                                 |                  |
| Interest expense  |                         |                  | 2,636            | 33                              | 1,023            |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 6,788                   | 6,938            | 7,815            | 1,866                           | 2,077            |
| Less:   |                         |                  |                  |                                 |                  |
| Interest income   | 30                      | 41               | 11               | 2                               | 4                |
| Other income (expenses), net  | 1,533                   | 1,146            | 10,553           |                                 | 157              |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA 100%</b>   | <b>\$ 54,054</b>        | <b>\$ 65,104</b> | <b>\$ 48,571</b> | <b>\$ 11,354</b>                | <b>\$ 17,454</b> |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA our 50.0%</b>  | <b>\$ 27,027</b>        | <b>\$ 32,552</b> | <b>\$ 24,286</b> | <b>\$ 5,677</b>                 | <b>\$ 8,727</b>  |
| Less:   |                         |                  |                  |                                 |                  |
| Net cash paid for interest expense  |                         |                  | 43               |                                 |                  |
| Maintenance capital expenditures  | 11,646                  | 27,599           | 9,528            | 665                             | 1,192            |
| <b>Cash available for distribution 100%</b>   | <b>\$ 42,408</b>        | <b>\$ 37,505</b> | <b>\$ 39,000</b> | <b>\$ 10,689</b>                | <b>\$ 16,262</b> |
| <b>Cash available for distribution our 50.0%</b>  | <b>\$ 21,204</b>        | <b>\$ 18,753</b> | <b>\$ 19,500</b> | <b>\$ 5,345</b>                 | <b>\$ 8,131</b>  |
| <br><i>Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Available for Distribution to GAAP Net cash provided by operating activities</i> |                         |                  |                  |                                 |                  |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | \$ 42,904               | \$ 62,278        | \$ 168,771       | \$ 9,403                        | \$ 16,715        |
| Interest income   | (30)                    | (41)             | (11)             | (2)                             | (4)              |
| Interest expense  |                         |                  | 2,636            | 33                              | 1,023            |
| Other   | 6                       | (10)             |                  |                                 | (157)            |
| Changes in operating working capital:   |                         |                  |                  |                                 |                  |
| Accounts receivable   | 36,682                  | (16,306)         | (5,944)          | 121                             | (7,349)          |
| Inventory   | 808                     | 3,137            | (6,113)          | (335)                           | 183              |
| Other current assets  | (260)                   |                  |                  | 1,891                           | 2,106            |
| Accounts payable  | (1,593)                 | 363              | (4,804)          |                                 |                  |
| Accrued taxes   | 214                     | 506              | (379)            | (945)                           | 582              |
| Collateral liabilities  | (1,799)                 | (491)            | (56,341)         | 130                             |                  |
| Other accrued liabilities   | (22,852)                | 14,587           | (2,638)          | 799                             | 3,687            |
|   | (26)                    | 1,081            | (46,606)         | 259                             | 668              |

Other, including changes in noncurrent  
assets and liabilities

|  |                  |           |           |           |           |           |
|--|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>                 | <b>100%</b>      | \$ 54,054 | \$ 65,104 | \$ 48,571 | \$ 11,354 | \$ 17,454 |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>                 | <b>our 50.0%</b> | \$ 27,027 | \$ 32,552 | \$ 24,286 | \$ 5,677  | \$ 8,727  |
| Less:                                  |                  |           |           |           |           |           |
| Net cash paid for interest expense     |                  |           |           | 43        |           |           |
| Maintenance capital expenditures       |                  | 11,646    | 27,599    | 9,528     | 665       | 1,192     |
| <b>Cash available for distribution</b> | <b>100%</b>      | \$ 42,408 | \$ 37,505 | \$ 39,000 | \$ 10,689 | \$ 16,262 |
| <b>Cash available for distribution</b> | <b>our 50.0%</b> | \$ 21,204 | \$ 18,753 | \$ 19,500 | \$ 5,345  | \$ 8,131  |

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF  
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

*You should read the following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with our historical consolidated financial statements and notes and our pro forma financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. Because of the significance of our investments in Gulfstream and Market Hub, we include separate historical financial statements and notes of Gulfstream and Market Hub in this prospectus as well as additional discussion of their financial condition and results of operations presented below. You should read this analysis in conjunction with the historical financial statements of Gulfstream and Market Hub and the notes to those financial statements found elsewhere in this prospectus.*

**Overview**

We are a Delaware limited partnership recently formed by Spectra Energy to own and operate natural gas transportation and storage assets. Our initial assets consist of the following:

***East Tennessee System.*** We own and operate 100% of the approximately 1,400-mile East Tennessee interstate natural gas transportation system, which extends from central Tennessee eastward into southwest Virginia and northern North Carolina, and southward into northern Georgia. East Tennessee also owns and operates an LNG storage facility in Kingsport, Tennessee with working gas storage capacity of approximately 1.0 Bcf and regasification capability of 150 MMcf/d.

***Gulfstream System.*** We own a 24.5% interest in the approximately 690-mile Gulfstream interstate natural gas transportation system, which extends from Pascagoula, Mississippi and Mobile, Alabama across the Gulf of Mexico and into central Florida.

***Market Hub System.*** We own a 50.0% interest in Market Hub, which owns and operates two high-deliverability salt cavern natural gas storage facilities located in Louisiana and Texas with aggregate working gas storage capacity of approximately 35 Bcf.

**Our Organic Growth Initiatives**

Each of our systems has recently been expanded, is undergoing current expansion or presents additional organic growth opportunities for future expansion. We have budgeted approximately \$110 million for all of our planned growth capital expenditures through 2008, including our related capital contributions to Gulfstream and Market Hub. Examples of our organic expansion projects include:

***East Tennessee System Expansions.*** Since acquiring East Tennessee in 2000 we have completed expansions that have doubled its market delivery capability from 668 MMcf/d to 1.3 Bcf/d. Our recently completed, approximately \$302 million Patriot Extension contributed approximately 400 MMcf/d of capacity to this total and for the first time linked East Tennessee with markets in North Carolina and the broader Mid-Atlantic region. The addition of this new market has allowed East Tennessee to pursue additional greenfield expansions such as the approximately \$60 million Jewell Ridge Lateral, which added capacity of up to 228 MMcf/d for delivery of additional Appalachian production to East Tennessee customers. Spectra Energy is currently evaluating additional storage projects at its Saltville storage facility to provide supply flexibility to the markets served on each end of the East Tennessee system. We believe the East Tennessee expansion projects will offer additional organic growth opportunities as those assets are further expanded.

*Gulfstream System Expansions.* Two fully-contracted expansion projects are currently being pursued for Gulfstream to increase its utilization and total system capacity. The estimated \$135 million Phase III project will extend the pipeline to a new market, enabling us to fully subscribe Gulfstream's existing mainline capacity. The estimated \$117 million Phase IV project will add compression and extend the pipeline to a new market, increasing Gulfstream's mainline capacity from 1.1 Bcf/d to 1.25 Bcf/d by early 2009. Both of these expansions are fully-supported by customer contracts with 23-year initial terms. The Phase III project has already received FERC

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approval and the Phase IV project has an application pending with FERC for approval. Our 24.5% share of the remaining expansion costs for both Phase III and Phase IV is expected to be approximately \$51.3 million. In addition, in June 2007 Gulfstream initiated an open season seeking customer interest for incremental contract capacity additions commencing as early as 2011.

*Market Hub System Expansions.* Expansion projects are currently being pursued at Market Hub's Egan, Louisiana storage facility to increase its aggregate working gas storage capacity from its current capacity of 20 Bcf to 24 Bcf by 2008. An application is currently pending with FERC for approval to further expand Egan to 32 Bcf by 2012. An expansion is also underway to increase the natural gas injection capability of Egan. This estimated \$50 million expansion will be placed into service during the summer of 2007, adding approximately 22,800 horsepower of compression and increasing Egan's injection capacity by approximately 0.5 Bcf/d to approximately 1.3 Bcf/d. Our 50% share of the remaining expansion costs for all of these projects is expected to be approximately \$73.8 million. In addition, since acquiring Market Hub in 2000, Spectra Energy has expanded the storage capacity at Moss Bluff by approximately 4 Bcf and is currently considering additional capacity expansions.

We intend to finance our expansion projects with an appropriate combination of equity and debt. In addition, any refusal by FERC to issue certificate authorization for one or more of these projects may mean that we cannot pursue these projects or that they are constructed in a manner and with capacities that we do not currently anticipate.

## **Factors that Impact our Business**

The high percentage of our business derived from capacity reservation fees mitigates the risk to us of revenue fluctuations due to near-term changes in natural gas supply and demand conditions. However, all of our businesses can be negatively affected by sustained downturns or sluggishness in the economy in general, and are impacted by shifts in supply and demand dynamics, the mix of services requested by our customers, and changes in regulatory requirements affecting our operations. Short-term contracts and interruptible service arrangements are not a significant component of our revenue; however, these services can be impacted positively or negatively to varying degrees by natural gas price volatility and other factors beyond our control. We mitigate our exposure to natural gas prices by contracting our available transportation capacity on long-term, fixed-rate arrangements that effectively isolate us from the effects of short-term natural gas price volatility.

We believe the key factors that impact our business are the supply of and demand for natural gas in the markets in which we operate; our customers and their requirements; and government regulation of natural gas pipelines and storage systems. These key factors, discussed in more detail below, play an important role in how we evaluate our operations and implement our long-term strategies.

### *Supply and Demand Dynamics*

To effectively manage our business, we monitor our market areas for both short-term and long-term shifts in natural gas supply and demand. Our natural gas transportation business links sources of natural gas supply to customers in market demand areas, and our storage services allow our customers to manage volatility in natural gas supply and demand, as well as price, throughout our markets. A shift in the supply of natural gas or the demand for natural gas in a particular market impacts the demand for our services in that market. Changes in natural gas supply such as new discoveries of natural gas reserves, declining production in older fields and the introduction of new sources of natural gas supply, such as imported LNG, affect the demand for our services from both producers and consumers. As these supply dynamics shift, we anticipate that we will actively pursue projects that link these new sources of supply to producers and consumers willing to contract for transportation or storage on a long-term firm basis. Changes in demographics, the amount of natural gas fired power generation, and shifts in residential usage affect the overall

demand for natural gas. In turn, our customers, which include LDCs, utilities and power generators, increase or decrease their demand for our services as a result of these changes. As customer demand dynamics change, we anticipate that we will create new services or capacity arrangements that meet their

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long-term requirements. As a result of a substantial majority of our capacity being reserved on a long-term, fixed-rate fee basis, our revenues are not significantly affected by variations in customers' actual usage resulting from commodity price volatility.

### *Customers*

We transport and store natural gas for a broad mix of customers, including LDCs, utilities, direct industrial users, electric power generators, marketers, producers or other suppliers, and interstate and intrastate pipelines. In addition to serving directly connected Southeastern markets, our pipeline and storage systems have access to customers in the Mid-Atlantic, Northeastern and Midwestern regions of the United States through numerous interconnections with major pipelines. Our customers use our transportation and storage services for a variety of reasons. LDCs and electric power generators typically require a secure and reliable supply of natural gas over a sustained period of time to meet the needs of their customers. Frequently, these types of customers will enter into long-term firm transportation and storage contracts to ensure both a ready supply of natural gas and sufficient transportation capacity over the life of the contract. Producers of natural gas require the ability to deliver their product to market. Producers frequently enter into firm transportation contracts to ensure that they will have sufficient capacity available to deliver their product to delivery points with greater market liquidity. Marketers that generate income from buying and selling natural gas use our storage and transportation services to capitalize on price differentials over time or between markets. Generally demand for our storage services from marketers increases with natural gas price volatility. Our customer mix can vary over time and largely depends on the natural gas supply and demand dynamics in our markets.

### *Regulation*

Government regulation of natural gas transportation and storage has a significant impact on our business. Our rates are regulated under FERC rate-making policies, and, in the case of our storage facility in Texas, by the TRC. FERC regulatory policies govern the rates that each pipeline is permitted to charge customers for interstate transportation and storage of natural gas. Under certain circumstances we are permitted to enter into contracts with customers under negotiated rates that differ from the rates imposed by FERC. From time to time, certain revenues collected may be subject to possible refunds upon final FERC orders. For more information see *Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates* *Cost-Based Regulation* and *Business Regulation* *FERC Regulation*. Accordingly, estimates of rate refund reserves are recorded considering regulatory proceedings, advice of counsel and our evaluation of the net cumulative effect of all undecided regulatory matters, as well as other risks. The operations and maintenance of our assets are also governed by other federal and state regulatory agencies, including the Department of Transportation. For more information see *Business Regulation* and *Business Safety and Maintenance*.

## **How We Evaluate Our Operations**

We evaluate our business on the basis of the following key measures:

- our contract mix and percentage of physical capacity sold, particularly the component of services that we provide under firm and interruptible contracts;
- our operating, general and administrative expenses;
- our Adjusted EBITDA; and
- our estimated cash available for distribution.

### ***Contract Mix and Percentage of Physical Capacity Sold***

We compete for transportation and storage customers based on the specific type of service a customer needs, operating flexibility, available capacity and price. We provide a significant portion of our transportation and storage services through firm contracts and derive a smaller portion of our revenues through



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interruptible contracts. We seek to maximize the portion of our physical capacity sold under firm contracts. To the extent that physical capacity that is contracted for firm service is not being fully utilized, we can contract such capacity for interruptible service. The table below sets forth certain information regarding our assets, our contracts and our revenues, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006:

| Asset          | Revenue Composition % |                           |               |                         | % of Physical Capacity          | Weighted Average Remaining Contract Life (in years)(1) |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
|                | Our Ownership %       | Firm Contracts            |               |                         | Subscribed Under Firm Contracts |  |
|                |                       | Capacity Reservation Fees | Variable Fees | Interruptible Contracts |                                 |  |
| East Tennessee | 100.0%                | 97.7%                     | 1.7%          | 0.6%                    | 89.7%                           | 9.3  |
| Gulfstream     | 24.5%                 | 85.6%                     | 2.9%          | 11.5%                   | 68.7%                           | 20.2   |
| Market Hub     | 50.0%                 | 90.0%                     | 0.0%          | 10.0%                   | 100.0%                          | 2.4  |

(1) The average life of each contract is calculated based on the average annual contract revenue for such contract's remaining life.

Firm transportation service requires us to reserve pipeline capacity for a customer between certain receipt and delivery points. Firm customers generally pay a demand or capacity reservation fee based on the amount of capacity being reserved regardless of whether the capacity is used, plus a usage fee. Firm storage customers also reserve a specific amount of storage capacity, including injection and withdrawal rights, and generally pay a capacity reservation charge based on the amount of capacity being reserved plus an injection and/or withdrawal fee. Annual capacity reservation revenues derived from firm service generally remain constant over the life of the contract because the revenues are generated based upon the capacity reserved and not whether the capacity is actually used. The high percentage of our business derived from capacity reservation fees mitigates the risk to us of revenue fluctuations due to changes in near-term supply and demand conditions, and our ability to maintain or increase the amount of firm service we provide is key to assuring a consistent revenue stream.

Interruptible transportation and storage service is typically short term in nature and is generally used by customers that either do not need firm service or have been unable to contract for firm service. These customers pay only for the volume of gas actually transported or stored. Our obligation to provide this service is limited to available capacity not otherwise used by our firm customers, and customers receiving services under interruptible contracts are not assured capacity in our pipeline or storage facilities. We provide our interruptible service at competitive prices in order to position ourselves to capture short term market opportunities as they occur. We view interruptible service as an important part of our strategy to optimize revenues from our assets.

**Operating, General and Administrative Expenses**

Our operating, general and administrative expenses typically do not vary significantly based upon the amount of gas we transport or store. We obtain in-kind fuel reimbursements from shippers in accordance with each individual tariff or applicable contract terms. While expenses may not materially vary with throughput, our expenses can vary

significantly from period to period. The timing of our expenditures during a year generally fluctuate with customer demands as we typically schedule planned maintenance during off-peak periods. Additionally, fluctuations in project development costs are impacted by the level of project development activity during a period and the timing of project approval. Changes in regulation can also impact our maintenance requirements and affect the timing and amount of our costs and expenditures. As an example, the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006 set new standards for pipelines in assessing the safety and reliability of the pipeline infrastructure and we have incurred and will continue to incur additional costs, as have other pipelines, to meet these standards. For more information see [Business Safety and Maintenance](#).

***Adjusted EBITDA***

We define our Adjusted EBITDA as net income plus interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization less our equity in earnings of Gulfstream and Market Hub, interest income, and other

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income (expenses), net, which primarily consists of non-cash allowance for funds used during construction, or AFUDC, and certain other items such as insurance recoveries. Our Adjusted EBITDA is not a presentation made in accordance with GAAP. Because Adjusted EBITDA excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income and is defined differently by different companies in our industry, our definition of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

Adjusted EBITDA is used as a supplemental financial measure by our management and by external users of our financial statements such as investors, commercial banks and others, to assess:

the financial performance of our assets without regard to financing methods, capital structure or historical cost basis;

the ability of our assets to generate cash sufficient to pay interest on our indebtedness and to make distributions to our partners; and

our operating performance and return on invested capital as compared to those of other publicly traded limited partnerships that own energy infrastructure assets, without regard to their financing methods and capital structure.

***Cash Available for Distribution***

We define our cash available for distribution as our Adjusted EBITDA plus cash available for distribution from Gulfstream and Market Hub, less net cash paid for interest expense and maintenance capital expenditures. Our cash available for distribution does not reflect changes in working capital balances. Our pro forma cash available for distribution for the year ended December 31, 2006, and for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2007, also includes our incremental general and administrative expense of being a publicly-traded partnership.

For Gulfstream and Market Hub, we define cash available for distribution as Adjusted EBITDA less net cash paid for interest expense and maintenance capital expenditures. Cash available for distribution does not reflect changes in working capital balances.

Cash available for distribution should not be viewed as indicative of the actual amount of cash that we have available for distributions or that we plan to distribute for a given period.

Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution should not be considered alternatives to net income, operating income, cash from operations or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution exclude some, but not all, items that affect net income and operating income and these measures may vary among other companies. Therefore, Adjusted EBITDA and cash available for distribution as presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. For a reconciliation of these measures to their most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, please see Selected Historical and Pro Forma Financial and Operating Data Non-GAAP Financial Measures.

**Table of Contents****Results of Operations Combined Overview**

The following table and discussion is a summary of our combined results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006, and the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2007. The results of operations for Gulfstream and Market Hub are discussed in further detail following this combined overview discussion.

|   | Year Ended December 31, |           |           | Three Months Ended |           |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
|   | 2004                    | 2005      | 2006      | 2006               | 2007      |
|   | (In thousands)          |           |           |                    |           |
| <b>Operating Revenues</b>                       |                         |           |           |                    |           |
| Transportation of natural gas                   | \$ 69,242               | \$ 77,553 | \$ 80,531 | \$ 20,938          | \$ 24,950 |
| Transportation of natural gas affiliates        | 9,352                   | 150       | 46        | 54                 |           |
| Storage of natural gas and other                | 3,122                   | 2,300     | 2,032     | 1,229              | 1,483     |
| Total operating revenues                        | 81,716                  | 80,003    | 82,609    | 22,221             | 26,433    |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                       |                         |           |           |                    |           |
| Operations, maintenance and other               | 19,679                  | 16,680    | 8,970     | 6,420              | 3,587     |
| Operations, maintenance and other affiliates    | 6,402                   | 7,968     | 12,861    | 4,066              | 3,318     |
| Depreciation and amortization                   | 21,492                  | 23,640    | 18,986    | 4,754              | 4,969     |
| Property and other taxes                        | 518                     | 5,264     | 4,177     | 1,607              | (127)     |
| Total operating expenses                        | 48,091                  | 53,552    | 44,994    | 16,847             | 11,747    |
| <b>Operating Income</b>                         | 33,625                  | 26,451    | 37,615    | 5,374              | 14,686    |
| <b>Other Income and Expenses</b>                |                         |           |           |                    |           |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | 35,495                  | 46,287    | 41,105    | 7,059              | 11,385    |
| Other income, net                               | 1,485                   | 528       | 1,765     | 335                | 12        |
| Total other income and expenses                 | 36,980                  | 46,815    | 42,870    | 7,394              | 11,397    |
| <b>Interest Income</b>                          | 6                       | 24        | 15        | 4                  | 9         |
| <b>Interest Expense</b>                         | 8,258                   | 8,506     | 8,151     | 2,067              | 2,156     |
| <b>Earnings before Income Taxes</b>             | 62,353                  | 64,784    | 72,349    | 10,705             | 23,936    |
| <b>Income Tax Expense</b>                       | 9,202                   | 7,834     | 10,741    | 1,212              | 4,733     |
| <b>Net Income</b>                               | \$ 53,151               | \$ 56,950 | \$ 61,608 | \$ 9,493           | \$ 19,203 |
| Adjusted EBITDA(a)(b)                           | \$ 55,117               | \$ 50,091 | \$ 56,601 | \$ 10,128          | \$ 19,655 |
| Cash Available for Distribution(b)(c)           | \$ 73,784               | \$ 77,526 | \$ 80,378 | \$ 21,284          | \$ 35,734 |

- (a) We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income plus interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization less our equity in earnings of Gulfstream and Market Hub, interest income, and other income (expenses), net, which primarily includes non-cash AFUDC and certain other items such as insurance recoveries.
- (b) For a reconciliation of this measure to its most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, please see Selected Historical and Pro Forma Financial and Operating Data Non-GAAP Financial Measures.
- (c) We define cash available for distribution as our Adjusted EBITDA plus cash available for distribution from Gulfstream and Market Hub, less net cash paid for interest expense and maintenance capital expenditures. Our cash available for distribution does not reflect changes in working capital balances.

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***Three Months Ended March 31, 2007 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2006***

*Operating Revenues* Combined operating revenues increased \$4.2 million or 19% for the three month period in 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. The increase was primarily due to net increases from new firm transportation contracts, \$2.8 million of which relates to new capacity from the Jewell Ridge expansion project placed into service in 2006.

*Operating Expenses* Combined operating expenses decreased by \$5.1 million or 30% for the three month period in 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. The decrease was primarily due to \$3.2 million in higher project development costs from the Jewell Ridge project expensed in the 2006 period and a \$1.7 million reduction in property and other taxes due to the resolution of ad valorem tax matters in 2007.

*Other Income and Expenses*

*Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates* Combined equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates increased \$4.3 million or 61% for the three month period in 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. The increase is attributable to increased equity in earnings of \$2.5 million from Market Hub, and \$1.9 million from Gulfstream. For the factors impacting Gulfstream's and Market Hub's earnings, see the discussion included below of the results of operations of Gulfstream and Market Hub.

*Other Income and (Expenses), Net* Combined other income and (expenses), net decreased by \$0.3 million for the three month period in 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. This decrease was primarily due to the equity component of allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC) in 2006 as a result of 2006 construction activity on the Jewell Ridge project.

*Income Tax Expense* Combined income tax expense increased by \$3.5 million for the three month period in 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. This increase was primarily attributable to increased taxable income at East Tennessee.

***Year Ended December 31, 2006 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2005***

*Operating Revenues* Combined operating revenues increased slightly by \$2.6 million in 2006 compared to 2005. The increase was primarily due to a \$2.6 million net increase from new firm transportation contracts.

*Operating Expenses* Combined operating expenses decreased by \$8.6 million or 16% in 2006 compared to 2005. The decrease was primarily due to the following factors:

the capitalization in 2006 of \$11.4 million in development costs related to the Jewell Ridge project, approximately \$5.7 million of which was incurred and recognized as operating expense in prior periods;

a decrease of \$4.7 million in depreciation expense due to an increase in the estimated useful lives of certain assets, as agreed to in a negotiated rate settlement with customers of East Tennessee and approved by FERC; partially offset by:

a \$3.5 million increase in operations costs due to pipeline integrity costs and a \$1.2 million increase in insurance costs as a result of higher insurance market rates; and

\$3.1 million in increased non-recurring allocations from Spectra Energy Capital, LLC, or Spectra Energy Capital, related to financial re-engineering and other project costs.

*Other Income and Expenses*

*Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates* Combined equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates decreased \$5.2 million or 11% in 2006 compared to 2005. The decrease is attributable to decreased equity in earnings of \$5.2 million from Market Hub, while equity in earnings from Gulfstream did not change from 2006 to 2005. For the factors impacting Gulfstream's and Market Hub's earnings, see the discussion included below of the results of operations of Gulfstream and Market Hub.

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*Other Income and (Expenses), Net* Combined other income and (expenses), net increased by \$1.2 million in 2006 compared to 2005. This increase was primarily due to an increase in the equity component of AFUDC in 2006 as a result of the 2006 construction activity on the Jewell Ridge Lateral project.

*Income Tax Expense* Combined income tax expense increased by \$2.9 million or 37% in 2006 compared to 2005. This increase was primarily attributable to increased taxable income at East Tennessee.

***Year Ended December 31, 2005 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2004***

*Operating Revenues* Combined operating revenues decreased slightly by \$1.7 million in 2005 compared to 2004. The decrease was due to the elimination of facility rentals and the elimination of a Gas Research Institute surcharge as well as reduced rates associated with the East Tennessee rate settlement.

*Operating Expenses* Combined operating expenses increased by \$5.5 million or 11% in 2005 compared to 2004. The increase was due to the following factors:

a \$6.0 million increase in project development costs, mostly related to the Jewell Ridge project;

a \$4.9 million increase in property and other taxes primarily due to an adjustment of tax reserves in 2004 associated with the resolution of outstanding ad valorem tax matters;

a higher depreciation expense of \$2.1 million, mostly related to the Patriot Extension project that was placed into service; partially offset by:

a \$5.2 million net increase of in-kind fuel recoveries from customers in 2004 in excess of the cost of compressor fuel used; and

a \$2.7 million decrease due to increased capitalized cost due to a higher level of construction activity.

***Other Income and Expense***

*Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates* Combined equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates increased \$10.8 million or 30% in 2005 compared to 2004. The increase is attributable to increased equity in earnings of \$5.5 million from Gulfstream and increased equity in earnings from Market Hub of \$5.3 million in 2005 compared to 2004. For the factors impacting Gulfstream and Market Hub's earnings see the discussion included below of the results of operations of Gulfstream and Market Hub.

*Other Income and (expenses), net* Combined other income and (expenses), net decreased by \$0.9 million in 2005 compared to 2004, as a result of higher equity AFUDC in 2004 related to construction of the Patriot project.

*Income Tax Expense* Combined income tax expense decreased by \$1.4 million or 15% in 2005 compared to 2004. This net decrease was attributable to a decrease in the taxable income at East Tennessee.

***Results of Operations Unconsolidated Affiliates***

We account for Gulfstream and Market Hub using the equity method of accounting. As such, our 24.5% interest in Gulfstream's net operating results and our 50.0% interest in Market Hub's net operating results are reflected as equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates in our Consolidated Statement of Operations. Due to the significance of



Gulfstream's and Market Hub's equity in earnings to our results of operations, the following discussion addresses in greater detail the results of operations for 100% of Gulfstream and 100% of Market Hub.

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| <b>Gulfstream</b>         | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |             |             | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |             |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|
|                           | <b>2004</b>                     | <b>2005</b> | <b>2006</b> | <b>March 31,</b>          | <b>2007</b> |
|                           | <b>(In thousands)</b>           |             |             |                           |             |
| Operating Revenues        | \$ 93,615                       | \$ 145,104  | \$ 180,257  | \$ 39,199                 | \$ 37,970   |
| Operating Expenses        | 42,648                          | 53,547      | 63,479      | 17,437                    | 9,245       |
| Other Income and Expenses | 3,353                           | 1,783       | 431         | (56)                      | 493         |
| Interest Expense          | 9,092                           | 25,540      | 48,787      | 12,211                    | 12,124      |
| Net Income                | \$ 45,228                       | \$ 67,800   | \$ 68,422   | \$ 9,495                  | \$ 17,094   |
| Our 24.5% share           | \$ 11,081                       | \$ 16,611   | \$ 16,763   | \$ 2,326                  | \$ 4,188    |

***Three Months Ended March 31, 2007 compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2006***

Gulfstream's net income increased by \$7.6 million to \$17.1 million or 80% for the three month period in 2007 from \$9.5 million for the same period in 2006. The increase was primarily due to the following factors:

an \$8.2 million decrease in operating expenses primarily due to the resolution of ad valorem tax matters in 2007; partially offset by

a \$1.2 million decrease in operating revenue primarily caused by a \$0.7 million decrease in short-term and variable firm transportation revenues and \$0.4 million in lower interruptible transportation revenues.

***Year Ended December 31, 2006 compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2005***

Gulfstream's net income increased slightly by \$0.6 million to \$68.4 million in 2006 from \$67.8 million in 2005. The increase was primarily due to the following factors:

a \$38.5 million increase in natural gas transportation revenues primarily due to a significant new firm transportation contract; offset by

a \$3.3 million decrease in other revenue due to lower interruptible services;

a \$9.9 million increase in operating and maintenance expenses primarily due to \$2.9 million of increased development costs for Phase III and Phase IV expansion projects, and \$2.1 million of higher property and liability premiums due to increased insurance rates for wind-storm insurance coverage, and \$2.8 million increase in Florida property taxes; and

a \$23.2 million increase in interest expense primarily as a result of \$850 million in project financing entered into in October 2005.

***Year Ended December 31, 2005 compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2004***

Gulfstream's net income increased by \$22.6 million or 50% in 2005 compared to 2004. This increase was principally due to the following factors:

a \$49.9 million increase in natural gas transportation revenues primarily due to Phase II firm transportation contracts that began in February 2005 when these facilities were placed into service, and new interruptible transportation contracts; partially offset by:

\$3.8 million increase in depreciation and amortization expenses due to the placement of Phase II in-service in February 2005;

\$7.2 million increase in property and other taxes due primarily to ad valorem tax on Phase II assets placed into service in February 2005; and

\$16.4 million increase in interest expense due primarily to debt at Gulfstream issued in 2005, described above.

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| Market Hub                | Years Ended December 31, |           |           | Three Months Ended March 31, |           |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
|                           | 2004                     | 2005      | 2006      | 2006                         | 2007      |
|                           | (In thousands)           |           |           |                              |           |
| Operating Revenues        | \$ 65,843                | \$ 77,929 | \$ 78,804 | \$ 16,631                    | \$ 20,817 |
| Operating Expenses        | 18,577                   | 19,763    | 38,048    | 7,143                        | 5,441     |
| Other Income and Expenses | 1,533                    | 1,146     | 10,553    |                              | 158       |
| Interest (Expense)/Income | 30                       | 41        | (2,625)   | (31)                         | (1,019)   |
| Net Income                | \$ 48,829                | \$ 59,353 | \$ 48,684 | \$ 9,457                     | \$ 14,515 |
| Our 50% share             | \$ 24,415                | \$ 29,677 | \$ 24,342 | \$ 4,729                     | \$ 7,258  |

***Three Months Ended March 31, 2007 compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2006***

Market Hub's net income increased \$5.1 million or 53% to \$14.5 million for the three month period in 2007 from \$9.5 million for the same period in 2006. The increase was primarily due to the following factors:

A \$4.2 million increase in operating revenues primarily due to \$3.4 million in increased storage revenues associated with higher rates and \$0.7 million from increased short-term services; and

A \$1.7 million decrease in operating expenses due primarily to a \$2.0 million reduction in property and other taxes due to the resolution of ad valorem tax matters in 2007; and

A \$1.0 million increase in interest expense owed to an affiliate for credit-related deposits made by such affiliate to secure certain commercial activities on Market Hub.

***Year Ended December 31, 2006 compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2005***

Market Hub's net income decreased by \$10.7 million or 18% in 2006 compared to 2005. The decrease was primarily due to the following factors:

an \$18.3 million increase in operating expenses primarily attributable to a \$6.2 million increase in net in-kind fuel costs incurred over reimbursements from customers, \$3.8 million in higher operations costs due to compressor overhauls and general maintenance costs, a \$1.2 million reduction in bad debt costs in 2005 that did not recur and a \$4.1 million increase in corporate cost primarily from insurance and allocations; partially offset by:

a \$9.4 million net increase in gains from asset dispositions, principally due to the recognition of a \$9.8 million gain from the involuntary conversion of an asset arising from the property insurance settlement related to the 2004 cavern well-head fire at Moss Bluff; and

a \$0.9 million increase in operating revenues, primarily due to a \$9.2 million increase in firm storage revenues due to expanded storage capacity and higher rates and a \$2.8 million increase in interruptible storage revenues partially offset by a \$6.2 million net reduction in business interruption insurance proceeds associated with lost revenue related to the 2004 cavern well-head fire at Moss Bluff and a \$4.2 million decrease in net in-kind fuel

recoveries over incurred fuel cost.

***Year Ended December 31, 2005 compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2004***

Market Hub's net income increased by \$10.5 million or 22% in 2005 compared to 2004. This increase was principally due to the following factors:

a \$12.1 million increase in operating revenues, due to the receipt of \$8.1 million from a business interruption insurance claim in 2005 to reimburse Moss Bluff for revenue lost in 2004 due to the cavern well-head fire in 2004, described above and \$4.2 million for net in-kind fuel recoveries over incurred fuel costs in 2005 compared to 2004; and

a \$1.2 million increase in operating expenses, primarily due to a \$1.5 million increase in corporate cost allocations.

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We expect our business to continue to be affected by the following key trends. Our expectations are based on assumptions made by us and information currently available to us. To the extent our underlying assumptions about or interpretations of available information prove to be incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from our expected results. Please see Risk Factors.

***Benefits from System Expansions.*** We expect that our results of operations for the year ending December 31, 2007 and thereafter will benefit from increased revenues associated with expansion projects recently completed or currently planned. For example, East Tennessee's Jewell Ridge Lateral project completed in the fourth quarter of 2006 and its Patriot Extension project initially placed in service in 2003 are now generating increased revenues following significant capital expenditures during their development. Two fully-contracted expansion projects are currently being pursued for Gulfstream that will extend the system into South Florida and will increase its market delivery capability from 1.1 Bcf/d to 1.25 Bcf/d by early 2009, subject to Gulfstream's receipt of approval for its pending applications with FERC. In addition, expansion projects are being pursued at Market Hub's Egan storage facility, to increase its aggregate working gas storage capacity from a current capacity of 20 Bcf to 24 Bcf by 2008. An application is currently pending with FERC to further expand Egan to 32 Bcf by 2012. An expansion is also underway to increase the natural gas injection capability at Egan. This expansion will be placed into service during the summer of 2007, adding 22,800 horsepower of compression and increasing Egan's injection capability by 0.5 Bcf/d to approximately 1.3 Bcf/d.

Prior to commencing construction of expansions of interstate pipeline and storage facilities, a natural gas company must obtain certificate authorization from FERC. Applications are pending before FERC for certificate authorization for Gulfstream's Phase IV project and for Market Hub's expansion project designed to increase working gas storage capacity at the Egan storage facility from 24 Bcf to 32 Bcf.

***Growing Markets.*** According to the EIA, overall demand for natural gas consumption in the markets we serve is expected to grow by approximately 2.1% per year for the period from 2006-2012. We believe this growth will be driven by the construction of new natural gas fired electric generation plants in Florida and elsewhere to meet both a growing population base and a growing per capita demand for electricity. With the recent trend towards natural gas fired electric generation, demand for natural gas during the summer months to satisfy cooling requirements is now increasing. For example, according to the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council, natural gas used for electric generation in the Florida market is expected to grow by approximately 7.1% per year for the period from 2006-2015, from 556 Bcf in 2006 to 1,033 Bcf in 2015. Please see Business Natural Gas Industry Overview.

***Diversity of Supply Sources.*** Domestic gas production in the United States is not expected to keep pace with domestic consumption. According to the EIA, production in the lower 48 states is estimated to grow 0.7% per year, from 50.1 Bcf/d in 2006 to 54.3 Bcf/d in 2012, while U.S. natural gas demand in 2012 is estimated to be 67.3 Bcf/d. While supply in some areas in which we operate is increasing due to new discoveries and increased production, traditional supply in other areas in which we operate is beginning to decline. As supply from these areas declines, or becomes less attractive because of vulnerability to hurricanes and other disruptions, the national supply profile is shifting to new, and, in some cases, to non-conventional sources of gas, including basins in the Mid-Continent and Appalachia. A significant portion of the supply shortfall is expected to be met through LNG imports, which are expected to be delivered predominately through terminals along the Gulf Coast.

***Influence of LNG Imports.*** LNG is expected to become an important part of the U.S. energy market. According to the EIA, LNG's share of total U.S. gas supply could be as high as 17% by 2025. Unlike domestic production, however,

LNG supply does not provide a steady stream of supply because deliveries are driven by spot prices that fluctuate with market dynamics. Given the extensive pipeline infrastructure and available gas processing capability in and around the region, the Gulf Coast is the target for approximately 15 of the 40 proposed U.S. onshore and offshore LNG terminals. LNG projects for this area are, on average, larger than those planned for other U.S. locations. In addition, due to the large existing industrial base located in the region and less anticipated resistance from the local population, many of these

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projects may obtain the necessary regulatory approvals and be developed more expeditiously than proposed projects located in other areas of the country. Please see [Business](#) [Natural Gas Industry Overview](#).

***Growth of Natural Gas Storage Facilities.*** Natural gas storage is becoming an increasingly important factor in the natural gas transportation marketplace, and will play a significant role in handling the increased deliveries of LNG expected in the coming years. As a consequence, a substantial number of natural gas storage projects have been announced and are under development, especially in the Texas and Louisiana areas. According to an October 2006 EIA report, as of July 2006, there were 38 underground storage projects underway in the United States with expected in-service dates between 2006 and 2008, of which 15 are new facilities and 23 are expansions. These projects, assuming full implementation, would increase the working gas capacity in the U.S. by 5% by the end of 2008, and include 16 storage projects underway in the Southwest (including Texas and Louisiana). The Southwestern region of the United States has the highest number of high-deliverability, salt-cavern storage facilities, and the demand for this type of storage is expected to continue to grow. Although an increased supply of storage competing with Market Hub's storage facilities could negatively impact our operations, we believe our facilities are well positioned to take advantage of future growth opportunities.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our ability to finance operations, including to fund capital expenditures and acquisitions, to meet our indebtedness obligations, to refinance our indebtedness or to meet collateral requirements will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future. Our ability to generate cash is subject to a number of factors, some of which are beyond our control, including the impact of regulators on our ability to establish transportation and storage rates. Please see [Risk Factors](#).

Historically, our sources of liquidity included cash generated from operations, cash received from Gulfstream and Market Hub, external debt and funding from Spectra Energy Capital. As mentioned previously, Market Hub was formerly a wholly owned subsidiary of Spectra Energy Capital and did not make distributions to its members. Market Hub will be required to make distributions of its available cash to its partners following this offering. Please see [Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions](#) [Contracts with Affiliates](#) [Market Hub](#). Our cash receipts were historically deposited in Spectra Energy Capital's bank accounts and cash disbursements were made from those accounts. Consequently, our historical financial statements have reflected no cash balances. Cash transactions processed on our behalf by Spectra Energy Capital were reflected in parent net investment as intercompany advances between us and Spectra Energy Capital. Following this offering, we plan to maintain our own bank accounts but will continue to rely on Spectra Energy personnel to manage our cash and investments through our management arrangements with Spectra Energy.

Subsequent to this offering, we expect our sources of liquidity to include:

- the retention of a portion of the proceeds from our initial public offering, as described below;

- cash generated from operations;

- cash distributions received from Market Hub and Gulfstream;

- borrowings under our \$500 million credit facility;

- cash realized from the liquidation of qualifying investment grade securities that will be pledged under our credit facility;

- issuances of additional partnership units; and,



debt offerings.

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Our cash position as of March 31, 2007:

|                                       | <b>As of March 31, 2007</b> |                  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
|                                       | <b>Historical</b>           | <b>Pro Forma</b> |
|                                       | <b>(In thousands)</b>       |                  |
| Cash                                  | \$                          | \$ 10,000        |
| Short-term investments                |                             | 163,050          |
| Total cash and short-term investments | \$                          | \$ 173,050       |

You should also read this table in conjunction with Capitalization .

The sum of the restricted net assets at East Tennessee of \$234 million and our proportionate undistributed earnings of Market Hub of \$120 million amounts to 36% of our net assets as of March 31, 2007. Gulfstream had no undistributed earnings as of March 31, 2007. There may be a significant restriction on the ability of East Tennessee, Market Hub and Gulfstream to transfer funds to Spectra Energy Partners, LP by means of intercompany loans, advances or cash dividends. Please see Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions General Limitations on Cash Distributions and our Ability to Change Our Cash Distribution Policy, which describes the cash distribution requirements of Gulfstream and Market Hub.

We expect to use the retained \$10.0 million to fund working capital. We believe that cash generated from these sources will be sufficient to meet our short-term working capital requirements, long-term capital expenditure requirements and quarterly cash distributions.

***Working Capital***

Working capital is the amount by which current assets exceed current liabilities. Our working capital requirements will be primarily driven by changes in accounts receivable and accounts payable. These changes are primarily impacted by such factors as credit and the timing of collections from customers and the level of spending for maintenance and expansion activity.

We had working capital deficiencies of (\$7.6) million as of March 31, 2007, compared to working capital deficiencies of (\$4.8) million and (\$20.2) million at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. This negative working capital was created by the historical treasury management arrangements with Spectra Energy Capital described above.

Changes in the terms of our transportation and storage arrangements have a direct impact on our generation and use of cash from operations due to their impact on net income, along with the resulting changes in working capital. A material adverse change in operations or available financing may impact our ability to fund our requirements for liquidity and capital resources.

***Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor Combined Cash Flow***

Combined net cash provided by operating activities, combined net cash (used in) provided by investing activities and combined net cash provided by (used in) financing activities for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 and the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2007 were as follows:

|   | <b>For the Years Ended December 31,</b> |             |             | <b>Three Months</b>    |             |
|---|---|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2004</b>                             | <b>2005</b> | <b>2006</b> | <b>Ended March 31,</b> | <b>2007</b> |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b>                   |             |             |                        |             |
| Net cash provided by operating activities           | \$ 83,987                               | \$ 93,272   | \$ 62,278   | \$ 17,099              | \$ 22,478   |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities | (34,269)                                | 92,827      | (85,910)    | (10,841)               | (1,931)     |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (49,718)                                | (186,099)   | 23,632      | (6,258)                | (20,547)    |

The investing and financing activities for our combined cash flows in 2005 were impacted by debt financing at Gulfstream. In October 2005, Gulfstream issued \$500 million aggregate principal amount of

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5.56% Senior Notes due 2015 and \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 6.19% Senior Notes due 2025. The proceeds were used by Gulfstream to pay off a construction loan and the balance of the proceeds, net of transaction costs, of approximately \$620 million was distributed to the partners based upon their ownership percentages. Our 24.5% share of this special distribution was \$152.1 million, which was a return of capital that we had invested in Gulfstream during the construction period and which was recorded as a cash inflow from investing activities. We then distributed this cash to Spectra Energy, which was reflected as a \$152.1 million cash outflow from financing activities. This distribution was in addition to a distribution of \$29.6 million included in 2005 cash provided from operating activities.

***Three Months Ended March 31, 2007 compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2006***

***Operating Activities*** Combined net cash provided by operating activities increased \$5.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to the same period in 2006, primarily due to a \$15.7 million increase from reduced settlements of payables and accrued liabilities and a \$0.8 million increase due to increased collections of receivables partially offset by a \$10.0 million decrease in funds from net income, excluding equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates and changes in deferred taxes, and a \$1.6 million reduction in distributions from equity investees.

***Investing Activities*** Most of the quarterly fluctuations in investing activities can be attributed to a \$8.6 million reduction in expansion capital expenditures. The reduction was primarily due to the completion of the Jewell Ridge expansion project in 2006.

***Financing Activities*** Prior to our initial public offering, all of our cash flow was distributed as a dividend to Spectra Energy. As a result, the changes in cash flow from operations and investing activities impacted our cash flow from financing activities. Most of the quarter-over-quarter fluctuation in financing activities is due to cash flow from operating and investing activities. For quarter one 2007 compared to quarter one 2006 the increase in cash distributed to Spectra Energy is the result of additional cash provided from operations and a reduction of cash used for investing activity due to the reduction of expansion capital expenditures.

***Year Ended December 31, 2006 compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2005***

***Operating Activities*** Combined net cash provided by operating activities decreased \$31.0 million in 2006 compared to 2005, primarily due to \$9.3 million in decreased distributions from Gulfstream and higher cash utilized for working capital of \$31.9 million partially offset by lower current tax expense of \$5.5 million, lower operations and maintenance expenses of \$2.8 million, higher revenues of \$2.6 million and other items of \$1.2 million. The cash utilized for working capital increase of \$31.9 million was comprised of \$10.9 million of increased cash utilized for accrued taxes, \$10.5 million for other current liabilities, \$8.0 million for current assets and \$2.5 million for accounts payable. For 2005 compared to 2004, combined net cash provided by operating activities increased \$9.3 million as a result of \$15.9 million in increased distributions received from Gulfstream and increased working capital requirements of \$15.4 million, \$7.2 million increased net income, net of taxes, partially offset by higher current tax expense of \$25.4 million, higher property taxes of \$4.7 million and a decrease of other items of \$0.1 million. The increased working capital requirements of \$15.4 million were comprised of \$6.5 million for accounts payable, \$4.8 million for other current liabilities, \$9.0 million of additional working capital for accrued taxes, partially offset by \$4.9 million of reduced working capital for current assets.

***Investing Activities*** Most of the year-over-year fluctuations in investing activities was the result of the one time distribution of \$152.1 million from Gulfstream in 2005. Other year-over-year variances in net cash (used in) provided by investing activities were:

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For 2006 compared to 2005, an increase in cash used of approximately \$26.6 million for capital expenditures primarily related to the Jewell Ridge Lateral expansion project of East Tennessee; and

For 2005 compared to 2004, an increase in cash used of approximately \$25.0 million for capital expenditures primarily related to the Jewell Ridge Lateral and Patriot Extension projects.

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**Financing Activities** Prior to our IPO, all of our cash flow was distributed as a dividend to Spectra Energy. As a result, the changes in cash flow from operating and investing activities impacted our cash flow from financing activities. Most of the year-over-year fluctuation in financing activities was the result of the distribution of \$152.1 million to Spectra Energy in 2005. Other year-over-year variances in net cash provided by (used in) financing activities were:

For 2006 compared to 2005, a decrease in cash distributed to Spectra Energy of \$57.6 million as a result of higher capital expenditures and lower operating cash flow; and

For 2005 compared to 2004, a net decrease in cash distributed to Spectra Energy of \$15.8 million as a result of higher capital expenditures partially offset by higher operating cash flow.

## **Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We do not have any off-balance sheet financing entities or structures to third parties, other than our equity investments in Gulfstream and Market Hub, and maintain no debt obligations that contain provisions requiring accelerated payment of the related obligation in the event of specified declines in credit ratings.

However, Gulfstream has \$850 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes outstanding, none of which is consolidated on our balance sheet.

## **Capital Requirements**

The transmission and storage businesses can be capital intensive, requiring significant investment to maintain and upgrade existing operations.

We categorize our capital expenditures as either maintenance capital expenditures or expansion capital expenditures. Maintenance capital expenditures are those expenditures required to maintain the existing operating capacity and service capability of our assets including the replacement of system components and equipment which is worn, obsolete, completing its useful life, or necessary to remain in compliance with environmental laws and regulations. Expansion capital expenditures improve the service capability of the existing assets, extend useful lives, increase transmission or storage capacities from existing levels, reduce costs or enhance revenues. We expect our maintenance capital expenditures and expansion capital expenditures for the twelve months ending June 30, 2008 to be \$11.8 million and \$81.9 million, respectively, including our capital contributions to Gulfstream and Market Hub.

Our historical expansion capital expenditures for East Tennessee were \$75.0 million, \$51.1 million and \$27.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. During the first three months of 2006 and 2007, our capital expenditures for East Tennessee were \$9.7 million and \$1.2 million, respectively. Given our objective of growth through acquisitions and expansions of existing assets, we anticipate that we will continue to invest significant amounts of capital to grow and acquire assets. After the completion of this offering, expansion capital expenditures may vary significantly based on our investment opportunities.

We expect to fund future capital expenditures with funds generated from our operations, borrowings under our new credit facility and the issuance of additional partnership units and debt offerings.

**Description of Credit Facility.** We are a party to a \$500 million credit facility, which includes both term and revolving borrowing capacity. Upon the closing of this offering, the credit facility will be available for general partnership purposes, including working capital, capital expenditures and acquisitions. We expect that we will incur

approximately \$163.1 million of term borrowings and \$125 million of revolving borrowings under our credit facility at the closing of this offering. As a result, we expect to have approximately \$211.9 million of remaining borrowing capacity immediately after the closing.

The revolving credit facility will mature five years from the effective date, unless extended. Indebtedness under the revolving credit facility will bear interest at the greater of the federal funds rate in effect on such day plus 0.50% or the lender's prime rate in effect on such day, plus an applicable margin (as defined in the credit facility) which ranges are dependent on the leverage level. The term loan facility will bear

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interest at the greater of the federal funds rate in effect on such day plus 0.50% or the lender's prime rate in effect on such day.

We will distribute proceeds from the approximate \$163.1 million in term borrowings to subsidiaries of Spectra Energy in partial consideration for the assets contributed to us upon the closing of this offering. The term borrowings will be secured by an equal amount of qualifying investment grade securities we purchase with the proceeds from this offering. In the event the underwriters exercise their option to purchase up to an additional 1,500,000 common units from us in full, we will incur up to approximately \$30.9 million in additional term borrowings and we will purchase and then pledge an equal amount of qualifying investment grade securities to further secure the additional borrowings under the credit facility. The proceeds of the additional term loan borrowings will be used to redeem from a subsidiary of Spectra Energy a number of common units equal to the number of common units issued upon exercise of the underwriters' option, at a price per common unit equal to the proceeds per common unit before expenses but after underwriting discounts and a structuring fee. See Use of Proceeds.

Our obligations under the revolving portion of our credit facility will be unsecured and term borrowings will be secured at all times by the qualifying investment grade securities in an amount equal to or greater than the outstanding principal amount of the term loan. We will be allowed to prepay all loans under the credit facility in whole or in part from time to time without a premium or penalty, subject to certain restrictions in the credit facility. Upon any prepayment of term borrowings, the amount of the revolving portion of our credit facility will be automatically increased to the extent that the repayment of our term borrowings is made in connection with a permitted acquisition or permitted capital expenditure. Indebtedness under the credit facility will rank equally with all our outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated debt (except that the term loan will have a priority claim to the securities pledged to secure it).

The credit facility will prohibit us from making distributions of available cash to unitholders if any default or event of default (as defined in the credit facility) exists. Such events of default include, among others, a default in the due performance or observance of the covenants discussed below and a change of control, defined as the failure of the partnership to own, directly or indirectly, 100% of the equity of our operating partnership or the failure of Spectra Energy to own, directly or indirectly a majority of the voting equity of our general partner. In addition, the credit facility contains covenants limiting our ability to make other restricted distributions or dividends on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of partnership interests; incur additional indebtedness; grant liens or make certain negative pledges; make certain loans or investments; engage in transactions with affiliates; make any material change to the nature of our business from the midstream energy business; make a disposition of assets; or enter into a merger, consolidate, liquidate, wind up or dissolve. These covenants may be modified or eliminated upon our receipt of an investment grade rating.

In addition, the credit facility contains financial covenants requiring us to maintain:

an interest coverage ratio (the ratio of our consolidated EBITDA to our consolidated interest expense (net of interest income), in each case as defined in the credit agreement) of not less than 2.5 to 1.0, determined as of the last day of each quarter for the four-quarter period ending on the date of determination; and

a leverage ratio (the ratio of our consolidated indebtedness to our consolidated EBITDA, in each case as defined in the credit agreement) of not more than 5.0 to 1.0 (or, on a temporary basis for not more than three consecutive quarters following the consummation of certain acquisitions, not more than 5.5 to 1.0).

If an event of default exists under the credit facility, the lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of all borrowings under the credit facility and demand repayment of amounts outstanding.





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We expect that upon the completion of this offering and our application of the proceeds of this offering and the borrowings under our credit facility we will be in material compliance with all of the covenants under our credit facility and that we will be permitted to make distributions of available cash to our unitholders in accordance with the terms of our partnership agreement.

**Total Contractual Cash Obligations.** A summary of our total contractual cash obligations as of December 31, 2006, is as follows (dollars in thousands):

|   | <b>Total</b>      | <b>Less Than<br/>1<br/>Year<br/>(2007)</b> | <b>2-3 Years<br/>(2008 &amp;<br/>2009)</b> | <b>4-5 Years<br/>(2010 &amp;<br/>2011)</b> | <b>More Than<br/>5<br/>Years<br/>(Beyond<br/>2011)</b> |
|---|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Long-term debt(1)                         | \$ 150,000        | \$   | \$   | \$   | \$ 150,000   |
| Interest on debt obligations(2)           | 51,390            | 8,565                                      | 17,130                                     | 17,130                                     | 8,565  |
| Material/capital purchases                | 894               | 894  |  |  |  |
| Right of way payments(3)                  | 5,017             | 5,017                                      |  |  |  |
| <b>Total contractual cash obligations</b> | <b>\$ 207,301</b> | <b>\$ 14,476</b>                           | <b>\$ 17,130</b>                           | <b>\$ 17,130</b>                           | <b>\$ 158,565</b>                                      |

(1) Represents future principal repayments of notes payable.

(2) Represents interest expense on notes payable, based on the stated interest rate on the notes of 5.71%.

(3) Represents capital commitments for various right of way matters.

In addition to the obligations existing at March 31, 2007, with the consummation of the offering, we expect to incur long-term debt under our new credit facility of \$288.1 million, and potential borrowings under our new credit facility related to the underwriter's option to purchase additional common units of up to \$30.9 million. We expect interest payments on these amounts to approximate \$19.1 million per year for each year that such borrowings are outstanding. Additionally, in connection with the closing of this offering we will enter into an omnibus agreement with Spectra Energy. Annual payments to Spectra Energy for general and administrative services under the agreement will be capped at \$3.0 million.

**Debt Obligations.** Our debt obligations consisted of the following at the dates indicated:

|                   | <b>December 31,<br/>2006</b> | <b>March 31,<br/>2007</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                   | <b>(In thousands)</b>        |                           |
| Long-term debt(1) | \$ 150,000                   | \$ 150,000                |

(1)

Represents 5.71% senior notes issued by East Tennessee and due in 2012. The table does not reflect borrowings we expect to make at the closing of this offering under our new credit facility.

East Tennessee's \$150 million notes contain a provision which requires the company to offer to redeem the notes at par upon the occurrence of a change in control event. On April 12, 2007, notices were sent to noteholders to communicate this redemption offer. No noteholders accepted the redemption offer.

Gulfstream had outstanding indebtedness of \$850 million as of December 31, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

### **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We are generally economically stable and are not significantly impacted by seasonal temperature variations and changing commodity prices. However, all of our businesses can be negatively affected by sustained downturns or sluggishness in the regional economy, including reductions in demand and low market prices for natural gas and LNG, all of which are beyond our control and could impair our ability to meet our long-term goals.

Changes in interest rates expose us to risk as a result of our issuance of fixed-rate debt. We monitor market debt rates to identify the need to mitigate this risk, including consideration of hedging activities, if

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needed. We have not previously entered into hedging contracts to mitigate this risk except for net sale swaps entered into by Gulfstream in anticipation of its \$850 million in offering of senior notes in October 2005.

We are exposed to credit risk. Credit risk represents the loss that we would incur if a counterparty fails to perform under its contractual obligations. Our exposure generally relates to receivables and unbilled revenue for services provided, as well as volumes owed by customers for imbalances or gas lent by us to them generally under our parking and lending services and no-notice services. Where exposed to credit risk, we analyze the counterparties' financial condition prior to entering into an agreement, establish credit limits and monitor the appropriateness of these limits on an ongoing basis and in some cases, require collateral agreements. Collateral agreements provide for a counterparty to post cash or letters of credit to the exposed party for exposure in excess of the established threshold. The threshold amount represents an unsecured credit, determined in accordance with our credit policy. Collateral agreements also provide that the inability to post collateral is sufficient cause to terminate contracts and liquidate all positions.

In addition our standard customer contracts contain adequate assurance provisions which allow us to suspend services, cancel agreements or continue services to the customer after the customer provides security for payment in a form satisfactory to us. For the year ended December 31, 2006, approximately 89% of our revenue is with customers who have an investment grade credit rating or equivalent based on an analysis we have performed.

Since the late 1990s, natural gas prices have risen from a general range of \$2.00 to \$4.00 per Million British Thermal Units, or MMBtu, to \$6.00 to \$8.00, with peaks above \$15.00 MMBtu. This overall rise in both gas prices and gas price volatility has materially increased our credit risk related to gas loaned to customers. The highest amount of gas loaned out by us over the past 24 months at any one time to our customers has been approximately 10.5 Bcf. The market value of that volume, assuming an average market price of \$8.00 per Mcf, would be approximately \$84 million. Our credit exposure from gas loans is managed as part of the program described above, and Market Hub obtains security deposits as necessary from third parties and affiliates to cover any excess exposure.

If any significant customer should have credit or financial problems resulting in its delay or failure to repay the gas it owes us, it could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity, financial position and results of operation.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The accounting policies discussed below are considered by management to be critical to an understanding of our combined financial statements as their application places the most significant demands on management's judgment. Due to the inherent uncertainties involved with this type of judgment, actual results could differ significantly from estimates and may have a material adverse impact on our results of operations, equity or cash flows. For additional information concerning our other accounting policies, please see the Notes to the financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor included elsewhere in this prospectus.

**Cost-Based Regulation.** We account for our regulated operations at East Tennessee under the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 71, Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation. The economic effects of regulation can result in a regulated company recording assets for costs that have been or are expected to be approved for recovery from customers or recording liabilities for amounts that are expected to be returned to customers in the rate-setting process in a period different from the period in which the amounts would be recorded by an unregulated enterprise. Accordingly, we record assets and liabilities that result from the regulated ratemaking process that would not be recorded under GAAP for non-regulated entities. Management continually assesses whether regulatory assets are probable of future recovery by considering factors such as applicable regulatory changes and recent rate orders applicable to other regulated entities. Based on this continual assessment, management believes the existing regulatory assets are probable of recovery. These regulatory assets are classified in the combined balance sheets as Regulatory Assets and Deferred Debits. We periodically evaluate the applicability of SFAS No. 71,

and consider factors such as regulatory changes and the impact

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of competition. If cost-based regulation ends or competition increases, we may have to reduce certain of our asset balances to reflect a market basis lower than cost and write-off the associated regulatory assets. We had no regulatory liabilities for the periods included in the financial statements.

**Goodwill.** Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price over fair value of net assets acquired. We evaluate goodwill for potential impairment under the guidance of SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. Under this provision, goodwill is subject to an annual test for impairment. We have designated August 31st as the date we perform the annual review for goodwill impairment for our reporting units. Under the provisions of SFAS No. 142, we perform the annual review for goodwill impairment at the reporting unit level, which we have determined to be an operating segment or one level below.

Impairment testing of goodwill consists of a two-step process. The first step involves a comparison of the implied fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step of the process involves a comparison of the fair value and carrying value of the goodwill of that reporting unit. If the carrying value of the goodwill of a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to the excess. Additional impairment tests are performed between the annual reviews if events or changes in circumstances make it more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is below its carrying amount.

We use a discounted cash flow analysis to determine fair value. Key assumptions in the determination of fair value include the use of an appropriate discount rate and estimated future cash flows. In estimating cash flows, we incorporate expected growth rates, regulatory stability and the ability to renew contracts, as well as other factors that affect revenue and expense forecasts. We did not record any impairment of goodwill in 2006, 2005 and 2004 and there have been no additions, amortizations, or other changes in the carrying amount of goodwill during the years then ended. Goodwill of our sole operating segment, East Tennessee, was \$118.3 million at December 31, 2006 and 2005.

**Equity Method Investments.** We account for investments in 20% to 50% owned affiliates, and investments in less than 20% owned affiliates where we have the ability to exercise significant influence, under the equity method. Accordingly, our 24.5% interest in Gulfstream and 50.0% interest in Market Hub are accounted for under the equity method.

## **New Accounting Standards**

*FIN 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109.* In July 2006, the FASB issued FIN 48, which provides guidance on accounting for income tax positions about which the Company has concluded there is a level of uncertainty with respect to the recognition in its financial statements. FIN 48 prescribes a minimum recognition threshold a tax position is required to meet. Tax positions are defined very broadly and include not only tax deductions and credits but also decisions not to file in a particular jurisdiction, as well as the taxability of transactions. The Company implemented FIN 48 effective January 1, 2007. The implementation had no material impact on the financial statements. Upon implementation of FIN 48, the Company will now reflect interest expense related to taxes as Interest Expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. In addition, subsequent accounting for FIN 48 (after January 1, 2007) will involve an evaluation to determine if any changes have occurred that would impact the existing uncertain tax positions as well as determining whether any new tax positions are uncertain. Any impacts resulting from the evaluation of existing uncertain tax positions or from the recognition of new uncertain tax positions would impact Income Tax Expense and Interest Expense.

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**BUSINESS**

**Overview**

We are a growth-oriented Delaware limited partnership recently formed by Spectra Energy to own and operate natural gas transportation and storage assets. Our initial assets consist of interests in two interstate natural gas pipeline systems located in the southeastern United States with over 2,100 miles of pipelines, interests in two natural gas storage facilities in Texas and Louisiana with aggregate working gas storage capacity of approximately 35 Bcf and a liquefied natural gas, or LNG, storage facility in Tennessee.

We intend to utilize the significant experience of Spectra Energy's management team to execute our growth strategy, including the acquisition and construction of additional energy assets. Spectra Energy, which is comprised of the former natural gas businesses of Duke Energy Corporation, became a stand-alone publicly traded company in January 2007. At December 31, 2006, Spectra Energy had approximately 17,500 miles of natural gas transportation pipelines and approximately 265 Bcf of natural gas storage capacity (including the assets to be contributed to us).

**Our Assets**

***East Tennessee System.*** We own and operate 100% of the approximately 1,400-mile East Tennessee interstate natural gas transportation system, which extends from central Tennessee eastward into southwest Virginia and northern North Carolina, and southward into northern Georgia. East Tennessee supports the growing energy demands of the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States through its connection to 19 receipt points and more than 175 delivery points and its market delivery capability of approximately 1.3 Bcf/d of natural gas. East Tennessee also owns and operates an LNG storage facility in Kingsport, Tennessee with working gas storage capacity of approximately 1.0 Bcf and regasification capability of 150 MMcf/d.

***Gulfstream System.*** We own a 24.5% interest in the approximately 690-mile Gulfstream interstate natural gas transportation system, which extends from Pascagoula, Mississippi and Mobile, Alabama across the Gulf of Mexico and into Florida. Gulfstream supports the fast growing south and central Florida markets through its connection to seven receipt points and 19 delivery points and its market delivery capability of approximately 1.1 Bcf/d of natural gas. Spectra Energy and The Williams Companies, Inc., respectively, own the remaining 25.5% and 50.0% interests in Gulfstream and jointly operate the system.

***Market Hub System.*** We own a 50.0% interest in Market Hub, which owns and operates two high-deliverability salt cavern natural gas storage facilities located in Acadia Parish, Louisiana and Liberty County, Texas. These two facilities have aggregate working gas storage capacity of approximately 35 Bcf and interconnect with 12 major natural gas pipeline systems. Market Hub's storage facilities offer access to natural gas supplies from Texas, Louisiana and growing imports of LNG to the Gulf Coast, and each facility interconnects with Spectra Energy's Texas Eastern System. A subsidiary of Spectra Energy owns the remaining 50.0% interest in Market Hub and operates the system.

**Our Operations**

We transport and store natural gas for a broad mix of customers, including local gas distribution companies, or LDCs, municipal utilities, interstate and intrastate pipelines, direct industrial users, electric power generators, marketers and producers. In addition to serving directly connected Southeastern markets, our pipeline and storage systems have access to customers in the Mid-Atlantic, Northeastern and Midwestern regions of the United States through numerous interconnections with major pipelines. Our rates are regulated under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or

FERC, rate-making policies, and, in the case of our storage facility in Texas, by the Texas Railroad Commission, or TRC.

We provide a significant portion of our transportation and storage services through firm contracts that obligate our customers to pay us monthly capacity reservation fees, which are fixed charges owed to us regardless of the actual pipeline or storage capacity utilized by a customer. When a customer utilizes the



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capacity it has reserved under these contracts, we also collect a variable fee based on the actual volume of natural gas transported or stored. This enables us to recover our variable costs. Variable fees are typically a small percentage of the total fees we receive from our firm contracts. We also derive a smaller portion of our revenues through interruptible contracts under which our customers pay fees based on their actual utilization of our assets for transportation and storage services and other related services. Customers who have executed interruptible contracts are not assured capacity in our pipeline and storage facilities. To the extent that physical capacity that is contracted for firm service is not being fully utilized, we can contract that capacity for interruptible service. The table below sets forth certain information regarding our assets, our contracts and our revenues and the percentage of our physical capacity sold under firm contracts, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006:

| Asset          | Our<br>Ownership<br>Interest | Revenue Composition %<br>Firm Contracts |                  |                            | % of<br>Physical<br>Capacity<br>Subscribed<br>Under<br>Firm<br>Contracts | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contract<br>Life by<br>Revenue (in<br>years)(1) |
|----------------|------------------------------|---|------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
|                |                              | Capacity<br>Reservation<br>Fees         | Variable<br>Fees | Interruptible<br>Contracts |  |   |
| East Tennessee | 100.0%                       | 97.7%                                   | 1.7%             | 0.6%                       | 89.7%  | 9.3   |
| Gulfstream     | 24.5%                        | 85.6%                                   | 2.9%             | 11.5%                      | 68.8%  | 20.2  |
| Market Hub     | 50.0%                        | 90.0%                                   | 0.0%             | 10.0%                      | 100.0%   | 2.4   |

(1) The average life of each contract is calculated based on the average annual contract revenue for such contract's remaining life.

The high percentage of our earnings derived from capacity reservation fees mitigates the risk to us of earnings fluctuations caused by changing supply and demand conditions. For additional information about our contracts, please see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - How We Evaluate Our Operations and Regulation.

**Business Strategies**

Our primary business objective is to increase our cash distributions per unit over time by executing the following strategies:

*Pursuing economically attractive organic expansion opportunities and greenfield construction projects.* We and our partners, including Spectra Energy, continually evaluate organic expansion and greenfield construction opportunities in existing and new markets that may increase the volume of natural gas and storage capacity reserved on our systems. For example, two fully-contracted expansion projects are currently being pursued for Gulfstream. These projects will extend the system into South Florida and will increase the system's total capacity from 1.1 Bcf/d to 1.25 Bcf/d by early 2009. One of the projects has already received FERC approval and the other has an application pending with FERC for approval. On the East Tennessee system, our recently completed Jewell Ridge Lateral and Patriot Extension expansions have provided East Tennessee's customers with increased access to new sources of supply while extending our market reach and offering additional

organic growth opportunities as these systems are further expanded. Finally, we and Spectra Energy are currently pursuing an expansion of the Market Hub storage facility in Egan, Louisiana to increase compression horsepower and increase its working gas storage capacity from 20 Bcf to 24 Bcf by 2008. An application is currently pending with FERC for approval to further expand Egan to 32 Bcf by 2012. Each of these expansions will allow the facility to accommodate additional LNG deliveries anticipated in the Gulf Coast region.

***Increasing contracted capacity for natural gas transportation and storage on our systems by further expanding our customer base and diverse sources of natural gas supply.*** To reduce the risk of natural gas supply interruptions, customers frequently seek capacity on pipelines and in storage facilities that have diverse sources of natural gas supply. Our transportation and storage systems have access to numerous natural gas producing regions, including the Gulf Coast, Mid-Continent and Appalachian regions. Additionally, new interstate pipeline interconnection projects are being developed to augment our customers' needs, such as an interconnect between East Tennessee and

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Midwestern Pipeline. We are also adding new customers as a result of our connection of new Appalachian production on the East Tennessee system. As further described under [Natural Gas Industry Overview](#) [Natural Gas Supply](#) , we anticipate that LNG will become another significant source of supply accessible through our assets, allowing us to increase natural gas volumes contracted for transportation and storage on our systems. Our existing and new customers also benefit from numerous pipeline interconnections, which further minimize the risk of supply interruptions by providing additional sources of natural gas supply. We will continue to seek new sources of natural gas supply to enhance the attractiveness of our systems to current and future customers.

***Optimizing our existing assets and achieving additional operating efficiencies.*** We intend to enhance the profitability of our existing assets by undertaking additional initiatives to enhance utilization, improve operating efficiencies and develop rate and contract structures that meet our customers' needs. We provide our customers with an array of service offerings designed to address their needs while helping us to maximize the utilization of existing capacity of our systems. For example, we actively seek new customers with non-traditional peak load requirements to increase overall system utilization over time. Our assets are managed to ensure their operations keep fuel costs low and maintenance projects are pursued that provide the dual benefits of improving the integrity of our systems while also providing additional saleable capacity. To further meet both our and our customers' needs, we intend to continue to utilize a variety of rate and contract structures to provide year-round optimization in the operation and utilization of our assets.

***Growing through strategic and accretive acquisitions of assets from third parties, Spectra Energy or both.*** We intend to expand our existing natural gas transportation and storage businesses by pursuing acquisitions that are accretive to distributable cash flow. In recent years, major independent and integrated oil and gas companies have sold pipeline and storage assets in an effort to focus their operations. We expect this trend to continue and believe we are well positioned to take advantage of future acquisition opportunities. We will seek future acquisitions in areas where our assets currently operate that provide the opportunity for operational efficiencies or higher capacity utilization of our existing assets, as well as acquisitions in new geographic areas of operation. Certain factors we will consider in deciding whether to pursue an acquisition include, but are not limited to, the overall economic characteristics of the acquisition (such as return on capital and cash flow stability), the region in which the assets are located (both regions contiguous to our existing assets and new regions) and the availability and sources of capital to finance the acquisition. We intend to pursue acquisitions either independently or jointly with Spectra Energy. In addition to making acquisitions from third parties, we may also have the opportunity to acquire assets directly from Spectra Energy, although we cannot predict whether any such opportunities will be made available to us. We believe our affiliation with Spectra Energy positions us to pursue a broader array of growth opportunities than may be available to our competitors, although no acquisitions are currently under active consideration.

**Competitive Strengths**

We believe we are well positioned to execute our primary business objective because of the following competitive strengths:

***Our ability to grow through organic expansion opportunities, greenfield construction projects and acquisitions, along with access to other business development opportunities, is enhanced by our affiliation with Spectra Energy.*** As the owner of our general partner and an 83.2% limited partner interest in us, and the joint owner of our Gulfstream and Market Hub assets, Spectra Energy is motivated to promote and support the successful execution of our business plan, and to pursue projects that directly or indirectly enhance the value of our assets. For example, East Tennessee benefits from its interconnections with Spectra Energy's Texas Eastern transportation system and Saltville gas storage business, and Gulfstream should benefit from additional natural gas supplies originating from Spectra Energy's new interconnected Southeast Supply Header, or SESH, joint

venture expected to be completed in 2008. Through our relationship with Spectra Energy, we will

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have access to a significant pool of management talent, strong commercial relationships throughout the energy industry and access to Spectra Energy's broad operational, commercial, technical, risk management and administrative infrastructure. Spectra Energy has a long history of successfully pursuing and consummating natural gas transportation and storage operations acquisitions through a disciplined acquisition strategy focused on acquiring complementary assets and integrating the acquired assets into its operations. Spectra Energy has completed over \$10 billion in acquisitions since 2000.

***Our natural gas transportation assets are strategically located to transport natural gas from a number of diverse supply regions to high-demand end-use markets.*** Our pipeline systems have access to a diverse range of natural gas supply regions, including the onshore and offshore Gulf Coast, Mid-Continent and Appalachian regions, both directly and through interconnections with numerous interstate and intrastate pipelines. Our pipeline systems transport natural gas directly to rapidly growing, high-demand markets in the Southeast, including Florida, Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina, and indirectly supply the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast markets through interconnections with other interstate pipelines. Our ability to reliably transport gas from diverse supply regions makes us attractive to customers that are consumers of natural gas, and our access to multiple high-demand end-use markets is appealing to customers that are producers of natural gas. Together, these attributes increase the flexibility and reliability of our transportation offerings and allow us to increase the volumes of natural gas contracted for transportation and storage on our systems.

***Our storage assets are strategically positioned to capitalize on expected increased demand for natural gas storage.*** Over time, we expect imported LNG to fill a portion of the gap between traditional sources of natural gas supply and the growing demand for natural gas in the United States. Accordingly, we anticipate increased demand for natural gas storage as LNG imports to the Gulf Coast are significantly increased. LNG is typically delivered to the United States in large tanker shipments, with significant supplies of natural gas in a single shipment. Because demand for natural gas is relatively constant, natural gas storage will be an important component in balancing the LNG supply chain. Our storage assets are strategically located in the Gulf Coast region in proximity to anticipated LNG imports. As of February 16, 2007, there were two LNG terminals operating in the Gulf of Mexico or the Gulf Coast area, and 14 out of the 15 additional LNG terminals proposed for the Gulf Coast region had already received approval for construction.

***Our cash flow is relatively stable due to the high percentage of our assets' revenues obtained from capacity reservation fees and the long-term nature of our contracts.*** We provide a significant portion of our pipeline transportation and storage services under firm, fee-based contracts for terms ranging up to 23 years. Our systems have weighted average remaining contract lives based on contracted revenues of approximately 9.3 years for East Tennessee, 20.2 years for Gulfstream and 2.4 years for Market Hub. Capacity reservation fees represented approximately 97.7%, 85.6% and 90.0% of East Tennessee's, Gulfstream's and Market Hub's revenues, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2006. This contract structure reduces the risk of revenue fluctuations caused by changes in weather or changing supply and demand conditions and therefore provides us with greater stability of cash flows. Additionally, we have little direct commodity price exposure, as we generally do not own the gas we transport for our customers and are entitled to reimbursement for natural gas used as fuel in most of our operations.

***Our management team has significant experience in the management of natural gas transportation and storage and energy industries.*** Our general partner's management team has extensive experience in building, acquiring, integrating and managing energy assets in a reliable and cost-effective manner and includes some of the most senior officers of Spectra Energy. On average, the members of our general partner's management team have over 20 years of experience in the energy industry, with significant commercial, operational, acquisition and business development expertise.



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***Our high quality assets have been well maintained.*** Our natural gas pipelines and storage facilities consist of high quality assets that have been well maintained, resulting in low cost, efficient operations. Our recently constructed Gulfstream and Market Hub systems utilize the latest available natural gas transportation and storage equipment and technology. We have been recognized by the industry for our use of superior maintenance practices aimed at improving the reliability of our assets and sustaining their useful life. Additionally, Spectra Energy, through its role in the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, has actively shaped new industry maintenance regulations such as the U.S. Department of Transportation's Gas Transmission Pipeline Integrity Management program, and has been an industry leader in implementing pipeline integrity standards.

While we have set forth our strategies and competitive strengths above, our business involves numerous risks and uncertainties which may prevent us from executing our strategies. These risks include difficulties in completing existing expansion or greenfield projects or identifying economically attractive new expansion and greenfield opportunities, adverse impacts relating to regulatory rules affecting our assets, difficulties in securing additional contracted capacity on our systems, the loss of certain key customers, and the potential inability to identify or consummate accretive acquisitions. For a more complete description of the risks associated with an investment in us, please see Risk Factors.

### **Our Relationship with Spectra Energy**

One of our principal attributes is our relationship with Spectra Energy, which will own our general partner and a significant interest in us following this offering. Spectra Energy is comprised of the former natural gas businesses of Duke Energy and became a stand-alone publicly traded company in January 2007. Spectra Energy owns and operates a large and diversified portfolio of complementary natural gas-related energy assets and is one of North America's leading midstream natural gas companies. Spectra Energy, which trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol SE, serves three key links in the natural gas value chain: gathering and processing, transportation and storage and distribution. Through its interests in five U.S. pipeline systems and three Canadian pipeline systems, Spectra Energy owns and operates one of the largest long-haul natural gas pipeline networks in North America consisting of approximately 17,500 miles of transportation pipelines. In addition, Spectra Energy is one of the largest operators of natural gas storage in North America with eleven storage facilities with total working gas capacity of approximately 265 Bcf (including East Tennessee's LNG facility and Market Hub), and owns a 50.0% interest in DCP Midstream, LLC (previously known as Duke Energy Field Services, LLC), which is the largest natural gas liquids producer in North America. DCP Midstream, LLC owns the general partner interest and a 40.7% limited partner interest in DCP Midstream Partners, LP, which is a midstream master limited partnership.

Upon the completion of this offering, Spectra Energy will own our 2% general partner interest, all of our incentive distribution rights and an 83.2% limited partner interest in us. We will enter into an omnibus agreement with Spectra Energy and some of its affiliates that will govern our relationship with them regarding certain reimbursement and indemnification matters. Please read Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Omnibus Agreement. While our relationship with Spectra Energy and its subsidiaries is a significant attribute, it may also be a source of conflicts. For example, neither Spectra Energy nor any of its affiliates are prohibited from competing with us. Spectra Energy and its affiliates may acquire, construct or dispose of assets in the future without any obligation to offer us the opportunity to purchase or construct those assets. Please read Conflicts of Interest and Fiduciary Duties.

### **Natural Gas Industry Overview**

Natural gas is a critical component of energy consumption in the United States. The U.S. natural gas pipeline grid transports natural gas from producing regions to customers, such as LDCs, industrial users and electric generation

facilities. Interstate pipelines carry natural gas across state boundaries and are subject to FERC regulation on (1) the rates charged for their services, (2) the terms and conditions of their services, and (3) the location, construction and abandonment of their facilities. Intrastate pipelines transport natural gas within a particular state and are typically not subject to FERC regulation. In 2005, based on data from



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the EIA, the U.S. natural gas pipeline grid included more than 210 mainline natural gas pipeline systems, 109 of which were interstate systems with the balance consisting of intrastate systems. Interstate natural gas pipeline systems account for more than 148 Bcf/d of total U.S. natural gas transportation capacity and approximately 213,000 miles of natural gas pipeline.

Natural gas storage plays a vital role in maintaining the reliability of gas available for deliveries. Natural gas is typically stored in underground storage facilities, including salt dome caverns and depleted reservoirs. Storage facilities are utilized by (1) pipelines, to manage temporary imbalances in operations, (2) natural gas end-users, such as LDCs, to manage the seasonality of demand and to satisfy future natural gas needs and (3) independent natural gas marketing and trading companies in connection with the execution of their trading strategies. Natural gas storage is expected to become an increasingly important component in managing the supply and demand imbalance created by significant LNG shipments.

### ***Natural Gas Demand***

Substantially all natural gas consumed in the United States is transported to the ultimate end-user on the natural gas pipeline grid. Therefore, utilization of the pipeline grid is highly correlated with growth in domestic consumption of natural gas. According to EIA, natural gas consumption in the United States is expected to grow from 60.2 Bcf/d in 2005 to 70.1 Bcf/d in 2017, or by approximately 1.3% per year.

### **U.S. Natural Gas Consumption**

*Source:* Energy Information Administration, February 2007.

The industrial and electricity generation sectors are the largest users of natural gas in the United States. During the three years ended December 31, 2006, these two sectors accounted for approximately 57% of the total natural gas consumed in the United States. Additionally, significant natural gas demand comes from the residential and commercial sectors.

Demand for natural gas is usually greater during the winter, primarily due to residential and commercial heating applications. Natural gas produced in excess of that which is used during the summer months is typically stored to meet the increased demand for natural gas during the winter months. However, with the recent trend towards natural gas fired electric generation, demand for natural gas during the summer months is now increasing to satisfy additional electricity requirements for residential and commercial cooling. For example, according to a July 2006 Florida Reliability Coordinating Council report, natural gas used for electric generation in the Florida market is expected to grow by approximately 7.1% per year for the period from 2006-2015, increasing from 556 Bcf in 2006 to 1,033 Bcf in 2015. This growth is largely

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due to an increasing demand for natural gas fired electric generation to meet both a growing population base and a growing per capita demand for electricity. In addition, according to the EIA, overall demand for natural gas consumption in the markets we serve is expected to grow by approximately 2.1% per year for the period from 2006-2012, from 12.3 Bcf/d in 2006 to 13.9 Bcf/d in 2012.

***Natural Gas Supply***

According to the EIA, domestic gas production in the United States is not expected to keep pace with domestic consumption. Production in the lower 48 states is estimated to grow 0.7% per year, from 50.1 Bcf/d in 2005 to 54.3 Bcf/d in 2017. This compares to estimated U.S. natural gas demand in 2012 of 67.3 Bcf/d.

**U.S. Natural Gas Production**

*Source:* Energy Information Administration, February 2007.

While supply in certain areas in which we operate is experiencing an increase in production and reserves, traditional supply in other regions of the country in which we operate is beginning to decline. As supply from these areas declines, or becomes less attractive because of vulnerability to hurricanes and other disruptions, the national supply profile is shifting to new, and, in some cases, to non-conventional sources of gas. The bulk of this supply shortfall is expected to be met through natural gas imports from Canada as well as through LNG imports, the majority of which are expected to be delivered through terminals along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

The Gulf Coast region of the United States, which includes offshore Gulf of Mexico and East Texas, is the most prolific U.S. natural gas producing region. Based on data from EIA, the Gulf Coast region accounted for approximately 45% of U.S. natural gas supply in 2005, producing approximately 22 Bcf/d. The EIA projects aggregate gas production from this region for the period from 2006 to 2012 to grow approximately 0.8% per year. According to the EIA, natural gas production from onshore conventional sources and shallow waters in the Gulf of Mexico is expected to decline, though this decline is expected to be more than offset by expanding natural gas exploration and development activities in onshore unconventional tight gas plays, such as the Barnett Shale and Bossier Sands of North and East Texas, as well as increased exploration activities in deepwater Gulf of Mexico.

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LNG imports are expected to grow on average by 16% per year for the period between 2005 and 2017. The table below shows the EIA's estimate of LNG imports into the Gulf Coast region through 2017.

**U.S. Liquefied Natural Gas Import Volume**

*Source:* Energy Information Administration, February 2007.

LNG is expected to become an important part of the U.S. energy market. According to the EIA, LNG's share of total U.S. natural gas supply could be as high as 17% by 2025. Unlike domestic production however, LNG imports will not provide a steady stream of supply because the number and timing of deliveries are driven by spot prices that fluctuate with market dynamics, and individual deliveries involve the receipt of large volumes within a relatively short period of time. Given the extensive pipeline infrastructure and available natural gas processing capability in and around the region, the Gulf Coast is the target for approximately 15 of the 40 proposed U.S. onshore and offshore LNG terminals. LNG projects for this area are, on average, larger than those planned for other U.S. locations. In addition, due to the large existing industrial base located in the region and less anticipated resistance from the local population, more of these projects are likely to obtain the necessary regulatory approvals and be developed more expeditiously than proposed projects located in other areas of the country.

Two additional aspects of natural gas supply are particularly relevant for owners and operators of interstate pipeline systems. The first aspect is the desire by natural gas customers and regulators for greater diversity of natural gas supply sources. Supply disruptions caused by hurricanes and other factors have highlighted the importance to customers of access to multiple supply basins. An example of the way in which pipeline companies can help address this need is the SESH 50/50 joint venture between Spectra Energy and CenterPoint Energy. SESH, comprised of 36 and 42 pipelines, will diversify Gulfstream's supply sources by bringing natural gas produced in the onshore Louisiana, East Texas and Mid-Continent supply regions to a new interconnect with Gulfstream. SESH is expected to be completed in 2008.

The second aspect of natural gas supply relevant to owners and operators of interstate pipeline systems is the need for improved takeaway capacity from certain natural gas producing regions. For example, certain natural gas producing regions, such as the Appalachian Basin, will be an important part of U.S. natural gas supply in the future because of their long-lived natural gas reserves. Although the Appalachian Basin is one of the more mature gas producing regions in the United States, it has suffered in recent years from below average natural gas pricing due to inadequate transportation to neighboring markets. Regional pipeline expansion projects such as East Tennessee's Patriot Extension and Jewell Ridge Lateral expansions have

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resulted in improved takeaway capacity and have therefore enabled certain Appalachian producers to sell their natural gas at a premium to regional benchmark prices.

**Our Asset Portfolio**

***East Tennessee Natural Gas System***

**General.** We own and operate 100% of the approximately 1,400 mile East Tennessee interstate natural gas transportation system, which extends from central Tennessee eastward into southwest Virginia and northern North Carolina, and southward into northern Georgia. Since acquiring East Tennessee in 2000, Spectra Energy has almost doubled the market delivery capability of the East Tennessee pipeline by investing in expansion projects designed to meet the growth needs of its traditional customers and reach new customers in adjacent markets. As a result, East Tennessee has evolved to become a major transportation link between markets in the Mid-Atlantic and supply sources previously inaccessible to those markets, such as Appalachian production, neighboring long haul pipelines and large salt cavern storage facilities.

East Tennessee is connected to 19 receipt points and more than 175 delivery points and has a market delivery capability of approximately 1.3 Bcf/d of natural gas to support the growing energy demands of the Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States. East Tennessee is also connected to Spectra Energy's 4 Bcf Saltville gas storage facility, which is a source of additional supplies of natural gas for transportation. East Tennessee has pipeline diameters ranging from 8" to 24" and has 21 compressor stations with 97,000 horsepower of compression.

We also own and operate East Tennessee's LNG storage facility in Kingsport, Tennessee, with total working gas capacity of approximately 1.0 Bcf and regasification capability of 150 MMcf/d. The facility provides our customers with turn-key services consisting of the liquefaction of natural gas and the storage and regasification of LNG.

In addition to field operations offices along the pipeline, East Tennessee has an office in Knoxville, Tennessee that conducts commercial activities in conjunction with our Houston-based staff.

In 2003, East Tennessee placed into service the approximately \$302 million Patriot Extension, which linked East Tennessee with markets in North Carolina and the broader Mid-Atlantic. The Patriot Extension includes 95 miles of new 24" pipeline from East Tennessee's mainline to an interconnection point on The Williams Companies' Transco pipeline in North Carolina and has added approximately 400 MMcf/d of incremental system capacity. By providing access to natural gas deliveries to the North Carolina and Mid-Atlantic markets through an interconnection with the Transco pipeline, the Patriot Extension provides a desirable outlet for new supplies of Appalachian production accessed by the Jewell Ridge Lateral expansion project. The approximately \$60 million Jewell Ridge Lateral, placed into service in October 2006, is a 32-mile, 20" pipeline extending from East Tennessee's mainline to an interconnection with the Cardinal States Gathering System, where it can access up to 228 MMcf/d of new and existing Appalachian production.

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***East Tennessee Customers.*** East Tennessee has approximately 160 firm transportation contracts with over 60 customers, including LDCs, utilities, direct served industrials, natural gas marketers and producers and power generators. East Tennessee's three largest customers for the year ended December 31, 2006 were Atmos Energy Corporation, KGen Partners and AGL Resources, which accounted for approximately 18%, 13% and 10% of East Tennessee's revenues, respectively. Since Spectra Energy's acquisition of East Tennessee in 2000, East Tennessee's revenue from firm transportation customers has changed from predominately utilities and industrial end-users to a mix of utilities, industrial end-users, power generators, natural gas marketers and producers and large LDCs in new market areas such as North Carolina and Virginia. In 2002, approximately 94% of East Tennessee's total capacity was utilized by utilities and industrial end-users while that same customer group decreased to 64% of East Tennessee's capacity in 2006. As a result of recent supply and market expansion projects, East Tennessee has added several significant new customers to the system, including CNX Gas Corporation, Washington Gas Light, Piedmont Natural Gas, Carolina Power & Light (Progress Energy) and Sequent Energy. These customers are expected to significantly contribute to East Tennessee's revenue in 2007, and represent a significant change from East Tennessee's historical customer mix.

Demand from East Tennessee's customers is expected to continue to increase, primarily due to additional demand for natural gas-fired electric generation and an increase in the use of natural gas furnaces for residential heating systems, particularly in new home construction.

***East Tennessee Contracts.*** East Tennessee contracts with its customers to provide firm and interruptible transportation services. East Tennessee's firm transportation service customers generally pay fees based on the volume of capacity reserved on the system regardless of the capacity actually used, plus a variable charge based on the volume of natural gas actually transported that enables us to recover certain variable

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costs. As a result, firm transportation revenues typically remain relatively constant over the term of the contract. Maximum and minimum rates for services are governed by East Tennessee's FERC-approved natural gas tariff. East Tennessee can agree to discount services or in certain cases can enter into negotiated rate agreements that, with FERC approval, can have rates or other terms that are different than those provided for in the FERC tariff. The rates in the majority of firm contracts are subject to the maximum rates prescribed in East Tennessee's tariff.

In 2005, East Tennessee entered into a rate settlement with its customers which established new base rates under the tariff. The 2005 rate settlement provides East Tennessee rate certainty through the settlement's expiration in 2010, at which time East Tennessee's rates will remain the same, subject to further negotiation or the filing of a rate case. Neither regulation nor the terms of the settlement require East Tennessee to file a rate case at any time. For a discussion of the regulatory influences on East Tennessee's contracts, see Regulation.

East Tennessee also provides interruptible transportation services under which gas is transported for customers when operationally feasible and customers pay only for the actual volume of gas transported. Under both its firm transportation and interruptible transportation contracts, East Tennessee retains, at no cost, a fixed percentage of the natural gas it transports in order to supply the fuel needed for natural gas compression on the system.

Under East Tennessee's firm LNG storage service contracts, its customers are allowed to inject specified volumes of natural gas into the LNG facility during the summer months and withdraw the same volume of natural gas during the winter months.

As of December 31, 2006, East Tennessee's firm transportation and storage contracts had a weighted average remaining life of approximately 9.3 years. For the year ended December 31, 2006, approximately 97.7% of East Tennessee's revenues were derived from capacity reservation charges under firm contracts (including LNG storage services), approximately 1.7% of East Tennessee's revenues were derived from variable usage fees under firm contracts and approximately 0.6% of East Tennessee's revenues were derived from interruptible transportation contracts.

***East Tennessee Competition.*** The mountainous geography of the regions served by East Tennessee creates natural barriers to entry that make competition from new pipeline entrants difficult and expensive. As a result, we are the sole source of interstate natural gas transportation for many of the firm capacity customers that transport natural gas on East Tennessee. At both ends of our system, we are subject to competition from other pipelines. For example, our customers on the southeastern end of our system in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee are directly served by other interstate pipelines, as are some customers on the western and northeastern ends of our system.

Much of East Tennessee's recent growth has come from expansion opportunities into the Southeastern market area, including customers located adjacent to the Transco pipeline in the Carolinas and the lower Mid-Atlantic states. Many of these customers were formerly solely supplied by Transco, and East Tennessee provides them with alternative sources of natural gas supply through our access to Appalachian natural gas production and additional natural gas storage facilities through the Patriot Extension. East Tennessee provides customers in this market with a lower cost alternative for incremental supply additions in direct competition with the Transco pipeline.

Natural gas is in direct competition with electricity for residential and commercial heating demand in East Tennessee's market area. While this competition does not directly affect our firm sales, our LDC customers' growth is partially dependent upon the installation of natural gas furnaces in new home construction. Although substitution of electric heat for natural gas heat could have a long term effect on our customers' demand requirements, East Tennessee has already benefited from the addition of new natural gas fired electric generation constructed in proximity to our pipeline.

An increase in competition in the region served by East Tennessee could arise from new ventures or expanded operations from existing competitors. Other competitive factors include the quantity, location and

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physical flow characteristics of interconnected pipelines, the ability to offer service from multiple storage or production locations, and the cost of service and rates offered by our competitors. Other competitive factors include the quantity, location and physical flow characteristics of interconnected pipelines, any of which could enable our competitors to better meet customer pressure and delivery requirements.

***East Tennessee Natural Gas Supply.*** The majority of East Tennessee's gas supply comes from the Gulf Coast region through Tennessee Gas, as its primary supplier, as well as through Texas Eastern and to a lesser degree Southern Natural Gas and Columbia Gulf. East Tennessee also receives natural gas supply from the Appalachian region through Equitable Resources. East Tennessee also recently began to receive natural gas supply from CNX Gas through the Jewell Ridge Lateral. Natural gas withdrawn from East Tennessee's LNG storage facility and other on-system storage fields, including Spectra Energy's Saltville natural gas storage facility, provide East Tennessee with additional supply sources used to supplement peaking demand. Midwestern Natural Gas has announced that it expects to complete a new pipeline interconnection with East Tennessee by the end of 2007 that will provide additional natural gas supply to East Tennessee.

### ***Gulfstream Natural Gas System***

***General.*** We own a 24.5% interest in the approximately 690-mile Gulfstream interstate natural gas transportation system. Gulfstream is an interstate natural gas pipeline with market delivery capacity of approximately 1.1 Bcf/d that runs from Pascagoula, Mississippi and Mobile, Alabama across the Gulf of Mexico and into the fast growing south and central Florida market. Gulfstream's market area is characterized by strong population growth and increasing per capita energy consumption. The Gulfstream pipeline is primarily 30" and 36" in diameter and currently includes approximately 242 miles of onshore pipeline in Florida, 15 miles of onshore pipeline in Alabama and Mississippi and 435 miles of offshore pipeline in the Gulf of Mexico. Gulfstream's facilities also include gas treatment facilities and compressor station in Coden, Alabama. The compressor station contains three 37,900 horsepower compressor units, one of which serves solely as a back-up unit in the event of an outage of any of the other units.

Gulfstream customers have access to seven supply injection points in Mississippi and Alabama with approximately 3.4 Bcf/d of aggregate natural gas interconnect capacity. Natural gas is delivered by Gulfstream to 19 delivery points throughout southern and central Florida.

Gulfstream was jointly developed by Spectra Energy and The Williams Companies in two phases at a total cost of approximately \$1.7 billion. Phase I of the system consisted of the initial 582 miles of pipeline and became operational in May 2002, and Phase II consisted of an additional 110 miles of pipeline that was placed in service in February 2005. Two fully-contracted expansion projects are currently being pursued for Gulfstream that will improve the system's overall utilization extending the system into South Florida and increase its total capacity from 1.1 Bcf/d to 1.25 Bcf/d by early 2009.

The estimated \$135 million Phase III project will fully subscribe the existing 1.1 Bcf/d of mainline capacity by serving Florida Power & Light Company's planned 2,200 megawatt, or MW, plant in Palm Beach County through a 35-mile, 30" pipeline extension. The estimated \$117 million Phase IV project will increase mainline capacity to 1.25 Bcf/d through a significant addition of compression capability and an 18-mile, 20" pipeline extension to Progress Energy's Bartow plant in Pinellas County. Both of these expansions are supported by customer contracts having 23-year initial terms. Further expansions of this pipeline system are feasible through the addition of increased compression horsepower and the construction of additional pipelines in our existing rights of way. FERC certificate approval is required prior to commencement of construction of the Phase IV project. The certificate application for the Phase IV project is currently pending before FERC. In addition, in June 2007 Gulfstream initiated an open season seeking customer interest for incremental contract capacity additions commencing as early as 2011.



A subsidiary of Spectra Energy retains a 25.5% interest in Gulfstream and a subsidiary of The Williams Companies continue to own the remaining 50.0% interest. Spectra Energy provides the business and commercial functions for Gulfstream while The Williams Companies provides the technical functions.

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***Gulfstream Customers.*** Gulfstream currently has 11 long-term firm transportation contracts with 9 shippers, comprised of electric utility companies and LDCs, for the transportation of 0.75 Bcf of natural gas per day which represents approximately 69% of Gulfstream's overall capacity. For the year ended December 31, 2006, Florida Power & Light Company, Florida Power Corporation and Tampa Electric Company and its affiliates accounted for approximately 51%, 22%, and 10%, respectively, of Gulfstream's revenues. As noted above, the completion of the Gulfstream Phase III project will fully subscribe the remaining 0.35 Bcf/d of mainline capacity.

Demand growth in Gulfstream's markets is expected to be strong, with our Florida electric utility customers expected to add 16,000 MW of new peak power generation from 2007 to 2015, according to The 2006 Regional Load and Resource report published by the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council. Approximately half of this incremental electric generation is anticipated to be gas fired, requiring over 1.0 Bcf/d of new firm pipeline capacity. We intend to attempt to capture a majority portion of this increased demand.

***Gulfstream Contracts.*** Gulfstream contracts with its customers to provide firm and interruptible transportation services. Gulfstream also provides interruptible park and loan services as well as operational

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balancing agreements to resolve any differences between scheduled and actual receipts and deliveries. All of Gulfstream's firm transportation contracts include negotiated rates through the life of the contract. These negotiated rates are currently less than the maximum applicable recourse rate allowed by FERC. As of December 31, 2006, Gulfstream's firm transportation and storage contracts had a weighted average remaining life of approximately 20.2 years. For the year ended December 31, 2006, approximately 85.6% of Gulfstream's revenues were derived from capacity reservation charges under firm contracts, approximately 2.9% of Gulfstream's revenues were derived from variable usage fees under firm contracts and approximately 11.5% of Gulfstream's revenues were derived from interruptible transportation contracts.

***Gulfstream Competition.*** Within the Florida market for natural gas, Gulfstream competes with other pipelines that transport and supply natural gas to end-users. Gulfstream's competitors attempt to either attract new supply or attach new load to their pipelines, including those that are currently connected to markets served by Gulfstream.

Gulfstream's most direct competitor is Florida Gas Transmission Company, a subsidiary of Citrus Corp., which owns an approximately 5,000-mile pipeline extending from south Texas to south Florida with mainline capacity of 2.1 Bcf/d. Florida Gas Transmission plans to upgrade its pipeline to receive gas in Jacksonville, Florida from Southern Natural Gas' proposed Cypress pipeline, which is expected to extend from its existing pipeline in Chatham County, Georgia and interconnect with a Florida Gas Transmission pipeline in Clay County, Florida.

An increase in competition in the market could arise from new ventures or expanded operations from existing competitors. Other competitive factors include the quantity, location and physical flow characteristics of interconnected pipelines, any of which could enable our competitors to better meet customer pressure and delivery requirements. Our competition may access multiple storage locations offering a wider range of service flexibility, and the cost of service and rates offered by our competitors may be lower than ours or offered on shorter terms, providing customers with greater flexibility.

***Gulfstream Natural Gas Supply.*** Gulfstream shippers increasingly have the option of buying natural gas supplies from a wide range of producers in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico and from onshore sites along the entire Gulf Coast. Gulfstream is interconnected to numerous supply pipelines in the Mobile Bay area. Currently, shippers have the option to inject supply at seven access points. In addition, anticipated increasing LNG imports along the Gulf Coast should further diversify the gas supplies available to Gulfstream's customers, potentially offsetting some of the risks associated with offshore Gulf of Mexico natural gas production.

In June of 2008, Gulfstream expects to have access to supplies delivered by Spectra Energy's SESH joint venture. SESH will originate in Perryville, LA, interconnect with Gulfstream and provide our customers with access to approximately 1.0 Bcf/d of increasing production from Louisiana, East Texas and the Mid-Continent region. Capacity commitments by existing Gulfstream customers make up the majority of the transportation capacity commitments to the SESH project.

## ***Market Hub System***

***General.*** We own a 50.0% interest in Market Hub, the owner and operator of two high deliverability salt cavern storage facilities located in Acadia Parish, Louisiana and Liberty County, Texas. These two facilities have aggregate working gas storage capacity of approximately 35 Bcf and interconnect with a total of 12 major natural gas pipeline systems. Market Hub's storage facilities are capable of being fully or partially filled and depleted, or cycled, multiple times per year. This cycling capability is a significant service component Market Hub offers to its customers, providing them with additional operating and financial flexibility. Market Hub's storage facilities provide storage for natural gas supplies from Texas, Louisiana and growing Gulf Coast LNG supplies and are strategically located near several natural gas transportation systems, including Spectra Energy's Texas Eastern pipeline system. A subsidiary of

Spectra Energy owns the remaining 50.0% interest in Market Hub and operates the system. Please see Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Contracts with Affiliates Market Hub General Partnership Agreement for additional information about the terms of the Market Hub general partnership agreement.

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The Egan storage facility, located in Acadia Parish, Louisiana, has a working gas capacity of approximately 20 Bcf, and includes a 38-mile pipeline system that interconnects with seven major natural gas pipelines. Egan offers access to Gulf Coast, Midwest, Southeast and Northeast markets served by pipeline interconnects with Tennessee Gas, Texas Eastern, Columbia Gulf, ANR, Texas Gas, Trunkline and Florida Gas. Since acquiring Market Hub in 2000, Spectra Energy has initiated cavern expansions at Egan totaling 22 Bcf that are projected to bring the total working capacity of the facility to 24 Bcf by 2008 and to 32 Bcf by 2012, and has initiated an approximately 22,800 horsepower compression expansion project designed to increase peak injection capacity. Market Hub must obtain FERC certificate approval prior to the commencement of construction of the expansion project designed to increase working gas storage capacity at Egan from 24 Bcf to 32 Bcf. An application for that project is currently pending before FERC.

The Moss Bluff storage facility, located in Liberty County, Texas, has a working gas capacity of approximately 15 Bcf, and includes a 20-mile pipeline system that interconnects with five major pipeline systems. Moss Bluff offers access to Texas intrastate, Northeast and Midwest markets served by pipeline interconnects with Texas Eastern, Natural Gas Pipeline of America, Kinder Morgan Tejas, Kinder Morgan Texas and Enterprise Intrastate. Since acquiring Market Hub in 2000, Spectra Energy has expanded the storage capacity at Moss Bluff by approximately 4 Bcf and is currently considering additional capacity expansions.

Moss Bluff and Egan offer a range of flexible market-based storage services including firm storage, interruptible storage, wheeling, and parks and loans. These flexible services allow our customers to manage their daily supply-demand balancing needs, and are especially attractive to customers, such as LNG and power companies, that require abbreviated injection and withdrawal cycles. Because Egan and Moss Bluff are interconnected with major pipeline infrastructure and located near several proposed and existing LNG terminals, both facilities should be well-positioned to benefit from future deliveries of LNG to the Gulf Coast of the United States.

***Market Hub Customers.*** Market Hub provides storage services to a broad mix of customers including marketers, power generators, gas producers, pipelines and LDCs. Power generators, marketers and producers generally use storage services for short term balancing, to manage risk and to take advantage of the pricing differential between near-term and long-term natural gas. LDCs use storage services for seasonal balancing, to meet peak day deliveries and ensure reliability. Pipelines use storage services to manage short term

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operational balancing requirements. For the year ended December 31, 2006 Market Hub's three largest customers were Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Conectiv, Inc. and Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, an affiliate, which accounted for approximately 11%, 9% and 8%, respectively, of Market Hub's revenues.

We anticipate that LNG terminal capacity holders will become another key market segment for Market Hub's services. Due to the lack of natural gas storage capacity in other gas markets around the world, we anticipate the U.S. Gulf Coast will become a destination for excess supply in the global LNG market, especially during the summer months when takeaway and storage capacity for LNG is limited in other LNG markets. There are already two LNG storage facilities operating on the Gulf Coast. In addition, as of February 2007, approximately 14 out of a total of approximately 15 additional LNG terminals proposed for construction in the Gulf Coast region have been approved for construction.

**Market Hub Contracts.** Market Hub contracts with its customers to provide firm storage, park and loan services and wheeling. Under firm storage contracts, customers pay a reservation rate for the firm right to inject, withdraw and store a specified volume of natural gas. Under park and loan contracts, customers pay for the interruptible right to park (store) or loan (borrow) gas for a specific period of time. Customers who desire to wheel gas through a Market Hub facility pay for the interruptible right to receive natural gas at one interconnecting pipeline on the storage facility header system and have it simultaneously delivered to a different interconnecting pipeline on the storage facility header system.

As of December 31, 2006, Market Hub's firm storage contracts had a weighted average remaining life by revenue of approximately 2.4 years, which is typical of the shorter contract life of storage systems as compared to transportation systems. For the year ended December 31, 2006, approximately 90% of Market Hub's revenues were derived from capacity reservation fees under firm storage contracts and approximately 10% of Market Hub's revenues were derived from interruptible storage contracts, including park and loan services and wheeling.

Despite an increase in the number of competitors in recent years, we have been able to recontract all of Market Hub's available storage capacity at acceptable rates. We believe our success in renewing contracts is due to various positive attributes of our storage facilities, including their favorable access to neighboring pipeline systems and the flexibility and reliability of our service offerings.

**Market Hub Competition.** Market Hub competes with several regional storage facilities along the Gulf Coast as well as the storage services offered by interstate and intrastate pipelines that serve the same markets as Market Hub. The principal elements of competition among storage facilities are rates, terms of service, types of service, supply and market access, and flexibility and reliability of service. Market Hub's main regional competitors include Jefferson Island storage facility owned by AGL Resources, Spindletop owned by DCP Midstream, North Dayton storage owned by Kinder Morgan and Katy Storage owned by Enstor. An increase in competition in the market could arise from new ventures or expanded operations from existing competitors. We anticipate that growing demand for natural gas storage along the Gulf Coast will be met with increasing storage capacity, either through the expansion of existing facilities or the construction of new storage facilities. For example, we expect additional regional competition from proposed greenfield storage facilities including Liberty Gas Storage, Pine Prairie Energy Center, Starks Gas Storage, Houston Storage Hub and Bobcat Storage.

**Market Hub Natural Gas Supply.** Egan has aggregate receipt capacity from its major interconnecting pipelines of approximately 3.5 Bcf/d compared to an injection capability of 0.8 Bcf/d. Moss Bluff has aggregate receipt capacity from its major interconnecting pipelines of approximately 2.1 Bcf/d compared to an injection capability of 0.6 Bcf/d. Egan has access to major interstate pipelines, while Moss Bluff has access to major interstate and intrastate pipelines. This level of supply connectivity gives customers access to a broad range of natural gas supply sources from existing onshore and offshore Gulf Coast and Mid-Continent production areas as well as future LNG supplies.



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**Safety and Maintenance**

We are subject to regulation by the DOT under the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968, referred to as NGPSA, and the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002, which was recently reauthorized and amended by the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006. The NGPSA regulates safety requirements in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of gas pipeline facilities while the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 establishes mandatory inspections for all United States oil and natural gas transportation pipelines, and some gathering lines in high consequence areas. DOT regulations implementing the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 require pipeline operators to conduct integrity management programs, which involve frequent inspections and other measures to ensure pipeline safety in high consequence areas, such as high population areas, areas that are difficult to evacuate and locations where people congregate. The DOT may assess fines and penalties for violations of these and other requirements imposed by its regulations. We believe that we are in material compliance with all regulations imposed by the DOT on our natural gas pipeline operations.

We currently estimate that our assets will incur costs of approximately \$44.2 million between 2007 and 2012 to conduct integrity management program testing along certain segments of the East Tennessee pipeline and at the Market Hub facilities. The majority of this amount will be capital costs and will be used to modify the East Tennessee pipeline to allow for internal pipeline inspections, or smart pigging, whereas most of the remaining costs are for general operations and maintenance on the East Tennessee pipeline. These estimates do not include the costs, if any, for repair, remediation, preventative or mitigating actions that may be determined to be necessary as a result of the testing program.

States are largely preempted by federal law from regulating pipeline safety but may assume responsibility for enforcement of federal intrastate pipeline safety regulations and inspection of intrastate pipelines. In practice, states vary considerably in their authority and capacity to address pipeline safety. We do not anticipate any significant problems in complying with state laws and regulations applicable to our operations. Our natural gas pipelines have inspection and compliance programs designed to maintain compliance with federal and state pipeline safety and pollution control requirements. For instance, the East Tennessee pipeline requires a corrosion control program to protect the integrity of the pipeline and prolong its life. The corrosion control program includes the installation and operation of groundbeds and rectifiers along the pipeline system to maintain adequate cathodic protection, as required by the DOT. We determine the adequacy of this program through annual monitoring of the output of these systems as well as annual checks of cathodic protection readings at various points along the pipeline and at compressor stations. We also monitor the pipeline both internally by cutting the pipeline open to inspect for internal corrosion, and sampling any liquids or solids that we remove from the pipeline, and externally by inspecting the external coating condition of the pipeline every time we excavate and expose the pipeline. We believe this is an aggressive and proactive corrosion control program that may reduce metal loss, limit corrosion and possibly extend the service life of the pipeline.

We are subject to a number of federal and state laws and regulations, including the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act, referred to as OSHA, and comparable state statutes, whose purpose is to protect the health and safety of workers, both generally and within the pipeline industry. The OSHA hazard communication standard, the EPA community right-to-know regulations under Title III of the federal Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act, and comparable state statutes require that information be maintained concerning hazardous materials used or produced in our operations and that this information be provided to employees, state and local government authorities, and citizens. We are also subject to OSHA Process Safety Management regulations, which are designed to prevent or minimize the consequences of catastrophic releases of toxic, reactive, flammable or explosive chemicals. These regulations apply to any process which involves a chemical at or above specified thresholds, or any process which



involves 10,000 pounds or more of a flammable liquid or gas in one location. Flammable liquids stored in atmospheric tanks below their normal boiling point without the benefit of chilling or refrigeration are exempt. We have an internal program of inspection designed to monitor and enforce compliance with worker safety requirements. We believe that we are in material compliance with all applicable laws and regulations relating to worker health and safety.

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**Regulation**

***FERC Regulation***

Our interstate pipelines are subject to extensive regulation by FERC. With the exception of Market Hub's Moss Bluff storage facility, each of our operating subsidiaries is a natural gas company under the NGA, pursuant to which FERC has jurisdiction with respect to virtually all aspects of our business, including:

- transportation and storage of natural gas;
- rates and charges;
- terms of service including creditworthiness requirements;
- construction of new facilities;
- extension or abandonment of service and facilities;
- accounts and records;
- depreciation and amortization policies;
- our relationships with our marketing affiliates; and
- the initiation and discontinuation of services.

Our interstate pipelines and Market Hub's Egan facility hold certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by FERC pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA covering our facilities, activities and services. These certificates require our interstate pipelines and storage facilities to provide on a non-discriminatory basis open-access services to all customers who qualify under their respective FERC gas tariffs. Under Section 8 of the NGA, FERC has the power to prescribe the accounting treatment of items for regulatory purposes. The books and records of our interstate pipelines storage facilities may be periodically audited by FERC.

FERC regulates the rates and charges for transportation and storage in interstate commerce. Natural gas companies may not charge rates that have been determined not to be just and reasonable.

The maximum recourse rates that may be charged by our pipelines for their services are established through FERC's ratemaking process. Generally, the maximum filed recourse rates for interstate pipelines are based on the cost of service including recovery of and a return on the pipeline's actual prudent historical cost investment. Key determinants in the ratemaking process are costs of providing service, allowed rate of return and volume throughput and contractual capacity commitment assumptions. The allowed rate of return must be approved by FERC as part of the resolution of each rate case. The maximum applicable recourse rates and terms and conditions for service are set forth in each pipeline's FERC approved tariff. Rate design and the allocation of costs also can impact a pipeline's profitability. Our interstate pipelines are permitted to discount their firm and interruptible rates without further FERC authorization down to the variable cost of performing service, provided they do not unduly discriminate.

Our interstate pipelines may also use negotiated rates which, in theory, could involve rates above or below the recourse rate, provided the affected customers are willing to agree to such rates. A prerequisite for having the right to agree to negotiated rates is that negotiated rate customers must have had the option to take service under the pipeline's maximum recourse rates. All of Gulfstream's firm transportation agreements extending for more than one year are subject to negotiated, rather than recourse, rates. Approximately 30% of East Tennessee's firm transportation agreements extending for more than one year are subject to negotiated, rather than recourse, rates. Each negotiated rate transaction of Gulfstream and East Tennessee is designed to fix the negotiated rate for the term of the firm transportation agreement or the negotiated rate agreement, as applicable.

On November 1, 2005, East Tennessee placed into effect new rates approved by FERC as a result of a rate settlement with customers. The settlement agreement includes a five year rate moratorium that continues through 2010. Gulfstream currently has no obligation to file a new rate case.

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The Egan facility has market-based rate authority that permits it to charge rates set by the markets for its services. FERC has determined that the market in which Egan provides its interstate services is sufficiently competitive such that the market will set just and reasonable rates for those services. Like our other operating subsidiaries, Egan, as a natural gas company under the NGA, is prohibited from unduly discriminating among customers in the rates, terms and conditions pursuant to which it provides its services. The market-based rates that Egan negotiates with individual customers are made public by a posting on Egan's website.

Commencing in 2003, FERC issued a series of orders adopting rules for new Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers (Order No. 2004) which apply to interstate natural gas pipelines, including East Tennessee and Gulfstream, and to certain natural gas storage companies, including Market Hub's Egan facilities, which provides storage services in interstate commerce. Order No. 2004 became effective in 2004. Among other matters, Order No. 2004 required our interstate pipelines and storage companies to operate independently from their energy affiliates, prohibited our interstate pipelines and storage companies from providing non-public transportation or shipper information to their energy affiliates, prohibited our interstate pipelines and storage companies from favoring their energy affiliates in providing service and obligated our interstate pipelines and storage companies to post on their websites a number of items of information concerning the company, including its organizational structure, facilities shared with energy affiliates, discounts given for service and instances in which the company has agreed to waive discretionary terms of its tariff.

Late in 2006, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit vacated and remanded Order No. 2004, as it relates to natural gas transportation providers, including our natural gas pipelines and storage companies. The court objected to FERC's expansion of the prior standards of conduct to include energy affiliates, and vacated the entire rule as it relates to natural gas transportation providers. On January 9, 2007, and as clarified on March 21, 2007, FERC issued an interim rule re-promulgating on an interim basis the standards of conduct that were not challenged before the court, while FERC decides how to respond to the court's decision on a permanent basis. The interim rule makes the standards of conduct apply to the relationship between natural gas transportation providers and their marketing affiliates, but not to energy affiliates who are not also marketing affiliates. Several companies requested rehearing and clarification of the interim rule. The March 21, 2007 order on clarification granted some of the requested clarifications and stated that it would address the other requests in its proceeding establishing a permanent rule. FERC has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking, or NOPR, that proposes permanent standards of conduct that FERC states will avoid the aspects of the previous standards of conduct rejected by the court. With respect to natural gas transportation providers, the NOPR proposes (1) that the permanent standards of conduct apply only to the relationship between natural gas transportation providers and their marketing affiliates, and (2) to make permanent the changes adopted in the interim rule permitting risk management employees to be shared by natural gas transportation providers and their marketing affiliates and requiring that tariff waivers be maintained in a written waiver log and available upon request. We have no way to predict with certainty the scope of FERC's permanent rules on the standards of conduct. However, we do not believe that our natural gas pipeline and storage companies will be affected by any action taken previously or in the future on these matters materially differently than other natural gas service providers with whom we compete.

### ***FERC Policy Statement on Income Tax Allowances***

In a decision issued in July 2004 involving an oil pipeline limited partnership, BP West Coast Products, LLC v. FERC, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ( D.C. Circuit ) vacated the portion of a FERC decision applying the Lakehead policy. In its Lakehead decision, FERC allowed an oil pipeline publicly traded partnership to include in its cost-of-service an income tax allowance to the extent that its unitholders were corporations subject to income tax. In May and June 2005, FERC issued a statement of general policy, as well as an order on remand of BP West Coast, respectively, in which it stated it will permit pipelines to include in cost-of-service

a tax allowance to reflect actual or potential tax liability on their public utility income attributable to all partnership or limited liability

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company interests, if the ultimate owner of the interest has an actual or potential income tax liability on such income. Whether a pipeline's owners have such actual or potential income tax liability will be reviewed by FERC on a case-by-case basis. The new policy entails rate risk due to the case-by-case review requirement. FERC's BP West Coast remand decision and the new tax allowance policy were appealed to the D.C. Circuit. The D.C. Circuit issued an order May 29, 2007 in which it denied these appeals and fully upheld FERC's new tax allowance policy and the application of that policy in the BP West Coast remand decision. We have no way of knowing whether any party will seek rehearing or appeal of the D.C. Circuit's decision. However, it is possible that a party could request rehearing of the decision and/or petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court.

On December 8, 2006, FERC issued a new order addressing rates on one of SFPP's interstate oil pipelines. In that order, FERC chose to take up and address challenges to the policy statement raised by shippers in filings in another docket earlier in 2006. In the new order, FERC refined its income tax allowance policy, and notably raised a new issue regarding the implication of the policy statement for publicly traded partnerships. It noted that the tax deferral features of a publicly traded partnership may cause some investors to receive, for some indeterminate duration, cash distributions in excess of their taxable income, which FERC characterized as a tax savings. FERC stated that it is concerned that this created an opportunity for those investors to earn an additional return, funded by ratepayers. Responding to this concern, FERC chose to adjust the pipeline's equity rate of return downward based on the percentage by which the publicly traded partnership's cash flow exceeded taxable income. On February 7, 2007, SFPP asked FERC to reconsider this ruling. The ultimate outcome of this proceeding is not certain and could result in changes to FERC's treatment of income tax allowances in cost of service and to potential adjustment in a future rate case of our pipelines' respective equity rates of return that underlie their recourse rates to the extent that cash distributions in excess of taxable income are allowed to some unitholders. If FERC were to disallow a substantial portion of East Tennessee's or Gulfstream's income tax allowance, it may be more difficult for these pipelines to justify their rates in future proceedings.

***Energy Policy Act of 2005***

On August 8, 2005, Congress enacted the Energy Policy Act of 2005, or EP Act 2005. Among other matters, EP Act 2005 amends the NGA, to add an antimanipulation provision which makes it unlawful for any entity to engage in prohibited behavior in contravention of rules and regulations to be prescribed by FERC and provides FERC with additional civil penalty authority. On January 19, 2006, FERC issued Order No. 670, a rule implementing the antimanipulation provision of EP Act 2005, and subsequently denied rehearing. The rules make it unlawful in connection with the purchase or sale of natural gas subject to the jurisdiction of FERC, or the purchase or sale of transportation services subject to the jurisdiction of FERC, for any entity, directly or indirectly, to use or employ any device, scheme or artifice to defraud; to make any untrue statement of material fact or omit to make any such statement necessary to make the statements made not misleading; or to engage in any act or practice that operates as a fraud or deceit upon any person. The new anti-manipulation rule does not apply to activities that relate only to intrastate or other non-jurisdictional sales or gathering, but does apply to activities of gas pipelines and storage companies that provide interstate services, as well as otherwise non-jurisdictional entities to the extent the activities are conducted in connection with gas sales, purchases or transportation subject to FERC jurisdiction. EP Act 2005 also amends the NGA and the Natural Gas Policy Act to give FERC authority to impose civil penalties for violations of the NGA up to \$1,000,000 per day per violation for violations occurring after August 8, 2005. In connection with this enhanced civil penalty authority, FERC issued a policy statement on enforcement to provide guidance regarding the enforcement of the statutes, orders, rules and regulations it administers, including factors to be considered in determining the appropriate enforcement action to be taken. The antimanipulation rule and enhanced civil penalty authority reflect an expansion of FERC's NGA enforcement authority. Additional proposals and proceedings that might affect the natural gas industry are pending before Congress, FERC and the courts. The natural gas industry historically has been heavily regulated. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that the less stringent and pro-competition regulatory approach recently pursued by FERC and Congress will continue.



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### ***Additional Regulation of Moss Bluff***

FERC performs ratemaking oversight with respect to intrastate pipelines and storage companies that perform service pursuant to Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 and that perform service that is similar to Section 311 service but which, for jurisdictional reasons, is actually performed under a limited certificate issued under Section 7 of the NGA. Under Section 311 or a limited Section 7 certificate, an intrastate pipeline or storage company, like Moss Bluff, can perform service that is in interstate commerce, and would therefore ordinarily cause all of the facility's activities to be subject to FERC's jurisdiction under the NGA, without subjecting the intrastate pipeline or storage company to comprehensive NGA jurisdiction. FERC regulates the rates for the Section 311 service in one of three ways. FERC may directly regulate the rates using essentially the same methodology as is employed to establish just reasonable and recourse rates for interstate pipelines. Intrastate pipelines and storage companies are generally required by FERC to have these Section 311 rates reviewed every three years. As an alternative, some intrastate pipelines and storage companies may be allowed to utilize certain city gate rates on file with a state regulatory agency as the rates for Section 311 service. As a second alternative, some intrastate pipelines and storage companies are permitted to charge market-based rates following a determination by FERC that the markets in which the intrastate pipeline or storage company provides services are workably competitive.

Moss Bluff is a Hinshaw facility, which is specifically exempt from FERC jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(c) of the NGA. However, in order to provide service in interstate commerce without subjecting the entirety of its facilities and services to FERC jurisdiction, Moss Bluff provides service in interstate commerce pursuant to a limited certificate issued under Section 7 of the NGA. As a limited certificate holder, Moss Bluff has a Statement of Operating Conditions on file with FERC that govern the services it provides in interstate commerce. With respect to the rates that it charges for such services, FERC has authorized Moss Bluff to charge market-based rates for its firm and interruptible storage services and its interruptible hub services. If FERC determines that the market in which Moss Bluff provides its interstate services is not workably competitive, FERC could revoke Moss Bluff's ability to charge market-based rates and instead require Moss Bluff to establish rates pursuant to one of the other alternatives discussed above.

The Moss Bluff facility is also subject to the jurisdiction of the TRC as a gas utility. As a gas utility, Moss Bluff's intrastate rates and services and its facilities are subject to TRC regulation. Moss Bluff has a tariff on file with the TRC and it files intrastate service agreements with the TRC. Any future expansion of Moss Bluff's facilities is subject to approval by the TRC.

### **Seasonality**

Our revenues are not generally seasonal in nature, nor are they typically affected by weather and price volatility. Weather impacts natural gas demand for power generation and heating purposes, which in turn influences the value of transportation and storage across our systems. Colder than normal winters or warmer than normal summers typically result in increased pipeline revenues. Price volatility also affects gas prices, which in turn influences drilling and production. Peak demand for natural gas typically occurs during the winter months, caused by the heating load, although certain markets such as the Florida market served by Gulfstream peaks in the summer months due to cooling demands. During 2006 approximately 48% of our pipeline and storage revenues were realized in the first and fourth calendar quarters while approximately 52% of our pipeline and storage revenues were realized in the second and third calendar quarters.

### **Environmental Regulation**



**General.** Our natural gas transportation, and natural gas and LNG storage activities are subject to stringent and complex federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing environmental protection, including air emissions, water quality, wastewater discharges, and solid waste management. Such laws and regulations generally require us to obtain and comply with a wide variety of environmental registrations, licenses, permits, and other approvals. These laws and regulations also can restrict or impact our business activities in many ways, such as restricting the way we handle or dispose of our wastes; requiring remedial

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action to mitigate pollution conditions that may be caused by our operations or that are attributable to former operators; and enjoining some or all of the operations of facilities deemed in non-compliance with permits issued pursuant to such environmental laws and regulations. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in the assessment of administrative, civil and/or criminal penalties, the imposition of remedial requirements, and the issuance of orders enjoining future operations.

We accrue for expenses associated with environmental liabilities when the costs are probable and reasonably estimable. The amount of any accrual for environmental liabilities could change substantially in the future due to factors including the nature and extent of any contamination that we may be required to remediate, changes in remedial requirements, technological changes, discovery of new information, and the involvement and direction taken by the EPA, FERC, DOT and any other governmental authorities on these matters.

We believe that compliance with existing federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, or results of operations. Nevertheless, the trend in environmental regulation is to place more restrictions and limitations on activities that may affect the environment. As a result, there can be no assurance as to the amount or timing of future expenditures for environmental compliance or remediation, and actual future expenditures may be different from the amounts we currently anticipate. The following is a discussion of some of the environmental laws and regulations that are applicable to our natural gas transportation, and natural gas and LNG storage activities.

**Waste Management.** Our operations generate hazardous and non-hazardous solid wastes that are subject to the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ( RCRA ) and comparable state laws, which impose detailed requirements for the handling, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous solid wastes. For instance, RCRA prohibits the disposal of certain hazardous wastes on land without prior treatment, and requires generators of wastes subject to land disposal restrictions to provide notification of pre-treatment requirements to disposal facilities that are in receipt of these wastes. Generators of hazardous wastes also must comply with certain standards for the accumulation and storage of hazardous wastes, as well as recordkeeping and reporting requirements applicable to hazardous waste storage and disposal activities. RCRA imposes fewer restrictions on the handling, storage and disposal of non-hazardous wastes, which includes certain wastes associated with the exploration and production of oil and natural gas.

**Site Remediation.** The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ( CERCLA ), also known as Superfund, and comparable state laws and regulations impose liability, without regard to fault or the legality of the original conduct, on certain classes of persons responsible for the release of hazardous substances into the environment. Such classes of persons include the current and past owners or operators of sites where a hazardous substance was released, and companies that disposed or arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances at offsite locations, such as landfills. CERCLA authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ( EPA ), and in some cases third parties, to take actions in response to threats to the public health or the environment and to seek to recover from the responsible classes of persons the costs they incur. If in the future we are considered a responsible party under CERCLA, we could be subject to joint and several, strict liability for the costs of cleaning up and restoring sites where hazardous substances have been released into the environment, for damages to natural resources, and for the costs of certain health studies. Moreover, it is not uncommon for neighboring landowners and other third parties to file claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by the release of substances or wastes into the environment.

We currently own or lease properties that for many years have been used for the transportation and compression of natural gas, and the storage of natural gas and LNG. Although we typically have used operating and disposal practices that were standard in the industry at the time, wastes may have been disposed of or released on or under the properties owned or leased by us or on or under other locations where such substances have been taken for disposal. In addition, some of the properties may have been operated by third parties or by previous owners whose treatment and disposal or

release of wastes was not

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under our control. These properties and the substances disposed or released on them may be subject to CERCLA, RCRA and analogous state laws. Under such laws, we could be required to remove previously disposed wastes, including waste disposed of by prior owners or operators; remediate contaminated property, including groundwater contamination, whether from prior owners or operators or other historic activities or spills; or perform remedial closure operations to prevent future contamination.

***Air Emissions.*** The Clean Air Act ( CAA ) and comparable state laws regulate emissions of air pollutants from various industrial sources, including compressor stations, and also impose various monitoring and reporting requirements. Such laws and regulations may require pre-approval for the construction or modification of certain projects or facilities expected to produce air emissions or result in an increase of existing air emissions; application for, and strict compliance with, air permits containing various emissions and operational limitations; or the utilization of specific emission control technologies to limit emissions. Failure to comply with these requirements could result in monetary penalties, injunctions, conditions or restrictions on operations, and potentially criminal enforcement actions.

We may incur expenditures in the future for air pollution control equipment in connection with obtaining or maintaining operating permits and approvals for air emissions. For instance, we may be required to supplement or modify our air emission control equipment and strategies due to changes in state implementation plans for controlling air emissions in regional non-attainment areas, or stricter regulatory requirements for sources of hazardous air pollutants. However, we do not believe that any such future requirements will have a material adverse affect on our operations.

***Water Discharges.*** The Clean Water Act ( CWA ) and analogous state laws impose strict controls with respect to the discharge of pollutants, including spills and leaks of oil and other substances, into waters of the United States. The discharge of pollutants into regulated waters is prohibited, except in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by EPA or an analogous state agency. The CWA also regulates storm water runoff from certain industrial facilities. Accordingly, some states require industrial facilities to obtain and maintain storm water discharge permits, and monitor and sample storm water runoff from their facilities. Under the CWA, federal and state regulatory agencies may impose administrative, civil and/or criminal penalties for non-compliance with discharge permits or other requirements of the CWA and analogous state laws and regulations.

The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 ( OPA ), which amends and augments the CWA, establishes strict liability for owners and operators of facilities that are the site of a release of oil into waters of the United States. OPA and its associated regulations impose a variety of requirements on responsible parties related to the prevention of oil spills and liability for damages resulting from such spills. For example, operators of certain oil and gas facilities must develop, implement and maintain facility response plans, conduct annual spill training for certain employees and provide varying degrees of financial assurance.

***Activities on Federal Lands.*** Natural gas transportation activities conducted on federal lands are subject to the National Environmental Policy Act ( NEPA ). NEPA requires federal agencies, including the Department of Interior, to evaluate major agency actions having the potential to significantly impact the environment. In the course of such evaluations, an agency will prepare an Environmental Assessment that assesses the potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of a proposed project and, if necessary, will prepare a more detailed Environmental Impact Statement that may be made available for public review and comment. Our current activities, as well as any proposed plans for future activities, on federal lands are subject to the requirements of NEPA.

***Endangered Species.*** The Endangered Species Act restricts activities that may affect endangered species or their habitats. Some of our natural gas pipelines are located in areas inhabited by endangered species. Specifically, a portion of the East Tennessee pipeline, known as the Jewell Ridge Lateral pipeline, is located in the Indian Creek watershed, which serves as a habitat for certain endangered mussels. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ( FWS )

notified us in September 2006 of impacts to these mussels and their habitat, which according to the agency, was caused by the runoff of sedimentation into Indian Creek as a result of our operations associated with the construction of the Jewell Ridge Lateral pipeline. We have been in consultation with the FWS and FERC to resolve this matter, and expect that we ultimately will be

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required to provide funding for mitigation measures as well as other habitat restoration and species monitoring projects designated by the FWS. We estimate that these projects may cost between approximately \$400,000 and \$2 million, depending upon the nature of the measures required by the FWS.

***Other Laws and Regulations.*** Recent studies have suggested that emissions of certain gases may be contributing to warming of the Earth's atmosphere. In response to these studies, many nations have agreed to limit emissions of greenhouse gases, pursuant to the United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change, also known as the Kyoto Protocol. Methane, a primary component of natural gas, and carbon dioxide, a byproduct of the burning of natural gas and oil, and refined petroleum products, are greenhouse gases regulated by the Kyoto Protocol. Although the United States is not participating in the Kyoto Protocol, the current session of Congress is considering climate change legislation, with multiple bills having been introduced in the Senate that propose to restrict greenhouse gas emissions. Several states have already adopted legislation, regulations and/or regulatory initiatives to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. For instance, California adopted the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which requires the California Air Resources Board to achieve a 25% reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases from sources in California by 2020. Additionally, on November 29, 2006, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on and has since begun reviewing a decision made by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in *Massachusetts, et al v. EPA*, a case in which the appellate court held that EPA had discretion under the Clean Air Act to refuse to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from mobile sources. Passage of climate change legislation by Congress or a Supreme Court reversal of the appellate decision could result in federal regulation of carbon dioxide emissions and other greenhouse gases. Currently, our operations are not adversely impacted by existing state and local climate change initiatives, and at this time, it is not possible to accurately estimate how potential future laws or regulations addressing greenhouse gas emissions would impact our operations or financial condition.

## **Title to Properties and Rights-of-Way**

Our real property falls into two categories: (1) parcels that we (or entities in which we own an interest) own in fee and (2) parcels in which our interest derives from leases, easements, rights-of-way, permits or licenses from landowners or governmental authorities permitting the use of such land for our operations. Portions of the land on which our plants and other major facilities are located are owned by us (or entities in which we own an interest) in fee title, and we believe that we (or entities in which we own an interest) have satisfactory title to these lands. The remainder of the land on which our plant sites and major facilities are located are held by us (or entities in which we own an interest) pursuant to ground leases between us (or entities in which we own an interest), as lessee, and the fee owner of the lands, as lessors. We, our predecessor or our or their affiliates, have leased these lands, in some cases, for many years without any material challenge known to us relating to the title to the land upon which the assets are located, and we believe that we have satisfactory leasehold estates to such lands. We have no knowledge of any current or pending challenge to the underlying fee title of any material lease, easement, right-of-way, permit or license held by us or to our title to any material lease, easement, right-of-way, permit or lease, and we believe that we have satisfactory title to all of our material leases, easements, rights-of-way, permits and licenses.

## **Insurance**

Our insurance program includes general liability insurance, auto liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance, and property insurance in amounts which management believes are reasonable and appropriate.

## **Facilities**

Spectra Energy leases office space for its corporate offices in Houston, Texas. The lease expires on April 1, 2027 with a right of early termination exercisable by Spectra Energy beginning April 1, 2018.



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**Employees**

We do not have any employees. We are managed and operated by the directors and officers of our general partner. To carry out our operations, as of March 1, 2007, our general partner or its affiliates employed approximately 65 people who will spend at least a majority of their time operating the East Tennessee facilities. Market Hub is operated by Spectra Energy pursuant to an operating and maintenance agreement and the employees who operate the Market Hub assets are therefore not included in the above numbers. Gulfstream is operated by Spectra Energy (with respect to business functions) and by The Williams Companies (with respect to technical functions) pursuant to an operating and maintenance agreement and the employees who operate the Gulfstream assets are therefore not included in the above numbers. Please read Management Management of Spectra Energy Partners, LP.

**Legal Proceedings**

We are not a party to any legal proceeding other than legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of our business. We are a party to various administrative and regulatory proceedings that have arisen in the ordinary course of our business. Please read Regulations FERC Regulation.



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**MANAGEMENT**

**Management of Spectra Energy Partners, LP**

Because our general partner is a limited partnership, its general partner, Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC, will manage our operations and activities. Our general partner is not elected by our unitholders and will not be subject to re-election on a regular basis in the future. Unitholders will not be entitled to elect the directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC or directly or indirectly participate in our management or operation. Our general partner owes a fiduciary duty to our unitholders. Our general partner will be liable, as general partner, for all of our debts (to the extent not paid from our assets), except for indebtedness or other obligations that are made expressly nonrecourse to it. Our general partner therefore may cause us to incur indebtedness or other obligations that are nonrecourse to it.

The directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC will oversee our operations. Upon the closing of this offering, Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC will have at least six directors and intends to increase the size of the board of directors to seven following the closing of this offering. Spectra Energy will elect all members to the board of directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC and we expect that, when the size of the board increases to seven directors, there will be at least three directors that are independent as defined under the independence standards established by the New York Stock Exchange. The New York Stock Exchange does not require a listed limited partnership like us to have a majority of independent directors on the board of directors of our general partner or to establish a nominating and governance committee.

In compliance with the requirements of the New York Stock Exchange, Spectra Energy has appointed Steven D. Arnold and Nora M. Brownell as independent members to the board. Spectra Energy will appoint a third independent member within 12 months of the effective date of the registration statement. The independent members of the board of directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC will serve as the initial members of the conflicts and audit committees of the board of directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC.

At least two members of the board of directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC will serve on a conflicts committee to review specific matters that the board believes may involve conflicts of interest. The conflicts committee will determine if the resolution of the conflict of interest is fair and reasonable to us. The members of the conflicts committee may not be officers, employees or security holders of our general partner or directors, officers, or employees of its affiliates, and must meet the independence and experience standards established by the New York Stock Exchange and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, to serve on an audit committee of a board of directors, and certain other requirements. Any matters approved by the conflicts committee in good faith will be conclusively deemed to be fair and reasonable to us, approved by all of our partners, and not a breach by our general partner of any duties it may owe us or our unitholders.

In addition, Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC will have an audit committee of at least three directors who meet the independence and experience standards established by the New York Stock Exchange and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The audit committee will assist the board of directors in its oversight of the integrity of our financial statements and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and corporate policies and controls. The audit committee will have the sole authority to retain and terminate our independent registered public accounting firm, approve all auditing services and related fees and the terms thereof, and pre-approve any non-audit services to be rendered by our independent registered public accounting firm. The audit committee will also be responsible for confirming the independence and objectivity of our independent registered public accounting firm. Our independent registered public accounting firm will be given unrestricted access to the audit committee.

All of our executive management personnel will be employees of Spectra Energy and will devote all of their time to our business and affairs. The officers of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC will manage the day-to-day affairs of our business. We will also utilize a significant number of employees of Spectra Energy to operate our business and provide us with general and administrative services. We will reimburse Spectra Energy for allocated expenses of operational personnel who perform services for our benefit and we will

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reimburse Spectra Energy for allocated general and administrative expenses. Please read Reimbursement of Expenses of Our General Partner.

**Directors and Executive Officers**

The following table shows information regarding the current directors and executive officers of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC. Directors are elected for one-year terms.

| <b>Name</b>            | <b>Age</b> | <b>Position with Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC</b> |
|------------------------|------------|--|
| Martha B. Wyrsh        | 49         | Chairman of the Board                                |
| C. Gregory Harper      | 43         | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director      |
| Lon C. Mitchell, Jr.   | 54         | Vice President and Chief Financial Officer           |
| William S. Garner, Jr. | 57         | Director   |
| Gregory J. Rizzo       | 50         | Director   |
| Steven D. Arnold       | 46         | Director   |
| Nora M. Brownell       | 60         | Director   |

Directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC hold office until the earlier of their death, resignation, removal or disqualification or until their successors have been elected and qualified. Officers serve at the discretion of the board of directors. There are no family relationships among any of our directors or executive officers.

**Martha B. Wyrsh** was elected Chairman of the Board of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC in March 2007. Ms. Wyrsh is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of Spectra Energy Transmission and also a director of Spectra Energy. Ms. Wyrsh assumed her current position effective in January 2007. Ms. Wyrsh served as President of Duke Energy Gas Transmission from March 2005 until assuming her current position. Ms. Wyrsh served as Group Vice President and General Counsel of Duke Energy Corporation from January 2004 until March 2005. Prior to then, Ms. Wyrsh served as Senior Vice President, Legal Affairs for Duke Energy Corporation from February 2003 until January 2004; and Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Duke Energy Field Services from September 1999 until January 2003.

**C. Gregory Harper** was elected President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Board of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC in March 2007. Mr. Harper is currently Group Vice President of Analysis and Transition for Spectra Energy. Mr. Harper assumed his current position in May 2006. Mr. Harper served as Group Vice President of Energy Marketing and Management for Duke Energy Americas from January 2004 until May 2006. Prior to then, Mr. Harper served as Senior Vice President of Energy Marketing for Duke Energy North America from January 2003 until January 2004; Vice President of Business Development for Duke Energy Gas Transmission and Vice President of East Tennessee Natural Gas from March 2002 until January 2003; and General Manager from June 1999 until March 2002.

**Lon C. Mitchell, Jr.** was elected Chief Financial Officer of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC in March 2007. Mr. Mitchell is currently acting as Senior Financial Advisor providing transition support for Spectra Energy. Mr. Mitchell assumed his current position in October 2006. Mr. Mitchell previously served as Group Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Duke Energy Americas from June 2005 until October 2006. Prior to then, Mr. Mitchell served as Senior Vice President and Chief Restructuring Officer for Duke Energy Americas from August 2003 until June 2005; Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Duke Energy North America from April 2002 until August 2003; and Vice President of Duke Energy Merchants from April 2000 until April 2002.

**William S. Garner, Jr.** was elected to the Board of Directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC in May 2007. Mr. Garner is currently serving as Group Executive, General Counsel and Secretary of Spectra Energy. Mr. Garner served as Group Vice President, Corporate Development of Duke Energy Gas Transmission from March 2006 until assuming his current position. Prior to joining Duke Energy, Mr. Garner served as managing director at Petrie Parkman & Co., a company which provides investment

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banking and advisory services to the energy industry and institutional investors. He served in this position from March 2000 until March 2006.

**Gregory J. Rizzo** was elected to the Board of Directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC in May 2007. Mr. Rizzo is currently serving as Group Vice President of U.S. Regulatory and Project Management for Spectra Energy Transmission. Mr. Rizzo previously served as Group Vice President for Duke Energy Gas Transmission from March 2004 until assuming his current position. Prior to then, Mr. Rizzo served as Executive Vice President of Duke Energy Corporation from February 2003 until March 2004; and Senior Vice President from March 2002 until February 2003.

**Steven D. Arnold** was elected to the Board of Directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC in May 2007 and will serve on our Audit Committee and the Conflicts Committee. Mr. Arnold currently serves as President of Bordley Management Co., a private investment management and consulting services in Houston, Texas, and has served in this capacity since 2000. Prior to that from 1988 to 1999, Mr. Arnold served in roles of increasing responsibility, including Senior Vice President from December 1996 to April 1999, for Prudential Capital Group, a unit of The Prudential Insurance Company of America. Mr. Arnold received his Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Texas in 1983 and his Master of Business Administration from the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School at Rice University in 1988. Mr. Arnold currently serves on the Advisory Boards of Avalon Advisors LP, in Texas and Alliance Real Estate Value Fund, in Colorado.

**Nora M. Brownell** was elected to the Board of Directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC in May 2007 and will serve on our Audit Committee and the Conflicts Committee. In May 2001, Ms. Brownell was confirmed as Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission where she served until the expiration of her term in June 2006. During her time as Commissioner, Ms. Brownell was an advocate for the development of regional transmission organizations, markets for wholesale power and national energy infrastructure development. Prior to her time as Commissioner, she served as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission from 1997 to 2001. Ms. Brownell previously served as Acting Executive Director of the Regional Performing Arts Center in Philadelphia a \$200 million arts and economic development initiative and as Senior Vice President for Meridian Bancorp Inc's Corporate Affairs Unit. Ms. Brownell is the former President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Ms. Brownell also currently serves on the Board of Directors of Comverge, Inc.

## **Reimbursement of Expenses of Our General Partner**

Our general partner will not receive any management fee or other compensation for its management of our partnership under the omnibus agreement with Spectra Energy or otherwise. Under the terms of the omnibus agreement, we will reimburse Spectra Energy up to \$3.0 million annually for the provision of various general and administrative services for our benefit, which amount will be adjusted for inflation during the first three years. We will also reimburse Spectra Energy for direct expenses incurred on our behalf and expenses allocated to us as a result of our becoming a public entity. The partnership agreement provides that our general partner will determine the expenses that are allocable to us. Please see [Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions](#) [Omnibus Agreement](#).

## **Executive Compensation**

Our general partner and Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC were formed in March 2007. Accordingly, Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC has not accrued any obligations with respect to management incentive or retirement benefits for its directors and officers for the 2006 fiscal year. The compensation of the executive officers of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC will be set by the compensation committee of Spectra Energy and ratified by the Board of Directors of our general partner. The officers of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC participate in employee benefit plans and arrangements sponsored by Spectra Energy. Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC has not entered into any employment agreements with any of its officers. We anticipate that our board of directors will grant awards to our officers and our

outside directors pursuant to the Long-Term Incentive Plan described below following the closing of this offering; however, the board has not yet

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made any determination as to the number of awards, the type of awards or when the awards would be granted.

### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

We do not directly employ any of the persons responsible for managing our business and we do not have a compensation committee. We are managed by our general partner, the executive officers of which are employees of Spectra Energy. Our reimbursement for the compensation of executive officers is governed by the omnibus agreement and will generally be based on time allocated to us and Spectra Energy during a period.

During 2006, our executive officers were not specifically compensated for time expended with respect to our business or assets. Accordingly, we are not presenting any compensation for historical periods. Compensation paid or awarded by us in 2007 with respect to our Chief Executive Officer (our principal executive officer) and our Chief Financial Officer (our principal financial officer, and together with our principal executive officer, our named executive officers ) reflect only the portion of compensation paid by Spectra Energy that is allocated to us pursuant to Spectra Energy's allocation methodology and subject to the terms of the omnibus agreement. Our named executive officers will devote 100% of their time to our business and affairs and we expect that for the period from the completion of this offering until December 31, 2007, all of the compensation paid by Spectra Energy to our named executive officers will be allocated to us. The compensation committee of Spectra Energy has ultimate decision making authority with respect to the compensation, other than equity based compensation, of our named executive officers. The elements of compensation discussed below, other than equity based compensation, and Spectra Energy's decisions with respect to determinations on payments, will not be subject to approvals by the board of directors of our general partner. Compensation of our executive officers will be approved by the compensation committee of the board of directors of Spectra Energy or its delegate and ratified by the Board of Directors of our general partner. Awards under our long-term incentive plan will be recommended by the compensation committee of Spectra Energy and approved by the board of directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC.

With respect to compensation objectives and decisions regarding our named executive officers for 2007, the compensation committee of Spectra Energy will approve the compensation, and recommend equity based compensation, of our named executive officers based on its compensation philosophy, which is to reward both continued employment and performance through a combination of short-term bonus incentives and long-term equity compensation. Senior management of Spectra Energy typically consults with compensation consultants and reviews market data for determining relevant compensation levels and compensation program elements through the review of and, in certain cases, participation in, various relevant compensation surveys. Senior management then submits a proposal to the compensation committee of Spectra Energy, for the compensation to be paid or awarded to executives and employees for consideration. Spectra Energy intends to consult with compensation consultants with respect to determining 2007 compensation for the named executive officers in a manner consistent with its current compensation philosophy. All compensation determinations are discretionary and are, as noted above, subject to Spectra Energy's decision-making authority.

The elements of Spectra Energy compensation program discussed below are intended to provide an incentive package designed to drive performance and reward contributions in support of the business strategies of Spectra Energy and its affiliates at the corporate, partnership and individual levels. Historically, more than half of the compensation provided to Spectra Energy's executive officers was provided in the form of short-term and long-term incentives. We expect that compensation for our executive officers in 2007 and the future will be structured in a similar manner.

The primary elements of Spectra Energy's compensation program are a combination of annual cash and long-term, equity-based compensation. For 2007, elements of compensation for our named executive officers are expected to be the following:

annual base salary;



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annual performance based cash bonuses;

performance awards under Spectra Energy's and our long-term incentive plan;

Spectra Energy's contributions under its 401(k) and profit sharing plan; and

Spectra Energy's other benefit plans on the same basis as all other Spectra Energy employees.

We expect Spectra Energy to establish salaries based on historical salaries paid to our named executive officers for services rendered to Spectra Energy, the extent of their equity ownership in Spectra Energy, market data and responsibilities of our named executive officers that may or may not be related to our business.

The short-term incentive payments, in combination with base salaries and long-term incentive awards, are intended to yield competitive total cash compensation levels for the executive officers and drive performance in support of business strategies as well as our own. The portion of any short-term incentive payments allocable to us will be based on Spectra Energy's methodology used for allocating general and administrative expenses, subject to the limitations in the omnibus agreement. It is Spectra Energy's general policy to pay these awards during the first quarter.

We plan to issue our executive officers long-term equity based awards intended to compensate the officers based on the performance of our common units and their continued employment during the vesting period. These awards will be made pursuant to a long-term incentive plan adopted by us and administered by Spectra Energy; provided, however, that awards under the long-term incentive plan will be recommended by the compensation committee of Spectra Energy and approved by the board of directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC. Please see Long-Term Incentive Plan. The cost of such awards will be allocated to us pursuant to Spectra Energy's allocation methodology and subject to the terms of the omnibus agreement. The Spectra Energy Partners equity-based awards that we intend to make to both our named executive officers and the directors of our general partner are intended to align their long-term interests with those of our unitholders.

The terms and amount of Spectra Energy Partners equity awards that we intend to make to each of our directors under our long-term incentive plan will be recommended by Spectra Energy's compensation committee or its delegate and approved by our general partner.

We believe that each of the base salary, cash award, and equity awards fit our overall compensation objectives and those of Spectra Energy, as stated above, i.e., to provide competitive compensation opportunities to align and drive employee performance in support of Spectra Energy's business strategies as well as our own and to attract, motivate and retain high quality talent with the skills and competencies required by Spectra Energy and us.

## **Compensation of Directors**

Officers or employees of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC or its affiliates who also serve as directors will not receive additional compensation for their service as a director of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC. Each non-employee director will be reimbursed for his out-of-pocket expenses in connection with attending meetings of the board of directors or committees. Each director will be fully indemnified by us for his actions associated with being a director to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law.

## **Long-Term Incentive Plan**

**General.** Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC intends to adopt a Long-Term Incentive Plan, or the Plan, for employees and directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC and its affiliates who perform services for us. The summary of the Plan contained herein does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Plan. The Plan provides for the grant of restricted units, phantom units, unrestricted units, unit options, substitute awards, performance awards and distribution equivalent rights, or DERs. Subject to adjustment for certain events, an aggregate of 900,000 common units may be delivered pursuant to awards under the Plan. Units subject to awards that are cancelled, forfeited, exercised, withheld

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to satisfy Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC's tax withholding obligations or otherwise terminate or expire without the actual delivery of common units are available for delivery pursuant to other awards. The Plan will be administered by the compensation committee of Spectra Energy's board of directors, provided that administration may be delegated to such other committee as appointed by Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC's board of directors and to the chairman of the board of directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC with respect to any individuals who are not subject to Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act.

***Restricted Units and Phantom Units.*** A restricted unit is a common unit that is subject to forfeiture. Upon vesting, the grantee receives a common unit that is not subject to forfeiture. A phantom unit is a notional unit that entitles the grantee to receive a common unit upon the vesting of the phantom unit or, in the discretion of the compensation committee, cash equal to the fair market value of a common unit. The compensation committee may make grants of restricted units and phantom units under the Plan to eligible individuals containing such terms, consistent with the Plan, as the compensation committee may determine, including the period over which restricted units and phantom units granted will vest. The compensation committee may, in its discretion, base vesting on the grantee's completion of a period of service or upon the achievement of specified financial objectives or other criteria. In addition, the restricted and phantom units will vest upon a change of control (as defined in the applicable award agreement) of us or Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC, if so provided in the award agreement.

If a grantee's employment or membership on the board terminates for any reason, the grantee's restricted units and phantom units will be automatically forfeited unless, and to the extent, the award agreement or the compensation committee provides otherwise. Common units to be delivered with respect to these awards may be common units acquired by Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC in the open market, common units already owned by Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC, common units acquired by Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC directly from us or any other person, or any combination of the foregoing. Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC will be entitled to reimbursement by us for the cost incurred in acquiring common units. If we issue new common units with respect to these awards, the total number of common units outstanding will increase.

Distributions made by us with respect to awards of restricted units may, in the compensation committee's discretion, be subject to the same vesting requirements as the restricted units. The compensation committee, in its discretion, may also grant tandem DERs with respect to phantom units on such terms as it deems appropriate. DERs are rights that entitle the grantee to receive, with respect to a phantom unit, cash equal to the cash distributions made by us on a common unit.

We intend for the restricted units and phantom units granted under the Plan to serve as a means of incentive compensation for performance and not primarily as an opportunity to participate in the equity appreciation of the common units. Therefore, participants will not pay any consideration for the common units they receive with respect to these types of awards, and neither we nor our general partner will receive remuneration for the units delivered with respect to these awards.

***Unit Options.*** The Plan also permits the grant of options covering common units. Unit options may be granted to such eligible individuals and with such terms as the compensation committee may determine, consistent with the Plan; however, a unit option must have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of a common unit on the date of grant. A unit option will vest upon a change of control (as defined in the applicable award agreement) of us or Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC, if so provided in the award agreement.

Upon exercise of a unit option, Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC will acquire common units in the open market at a price equal to the prevailing price on the principal national securities exchange upon which the common units are then traded, or directly from us or any other person, or use common units already owned by the general partner, or any combination of the foregoing. Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC will be entitled to reimbursement by us for the

difference between the cost incurred by Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC in acquiring the common units and the proceeds received by Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC from an optionee at the time of exercise. Thus, we will bear the cost of the unit options. If we issue new common units upon exercise of the unit options, the total number of common units

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outstanding will increase, and Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC will remit the proceeds it received from the optionee upon exercise of the unit option to us. The unit option plan has been designed to furnish additional compensation to employees and directors and to align their economic interests with those of common unitholders.

***Substitution Awards.*** The compensation committee, in its discretion, may grant substitute or replacement awards to eligible individuals who, in connection with an acquisition made by us, Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC or an affiliate, have forfeited an equity-based award in their former employer. A substitute award that is an option may have an exercise price less than the value of a common unit on the date of grant of the award.

***Performance Awards.*** The compensation committee, in its discretion, may grant performance awards to eligible individuals based upon the individuals' satisfaction of pre-established performance criteria as determined by the committee.

***Distribution Equivalent Rights.*** The compensation committee, in its discretion, may grant DERs as stand-alone awards or in combination with another award.

***Termination of Long-Term Incentive Plan.*** Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC's board of directors, in its discretion, may terminate the Plan at any time with respect to the common units for which a grant has not theretofore been made. The Plan will automatically terminate on the earlier of the 10th anniversary of the date it was initially approved by our unitholders or when common units are no longer available for delivery pursuant to awards under the Plan. Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC's board of directors will also have the right to alter or amend the Plan or any part of it from time to time and the compensation committee may amend any award; provided, however, that no change in any outstanding award may be made that would materially impair the rights of the participant without the consent of the affected participant. Subject to unitholder approval, if required by the rules of the principal national securities exchange upon which the common units are traded, the board of directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC may increase the number of common units that may be delivered with respect to awards under the Plan.

**Table of Contents****SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth the beneficial ownership of our units that will be issued upon the consummation of this offering and the related transactions and held by:

each person who then will beneficially own 5% or more of the then outstanding units;

all of the directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC;

each named executive officer of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC; and

all directors and officers of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC as a group.

| Name of Beneficial Owner (1)                                       | Common<br>Units<br>to be<br>Beneficially<br>Owned | Percentage<br>of<br>Common<br>Units to<br>be<br>Beneficially<br>Owned | Percentage<br>of<br>and                              |   |   |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|
|  |   |   | Subordinated<br>Units to be<br>Beneficially<br>Owned | Subordinated<br>Units to<br>be<br>Beneficially<br>Owned | Subordinated<br>Units to<br>be<br>Beneficially<br>Owned |
| Spectra Energy Corp(2)   | 34,629,880  | 77.6%   | 21,638,730   | 100%  | 84.9%   |
| Spectra Energy Transmission LLC                                    | 7,873,950   | 17.6%   | 5,142,858  | 23.8%   | 19.6%   |
| Spectra Energy Southeast Pipeline<br>Corp.                         | 25,255,930  | 56.6%   | 16,495,872   | 76.2%   | 63.0%   |
| Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP,<br>LP                             | 1,500,000   | 3.4%  |  |   | 2.3%  |
| Martha B. Wyrsh(3)   |   | %   |  | %   | %   |
| C. Gregory Harper(3)   |   | %   |  | %   | %   |
| Lon C. Mitchell, Jr.(3)  |   | %   |  | %   | %   |
| William S. Garner, Jr.(3)  |   | %   |  | %   | %   |
| Gregory J. Rizzo(3)  |   | %   |  | %   | %   |
| Steven D. Arnold(3)  |   | %   |  | %   | %   |
| Nora M. Brownell(3)  |   | %   |  | %   | %   |
| All directors and executive officers<br>as a group (seven persons) |   |   |  | %   | %   |

(\*) Less than 1% of units outstanding

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- (1) Unless otherwise indicated, the address for all beneficial owners in this table is 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, TX 77056.
- (2) Spectra Energy Corp is the ultimate parent company of each of Spectra Energy Transmission, Spectra Energy Southeast Pipeline Corp. and Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP and may, therefore, be deemed to beneficially own the units held by each of Spectra Energy Transmission, Spectra Energy Southeast Pipeline Corp. and Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP.
- (3) Does not include common units that may be purchased in the directed unit program.

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**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

After this offering, Spectra Energy and its affiliates will own 34,629,880 common units and 21,638,730 subordinated units representing an aggregate 83.2% limited partner interest in us. In addition, our general partner will own a 2% general partner interest in us and the incentive distribution rights.

**Distributions and Payments to Our General Partner and its Affiliates**

The following table summarizes the distributions and payments to be made by us to our general partner and its affiliates in connection with the formation, ongoing operation and any liquidation of Spectra Energy Partners, LP. These distributions and payments were determined by and among affiliated entities and, consequently, are not the result of arm's-length negotiations.

**Formation Stage**

The consideration received by Spectra Energy and its subsidiaries for the contribution of the assets and liabilities to us

34,629,880 common units;

21,638,730 subordinated units;

1,352,421 general partner units;

the incentive distribution rights;

\$288.1 million cash payment from the proceeds of borrowings under our credit facility.

**Operational Stage**

Distributions of available cash to our general partner and its affiliates

We will generally make cash distributions 98% to our unitholders pro rata, including our general partner and its affiliates, as the holders of an aggregate 34,629,880 common units 21,638,730 subordinated units, and 2% to our general partner. In addition, if distributions exceed the minimum quarterly distribution and other higher target distribution levels, our general partner will be entitled to increasing percentages of the distributions, up to 50% of the distributions above the highest target distribution level.

Assuming we have sufficient available cash to pay the full minimum quarterly distribution on all of our outstanding units for four quarters, our general partner and its affiliates would receive an annual distribution of approximately \$1.6 million on their general partner units and \$67.5 million on their common and subordinated units.



Payments to our general partner and its affiliates

We will reimburse Spectra Energy and its affiliates for the payment of certain operating expenses and for the provision of various general and administrative services for our benefit. For further information regarding the administrative fee, please read Certain Relationship and Related Party Transactions Omnibus Agreement Reimbursement of Operating and General and Administrative Expense.

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Withdrawal or removal of our general partner      If our general partner withdraws or is removed, its general partner interest and its incentive distribution rights will either be sold to the new general partner for cash or converted into common units, in each case for an amount equal to the fair market value of those interests. Please read *The Partnership Agreement – Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner*.

**Liquidation Stage**

Liquidation      Upon our liquidation, the partners, including our general partner, will be entitled to receive liquidating distributions according to their respective capital account balances.

**Agreements Governing the Transactions**

We and other parties have entered into or will enter into the various documents and agreements that will effect the offering transactions, including the vesting of assets in, and the assumption of liabilities by, us and our subsidiaries, and the application of the proceeds of this offering. These agreements will not be the result of arm's-length negotiations, and they, or any of the transactions that they provide for, may not be effected on terms at least as favorable to the parties to these agreements as they could have been obtained from unaffiliated third parties. All of the transaction expenses incurred in connection with these transactions, including the expenses associated with transferring assets into our subsidiaries, will be paid from the proceeds of this offering.

**Omnibus Agreement**

Upon the closing of this offering, we will enter into an omnibus agreement with Spectra Energy, our general partner and others that will address the following matters:

our obligation to reimburse Spectra Energy the payment of direct operating expenses it incurs on our behalf in connection with our business and operations;

our obligation to reimburse Spectra Energy for providing us allocated corporate, general and administrative services, which reimbursement is capped at \$3.0 million per year, subject to adjustment for inflation and increases in connection with expansions of our operations through the acquisition or construction of new assets or businesses with the concurrence of our conflicts committee; and

Spectra Energy's obligation to indemnify us for certain liabilities and our obligation to indemnify Spectra Energy for certain liabilities.

Our general partner and its affiliates will also receive payments from us pursuant to the contractual arrangements described below under the caption *Contracts with Affiliates*.

Any or all of the provisions of the omnibus agreement, other than the indemnification provisions described below, will be terminable by Spectra Energy at its option if our general partner is removed without cause and units held by our general partner and its affiliates are not voted in favor of that removal. The omnibus agreement (other than the indemnification provisions) will also terminate in the event of a change of control of us, our general partner or the general partner of our general partner.

***Reimbursement of Operating and General and Administrative Expense***

Under the omnibus agreement we will reimburse Spectra Energy for the payment of certain operating expenses and for the provision of various corporate, general and administrative services (which corporate, general and administrative expenses will be capped at \$3.0 million annually, subject to increases as described above) for our benefit with respect to the assets contributed to us at the closing of this offering.

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Pursuant to these arrangements, Spectra Energy will perform centralized corporate functions for us, including legal, accounting, compliance, treasury, insurance, risk management, health, safety and environmental, information technology, human resources, credit, payroll, internal audit and tax. We will reimburse Spectra Energy for the expenses to provide these services as well as other expenses it incurs on our behalf, such as salaries of personnel performing services for our benefit and the cost of their employee benefits and general and administrative expenses associated with such personnel; capital expenditures; maintenance and repair costs; taxes; and direct expenses, including operating expenses and certain allocated operating expenses, associated with the ownership and operation of the contributed assets.

### ***Competition***

Neither Spectra Energy or any of its affiliates will be restricted, under either our partnership agreement or the omnibus agreement, from competing with us. Spectra Energy and any of its affiliates may acquire, construct or dispose of additional transportation and storage or other assets in the future without any obligation to offer us the opportunity to purchase or construct those assets.

### ***Indemnification***

Under the omnibus agreement, Spectra Energy will indemnify us for three years after the closing of this offering against certain potential environmental and toxic tort claims, losses and expenses associated with the operation of the assets and occurring before the closing date of this offering. The maximum liability of Spectra Energy for this indemnification obligation will not exceed \$15.0 million and Spectra Energy will not have any obligation under this indemnification until our aggregate losses exceed \$250,000. Spectra Energy will have no indemnification obligations with respect to environmental claims made as a result of additions to or modifications of environmental laws relating to pollution or protection of the environment or natural resources promulgated after the closing date of this offering. We have agreed to indemnify Spectra Energy against environmental liabilities related to our assets to the extent Spectra Energy is not required to indemnify us.

Additionally, Spectra Energy will indemnify us for losses attributable to title defects, failures to obtain consents or permits necessary for the transfer of the contributed assets, retained assets and liabilities (including preclosing litigation relating to contributed assets) and income taxes attributable to pre-closing operations. We will indemnify Spectra Energy for all losses attributable to the postclosing operations of the assets contributed to us, to the extent not subject to Spectra Energy's indemnification obligations.

### **Contracts with Affiliates**

#### ***Gulfstream Limited Liability Company Agreement***

In connection with the closing of this offering, Spectra Energy will contribute to us 49.0% of its 50.0% interest in Gulfstream, at which time we will own a 24.5% interest in Gulfstream, Spectra Energy will own a 25.5% interest and The Williams Companies will own a 50.0% interest. Gulfstream's second amended and restated limited liability company agreement governs the ownership and management of Gulfstream and provides for quarterly distributions equal to 100% of its available cash, which is defined to include Gulfstream's cash and cash equivalents on hand at the end of the quarter less any reserves that may be deemed appropriate by the Gulfstream management committee for the operation of its business (including reserves for its future maintenance capital expenditures and for its anticipated future credit needs) or for its compliance with law or other agreements.

The management committee representatives of Spectra Energy and The Williams Companies will jointly make the determinations related to Gulfstream's available cash. In addition, because we will hold less than a 25% interest in Gulfstream, under the terms of the limited liability company agreement, Spectra

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Energy and The Williams Companies will be able to collectively make all decisions with respect to the operation of Gulfstream without our approval, other than those decisions relating to (1) a dissolution of Gulfstream, (2) Gulfstream's entrance into bankruptcy proceedings, (3) Gulfstream's conducting any activity or business that may generate income for federal income tax purposes that may not be qualifying income or (4) an amendment of Gulfstream's limited liability company agreement or its certificate of formation.

Under the Gulfstream limited liability company agreement, each member's interest is subject to transfer restrictions, including a right of first offer in favor of the other members except in the case of certain transfers to affiliates. Accordingly, if a member identifies a potential third-party purchaser for all or a portion of its interest, that member must first offer the other members the opportunity to acquire the interest that it proposes to sell on the same terms and conditions as proposed by such potential purchaser.

### ***Market Hub General Partnership Agreement***

In connection with the closing of this offering, Spectra Energy will contribute to us 50.0% of its interest in Market Hub, after which we will own a 50.0% interest in Market Hub and Spectra Energy will own a 50.0% interest. A partnership agreement will govern the ownership and management of Market Hub and provide for quarterly distributions equal to 100% of its available cash, which is defined to include Market Hub's cash and cash equivalents on hand at the end of the quarter less any reserves that may be deemed appropriate by the Market Hub management committee for the operation of its business (including reserves for its future maintenance capital expenditures and for its anticipated future credit needs) or for its compliance with law or other agreements.

A management committee comprised of an equal number of representatives of Spectra Energy and us will jointly make the determinations related to Market Hub's available cash.

### ***Storage and Transportation Related Arrangements***

We charge transportation and storage fees to Spectra Energy and its respective affiliates. Management anticipates continuing to provide these services to Spectra Energy and its respective affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

*East Tennessee.* East Tennessee is a party under three pipeline balancing agreements with the following Spectra Energy affiliates: Texas Eastern Transmission (Texas Eastern), LP; Saltville Gas Storage, LLC (Saltville) and Spectra Energy Early Grove Company. Each agreement was entered into in accordance with East Tennessee FERC gas tariff and provides for the monthly balancing of natural gas at receipt and delivery points with affiliates interconnecting with East Tennessee's pipeline system. In addition, East Tennessee has entered into an interruptible storage service agreement with Saltville and a firm storage service agreement with Spectra Energy Virginia Pipeline Company for the purpose of balancing the operations of East Tennessee.

*Market Hub.* Spectra Energy's Texas Eastern Transmission, LP has entered into a variety of storage service agreements with Moss Bluff and Egan. At Egan, interruptible service agreements were made under a FERC approved gas tariff, using rates negotiated at arms-length between the parties. At Moss Bluff, interruptible and firm storage service agreements are subject to the Statement of Operating Conditions on file with FERC. Storage service agreements between Moss Bluff and Texas Eastern include rates negotiated at arms-length between the parties. In addition, each of Moss Bluff and Egan have entered into agreements with Texas Eastern as an interconnecting pipeline to provide for monthly gas balancing at receipt and delivery points between the parties.

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**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND FIDUCIARY DUTIES**

**Conflicts of Interest**

Conflicts of interest exist and may arise in the future as a result of the relationships between our general partner and its affiliates (including Spectra Energy) on the one hand, and our partnership and our limited partners, on the other hand. The directors and officers of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC have fiduciary duties to manage Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC and our general partner in a manner beneficial to its owners. At the same time, our general partner has a fiduciary duty to manage our partnership in a manner beneficial to us and our unitholders.

Whenever a conflict arises between our general partner or its affiliates, on the one hand, and us or any other partner, on the other hand, our general partner will resolve that conflict. Our partnership agreement contains provisions that modify and limit our general partner's fiduciary duties to our unitholders. Our partnership agreement also restricts the remedies available to unitholders for actions taken that, without those limitations, might constitute breaches of fiduciary duty.

Our general partner will not be in breach of its obligations under the partnership agreement or its duties to us or our unitholders if the resolution of the conflict is:

approved by the conflicts committee in good faith, although our general partner is not obligated to seek such approval;

approved by the vote of a majority of the outstanding common units, excluding any common units owned by our general partner or any of its affiliates;

on terms no less favorable to us than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties; or

fair and reasonable to us, taking into account the totality of the relationships among the parties involved, including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to us.

Our general partner may, but is not required to, seek the approval of such resolution from the conflicts committee of the board of directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC. If our general partner does not seek approval from the conflicts committee and the board of directors of Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC determines that the resolution or course of action taken with respect to the conflict of interest satisfies either of the standards set forth in the third and fourth bullet points above, then it will be presumed that, in making its decision, the board of directors acted in good faith, and in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of any limited partner or the partnership, the person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding will have the burden of overcoming such presumption. Unless the resolution of a conflict is specifically provided for in our partnership agreement, our general partner or the conflicts committee may consider any factors it determines in good faith to consider when resolving a conflict. When our partnership agreement provides that someone act in good faith, it requires that person to believe he is acting in the best interests of the partnership.

Conflicts of interest could arise in the situations described below, among others.

***Spectra Energy and its affiliates, including DCP Midstream, LLC and DCP Midstream Partners, LP, are not limited in their ability to compete with us, which could cause conflicts of interest and limit our ability to acquire***

***additional assets or businesses which in turn could adversely affect our results of operations and cash available for distribution to our unitholders.***

Neither our partnership agreement nor the omnibus agreement between us, Spectra Energy and others will prohibit Spectra Energy and its affiliates, including DCP Midstream, LLC and DCP Midstream Partners, LP, from owning assets or engaging in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with us. In addition, Spectra Energy and its affiliates may acquire, construct or dispose of additional transportation, storage or other assets in the future, without any obligation to offer us the opportunity to purchase or construct any of those assets. Spectra Energy is a large, established participant in the transportation and



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storage business, and has significantly greater resources and experience than we have, which factors may make it more difficult for us to compete with Spectra Energy with respect to commercial activities as well as for acquisitions candidates. As a result, competition from Spectra Energy and its affiliates could adversely impact our results of operations and cash available for distribution.

***Neither our partnership agreement nor any other agreement requires Spectra Energy to pursue a business strategy that favors us or utilizes our assets or dictates what markets to pursue or grow. Spectra Energy's directors have a fiduciary duty to make these decisions in the best interests of the owners of Spectra Energy, which may be contrary to our interests.***

Because certain of the directors of our general partner are also directors and/or officers of Spectra Energy, such directors have fiduciary duties to Spectra Energy that may cause them to pursue business strategies that disproportionately benefit Spectra Energy or which otherwise are not in our best interests.

***Our general partner is allowed to take into account the interests of parties other than us, such as Spectra Energy, in resolving conflicts of interest.***

Our partnership agreement contains provisions that reduce the standards to which our general partner would otherwise be held by state fiduciary duty law. For example, our partnership agreement permits our general partner to make a number of decisions in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as our general partner. This entitles our general partner to consider only the interests and factors that it desires, and it has no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of, or factors affecting, us, our affiliates or any limited partner. Examples include the exercise of its right to make a determination to receive Class B units in exchange for resetting the target distribution levels related to its incentive distribution rights, its limited call right, its rights to transfer or vote the units it owns, its registration rights and its determination whether or not to consent to any merger or consolidation of the partnership or amendment to the partnership agreement.

***We will not have any employees and will rely on the employees of our general partner and its affiliates.***

All of our executive management personnel will be employees of our general partner and will devote all of their time to our business and affairs. We will also utilize a significant number of employees of Spectra Energy to operate our business and provide us with general and administrative services for which we will reimburse Spectra Energy for allocated expenses of operational personnel who perform services for our benefit and we will reimburse Spectra Energy for allocated general and administrative expenses. Affiliates of our general partner and Spectra Energy will also conduct businesses and activities of their own in which we will have no economic interest. If these separate activities are significantly greater than our activities, there could be material competition for the time and effort of the officers and employees who provide services to Spectra Energy and its affiliates.

***Our partnership agreement limits our general partner's fiduciary duties to holders of our common units and subordinated units and restricts the remedies available to holders of our common units and subordinated units for actions taken by our general partner that might otherwise constitute breaches of fiduciary duty.***

Our partnership agreement contains provisions that reduce the fiduciary standards to which our general partner would otherwise be held by state fiduciary duty laws. For example, our partnership agreement:

permits our general partner to make a number of decisions in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as our general partner. This entitles our general partner to consider only the interests and factors that it desires, and it has no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of, or factors affecting, us, our affiliates or any limited partner. Examples include the exercise of its right to make a determination to receive

Class B units in exchange for resetting the target distribution levels related to its incentive distribution rights, the exercise of its limited call right, the exercise of its rights to transfer or vote the units it owns, the exercise of its registration rights and its determination whether or not to consent to any merger or consolidation of the partnership or amendment to the partnership agreement;

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provides that our general partner will not have any liability to us or our unitholders for decisions made in its capacity as a general partner so long as it acted in good faith, meaning it believed the decision was in the best interests of our partnership;

generally provides that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not approved by the conflicts committee of the board of directors of our general partner acting in good faith and not involving a vote of unitholders must be on terms no less favorable to us than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or must be fair and reasonable to us, as determined by our general partner in good faith and that, in determining whether a transaction or resolution is fair and reasonable, our general partner may consider the totality of the relationships between the parties involved, including other transactions that may be particularly advantageous or beneficial to us;

provides that our general partner and its officers and directors will not be liable for monetary damages to us, our limited partners or assignees for any acts or omissions unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that the general partner or those other persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the conduct was criminal; and

provides that in resolving conflicts of interest, it will be presumed that in making its decision the general partner or its conflicts committee acted in good faith, and in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of any limited partner or us, the person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding will have the burden of overcoming such presumption.

By purchasing a common unit, a common unitholder will agree to become bound by the provisions in the partnership agreement, including the provisions discussed above. Please read **Conflicts of Interest and Fiduciary Duties** **Fiduciary Duties**.

***Except in limited circumstances, our general partner has the power and authority to conduct our business without unitholder approval.***

Under our partnership agreement, our general partner has full power and authority to do all things, other than those items that require unitholder approval or with respect to which our general partner has sought conflicts committee approval, on such terms as it determines to be necessary or appropriate to conduct our business including, but not limited to, the following:

the making of any expenditures, the lending or borrowing of money, the assumption or guarantee of or other contracting for, indebtedness and other liabilities, the issuance of evidences of indebtedness, including indebtedness that is convertible into our securities, and the incurring of any other obligations;

the purchase, sale or other acquisition or disposition of our securities, or the issuance of additional options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to our securities;

the mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, hypothecation or exchange of any or all of our assets;

the negotiation, execution and performance of any contracts, conveyances or other instruments;

the distribution of our cash;

the selection and dismissal of employees and agents, outside attorneys, accountants, consultants and contractors and the determination of their compensation and other terms of employment or hiring;

the maintenance of insurance for our benefit and the benefit of our partners;

the formation of, or acquisition of an interest in, the contribution of property to, and the making of loans to, any limited or general partnerships, joint ventures, corporations, limited liability companies or other relationships;

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the control of any matters affecting our rights and obligations, including the bringing and defending of actions at law or in equity and otherwise engaging in the conduct of litigation, arbitration or mediation and the incurring of legal expense and the settlement of claims and litigation;

the indemnification of any person against liabilities and contingencies to the extent permitted by law;

the making of tax, regulatory and other filings, or rendering of periodic or other reports to governmental or other agencies having jurisdiction over our business or assets; and

the entering into of agreements with any of its affiliates to render services to us or to itself in the discharge of its duties as our general partner.

Our partnership agreement provides that our general partner must act in good faith when making decisions on our behalf, and our partnership agreement further provides that in order for a determination by our general partner to be made in good faith, our general partner must believe that the determination is in our best interests. Please read The Partnership Agreement Voting Rights for information regarding matters that require unitholder approval.

***Our general partner determines the amount and timing of asset purchases and sales, capital expenditures, borrowings, issuance of additional partnership securities and the creation, reduction or increase of reserves, each of which can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to our unitholders.***

The amount of cash that is available for distribution to unitholders is affected by decisions of our general partner regarding such matters as:

amount and timing of asset purchases and sales;

cash expenditures;

borrowings;

the issuance of additional units; and

the creation, reduction or increase of reserves in any quarter.

In addition, our general partner may use an operating surplus basket, which would not otherwise constitute available cash from operating surplus, in order to permit the payment of cash distributions on its units and incentive distribution rights. The amount of this basket is calculated as described in the definition of Operating Surplus contained in the glossary in Appendix D. All of these actions may affect the amount of cash distributed to our unitholders and the general partner and may facilitate the conversion of subordinated units into common units. Please read Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Relating to Cash Distributions.

In addition, borrowings by us and our affiliates do not constitute a breach of any duty owed by the general partner to our unitholders, including borrowings that have the purpose or effect of:

enabling our general partner or its affiliates to receive distributions on any subordinated units held by them or the incentive distribution rights; or

hastening the expiration of the subordination period.

For example, in the event we have not generated sufficient cash from our operations to pay the minimum quarterly distribution on our common units and our subordinated units, our partnership agreement permit us to borrow funds, which would enable us to make this distribution on all outstanding units. Please read [Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Related to Cash Distributions – Subordination Period](#).

Our partnership agreement provides that we and our subsidiaries may borrow funds from our general partner and its affiliates. Our general partner and its affiliates may not borrow funds from us, our operating company, or its operating subsidiaries.

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***Our general partner determines which costs incurred by Spectra Energy are reimbursable by us.***

We will reimburse our general partner and its affiliates for costs incurred in managing and operating us, including costs incurred in rendering corporate staff and support services to us. The partnership agreement provides that our general partner will determine the expenses that are allocable to us in good faith.

***Our partnership agreement does not restrict our general partner from causing us to pay it or its affiliates for any services rendered to us or entering into additional contractual arrangements with any of these entities on our behalf.***

Our partnership agreement allows our general partner to determine, in good faith, any amounts to pay itself or its affiliates for any services rendered to us. Our general partner may also enter into additional contractual arrangements with any of its affiliates on our behalf. Neither our partnership agreement nor any of the other agreements, contracts or arrangements between us, on the one hand, and our general partner and its affiliates, on the other hand, that will be in effect as of the closing of this offering will be the result of arm's-length negotiations. Similarly, agreements, contracts or arrangements between us and our general partner and its affiliates that are entered into following the closing of this offering will not be required to be negotiated on an arm's-length basis, although, in some circumstances, our general partner may determine that the conflicts committee of our general partner may make a determination on our behalf with respect to one or more of these types of situations.

Our general partner will determine, in good faith, the terms of any of these transactions entered into after the sale of the common units offered in this offering.

Our general partner and its affiliates will have no obligation to permit us to use any facilities or assets of our general partner or its affiliates, except as may be provided in contracts entered into specifically dealing with that use. There is no obligation of our general partner or its affiliates to enter into any contracts of this kind.

***Our general partner intends to limit its liability regarding our obligations.***

Our general partner intends to limit its liability under contractual arrangements so that the other party has recourse only to our assets, and not against our general partner or its assets. The partnership agreement provides that any action taken by our general partner to limit its liability is not a breach of our general partner's fiduciary duties, even if we could have obtained more favorable terms without the limitation on liability.

***Our general partner may exercise its right to call and purchase common units if it and its affiliates own more than 80% of the common units.***

Our general partner may exercise its right to call and purchase common units as provided in the partnership agreement or assign this right to one of its affiliates or to us. Our general partner is not bound by fiduciary duty restrictions in determining whether to exercise this right. As a result, a common unitholder may have his common units purchased from him at an undesirable time or price. Please read "The Partnership Agreement - Limited Call Right."

***Common unitholders will have no right to enforce obligations of our general partner and its affiliates under agreements with us.***

Any agreements between us on the one hand, and our general partner and its affiliates, on the other, will not grant to the unitholders, separate and apart from us, the right to enforce the obligations of our general partner and its affiliates in our favor.





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### ***Our general partner decides whether to retain separate counsel, accountants or others to perform services for us.***

The attorneys, independent accountants and others who have performed services for us regarding this offering have been retained by our general partner. Attorneys, independent accountants and others who perform services for us are selected by our general partner or the conflicts committee and may perform services for our general partner and its affiliates. We may retain separate counsel for ourselves or the holders of common units in the event of a conflict of interest between our general partner and its affiliates, on the one hand, and us or the holders of common units, on the other, depending on the nature of the conflict. We do not intend to do so in most cases.

### ***Our general partner may elect to cause us to issue Class B units to it in connection with a resetting of the target distribution levels related to our general partner's incentive distribution rights without the approval of the conflicts committee of our general partner or our unitholders. This may result in lower distributions to our common unitholders in certain situations.***

Our general partner has the right, at a time when there are no subordinated units outstanding and it has received incentive distributions at the highest level to which it is entitled (48%) for each of the prior four consecutive fiscal quarters, to reset the initial cash target distribution levels at higher levels based on the distribution at the time of the exercise of the reset election. Following a reset election by our general partner, the minimum quarterly distribution amount will be reset to an amount equal to the average cash distribution amount per common unit for the two fiscal quarters immediately preceding the reset election (such amount is referred to as the reset minimum quarterly distribution ) and the target distribution levels will be reset to correspondingly higher levels based on percentage increases above the reset minimum quarterly distribution amount. We anticipate that our general partner would exercise this reset right in order to facilitate acquisitions or internal growth projects that would not be sufficiently accretive to cash distributions per common unit without such conversion; however, it is possible that our general partner could exercise this reset election at a time when we are experiencing declines in our aggregate cash distributions or at a time when our general partner expects that we will experience declines in our aggregate cash distributions in the foreseeable future. In such situations, our general partner may be experiencing, or may be expected to experience, declines in the cash distributions it receives related to its incentive distribution rights and may therefore desire to be issued our Class B units, which are entitled to specified priorities with respect to our distributions and which therefore may be more advantageous for the general partner to own in lieu of the right to receive incentive distribution payments based on target distribution levels that are less certain to be achieved in the then current business environment. As a result, a reset election may cause our common unitholders to experience dilution in the amount of cash distributions that they would have otherwise received had we not issued new Class B units to our general partner in connection with resetting the target distribution levels related to our general partner incentive distribution rights. Please read Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Related to Cash Distributions General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights.

## **Fiduciary Duties**

Our general partner is accountable to us and our unitholders as a fiduciary. Fiduciary duties owed to unitholders by our general partner are prescribed by law and the partnership agreement. The Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, which we refer to in this prospectus as the Delaware Act, provides that Delaware limited partnerships may, in their partnership agreements, modify, restrict or expand the fiduciary duties otherwise owed by a general partner to limited partners and the partnership.

Our partnership agreement contains various provisions modifying and restricting the fiduciary duties that might otherwise be owed by our general partner. We have adopted these restrictions to allow our general partner or its affiliates to engage in transactions with us that would otherwise be prohibited by state-law fiduciary duty standards

and to take into account the interests of other parties in addition to our interests when resolving conflicts of interest. We believe this is appropriate and necessary because our general partner's board of directors will have fiduciary duties to manage our general partner in a manner

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beneficial to its owners, as well as to you. Without these modifications, the general partner's ability to make decisions involving conflicts of interest would be restricted. The modifications to the fiduciary standards enable the general partner to take into consideration all parties involved in the proposed action, so long as the resolution is fair and reasonable to us. These modifications also enable our general partner to attract and retain experienced and capable directors. These modifications are detrimental to our common unitholders because they restrict the remedies available to unitholders for actions that, without those limitations, might constitute breaches of fiduciary duty, as described below, and permit our general partner to take into account the interests of third parties in addition to our interests when resolving conflicts of interest. The following is a summary of the material restrictions of the fiduciary duties owed by our general partner to the limited partners:

State-law fiduciary duty standards

Fiduciary duties are generally considered to include an obligation to act in good faith and with due care and loyalty. The duty of care, in the absence of a provision in a partnership agreement providing otherwise, would generally require a general partner to act for the partnership in the same manner as a prudent person would act on his own behalf. The duty of loyalty, in the absence of a provision in a partnership agreement providing otherwise, would generally prohibit a general partner of a Delaware limited partnership from taking any action or engaging in any transaction where a conflict of interest is present.

The Delaware Act generally provides that a limited partner may institute legal action on behalf of the partnership to recover damages from a third party where a general partner has refused to institute the action or where an effort to cause a general partner to do so is not likely to succeed. In addition, the statutory or case law of some jurisdictions may permit a limited partner to institute legal action on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated limited partners to recover damages from a general partner for violations of its fiduciary duties to the limited partners.

Partnership agreement modified standards

Our partnership agreement contains provisions that waive or consent to conduct by our general partner and its affiliates that might otherwise raise issues about compliance with fiduciary duties or applicable law. For example, our partnership agreement provides that when our general partner is acting in its capacity as our general partner, as opposed to in its individual capacity, it must act in good faith and will not be subject to any other standard under applicable law. In addition, when our general partner is acting in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as our general partner, it may act without any fiduciary obligation to us or the unitholders whatsoever. These standards reduce the obligations to which our general partner would otherwise be held.

In addition to the other more specific provisions limiting the obligations of our general partner, our partnership agreement further provides that our general partner and its officers and directors will not be liable for monetary damages to us, our limited partners or assignees for errors of judgment or for any acts or omissions unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that the general partner or its officers and directors acted in bad faith or engaged in



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fraud or willful misconduct or in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the indemnitee's conduct was criminal.

*Special provisions regarding affiliated transactions.* Our partnership agreement generally provides that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not involving a vote of unitholders and that are not approved by the conflicts committee of the board of directors of our general partner must be:

on terms no less favorable to us than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties; or

fair and reasonable to us, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved (including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to us).

If our general partner does not seek approval from the conflicts committee and its board of directors determines that the resolution or course of action taken with respect to the conflict of interest satisfies either of the standards set forth in the bullet points above, then it will be presumed that, in making its decision, the board of directors, which may include board members affected by the conflict of interest, acted in good faith and in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of any limited partner or the partnership, the person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding will have the burden of overcoming such presumption. These standards reduce the obligations to which our general partner would otherwise be held.

By purchasing our common units, each common unitholder automatically agrees to be bound by the provisions in the partnership agreement, including the provisions discussed above. This is in accordance with the policy of the Delaware Act favoring the principle of freedom of contract and the enforceability of partnership agreements. The failure of a limited partner or assignee to sign a partnership agreement does not render the partnership agreement unenforceable against that person.

We must indemnify our general partner and its officers, directors, managers and certain other specified persons, to the fullest extent permitted by law, against liabilities, costs and expenses incurred by our general partner or these other persons. We must provide this indemnification unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that these persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct. We must also provide this indemnification for criminal proceedings unless our general partner or these other persons acted with knowledge that their conduct was unlawful. Thus, our general partner could be indemnified for its negligent acts if it meets the requirements set forth above. To the extent these provisions purport to include indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is contrary to public policy and, therefore, unenforceable. Please read *The Partnership Agreement - Indemnification*.

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMON UNITS**

**The Units**

The common units and the subordinated units are separate classes of limited partner interests in us. The holders of units are entitled to participate in partnership distributions and exercise the rights or privileges available to limited partners under our partnership agreement. For a description of the relative rights and preferences of holders of common units and subordinated units in and to partnership distributions, please read this section and Our Cash Distribution Policy and Restrictions on Distributions. For a description of the rights and privileges of limited partners under our partnership agreement, including voting rights, please read The Partnership Agreement.

**Transfer Agent and Registrar**

**Duties.** American Stock Transfer & Trust Company will serve as registrar and transfer agent for the common units. We will pay all fees charged by the transfer agent for transfers of common units except the following that must be paid by unitholders:

- surety bond premiums to replace lost or stolen certificates, taxes and other governmental charges;
- special charges for services requested by a common unitholder; and
- other similar fees or charges.

There will be no charge to unitholders for disbursements of our cash distributions. We will indemnify the transfer agent, its agents and each of their stockholders, directors, officers and employees against all claims and losses that may arise out of acts performed or omitted for its activities in that capacity, except for any liability due to any gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the indemnified person or entity.

**Resignation or Removal.** The transfer agent may resign, by notice to us, or be removed by us. The resignation or removal of the transfer agent will become effective upon our appointment of a successor transfer agent and registrar and its acceptance of the appointment. If no successor has been appointed and has accepted the appointment within 30 days after notice of the resignation or removal, our general partner may act as the transfer agent and registrar until a successor is appointed.

**Transfer of Common Units**

The transfer of the common units to persons that purchase directly from the underwriters will be accomplished through the proper completion, execution and delivery of a transfer application by the investor. Any later transfers of a common unit will not be recorded by the transfer agent or recognized by us unless the transferee executes and delivers a properly completed transfer application. By executing and delivering a transfer application, the transferee of common units:

- becomes the record holder of the common units and is an assignee until admitted into our partnership as a substituted limited partner;
- automatically requests admission as a substituted limited partner in our partnership;

executes and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of our partnership agreement;

represents that the transferee has the capacity, power and authority to enter into our partnership agreement;

grants powers of attorney to the officers of our general partner and any liquidator of us as specified in our partnership agreement;

gives the consents, covenants, representations and approvals contained in our partnership agreement, such as the approval of all transactions and agreements we are entering into in connection with our formation and this offering; and

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certifies:

- that the transferee is an individual or is an entity subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us; or
- that, if the transferee is an entity not subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us, as in the case, for example, of a mutual fund taxed as a regulated investment company or a partnership, all the entity's owners are subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us.

An assignee will become a substituted limited partner of our partnership for the transferred common units automatically upon the recording of the transfer on our books and records. Our general partner will cause any unrecorded transfers for which a properly completed and duly executed transfer application has been received to be recorded on our books and records no less frequently than quarterly.

A transferee's broker, agent or nominee may, but is not obligated to, complete, execute and deliver a transfer application. We are entitled to treat the nominee holder of a common unit as the absolute owner. In that case, the beneficial holder's rights are limited solely to those that it has against the nominee holder as a result of any agreement between the beneficial owner and the nominee holder.

Common units are securities and are transferable according to the laws governing transfer of securities. In addition to other rights acquired upon transfer, the transferor gives the transferee the right to request admission as a substituted limited partner in our partnership for the transferred common units. A purchaser or transferee of common units who does not execute and deliver a properly completed transfer application obtains only:

the right to assign the common unit to a purchaser or other transferee; and

the right to transfer the right to seek admission as a substituted limited partner in our partnership for the transferred common units.

Thus, a purchaser or transferee of common units who does not execute and deliver a properly completed transfer application:

will not receive cash distributions;

will not be allocated any of our income, gain, deduction, losses or credits for federal income tax or other tax purposes;

may not receive some federal income tax information or reports furnished to record holders of common units; and

will have no voting rights;

unless the common units are held in a nominee or street name account and the nominee or broker has executed and delivered a transfer application and certification as to itself and any beneficial holders.

The transferor of common units has a duty to provide the transferee with all information that may be necessary to transfer the common units. The transferor does not have a duty to ensure the execution of the transfer application by



the transferee and has no liability or responsibility if the transferee neglects or chooses not to execute and deliver a properly completed transfer application to the transfer agent. Please read The Partnership Agreement Status as Limited Partner or Assignee.

Until a common unit has been transferred on our books, we and the transfer agent may treat the record holder of the unit as the absolute owner for all purposes, except as otherwise required by law or stock exchange regulations.

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**THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

The following is a summary of the material provisions of our partnership agreement. The form of our partnership agreement is included in this prospectus as Appendix A. We will provide prospective investors with a copy of our partnership agreement upon request at no charge.

We summarize the following provisions of our partnership agreement elsewhere in this prospectus:

with regard to distributions of available cash, please read Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Relating to Cash Distributions ;

with regard to the fiduciary duties of our general partner, please read Conflicts of Interest and Fiduciary Duties ;

with regard to the transfer of common units, please read Description of the Common Units Transfer of Common Units ; and

with regard to allocations of taxable income and taxable loss, please read Material Tax Consequences.

**Organization and Duration**

Our partnership was organized March 19, 2007 and will have a perpetual existence.

**Purpose**

Our purpose under the partnership agreement is limited to any business activity that is approved by our general partner and that lawfully may be conducted by a limited partnership organized under Delaware law; provided, that our general partner shall not cause us to engage, directly or indirectly, in any business activity that our general partner determines would cause us to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes.

Although our general partner has the ability to cause us and our subsidiaries to engage in activities other than the business of transporting and storing natural gas, our general partner has no current plans to do so and may decline to do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to us or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of us or the limited partners. Our general partner is authorized in general to perform all acts it determines to be necessary or appropriate to carry out our purposes and to conduct our business.

**Power of Attorney**

Each limited partner, and each person who acquires a unit from a unitholder, by accepting the common unit, automatically grants to our general partner and, if appointed, a liquidator, a power of attorney to, among other things, execute and file documents required for our qualification, continuance or dissolution. The power of attorney also grants our general partner the authority to amend, and to make consents and waivers under, our partnership agreement.

**Cash Distributions**

Our partnership agreement specifies the manner in which we will make cash distributions to holders of our common units and other partnership securities as well as to our general partner in respect of its general partner interest and its

incentive distribution rights. For a description of these cash distribution provisions, please read Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Relating to Cash Distributions.

**Capital Contributions**

Unitholders are not obligated to make additional capital contributions, except as described below under Limited Liability.

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For a discussion of our general partner's right to contribute capital to maintain its 2% general partner interest if we issue additional units, please read Issuance of Additional Securities.

**Voting Rights**

The following is a summary of the unitholder vote required for the matters specified below. Matters requiring the approval of a unit majority require:

during the subordination period, the approval of a majority of the common units, excluding those common units held by our general partner and its affiliates, and a majority of the subordinated units, voting as separate classes; and

after the subordination period, the approval of a majority of the common units and Class B units, if any, voting as a single class.

In voting their common, Class B and subordinated units, our general partner and its affiliates will have no fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to us or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of us or the limited partners.

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| <p>Issuance of additional units</p> <p>Amendment of the partnership agreement</p>   | <p>No approval right.</p> <p>Certain amendments may be made by the general partner without the approval of the unitholders. Other amendments generally require the approval of a unit majority. Please read Amendment of the Partnership Agreement.</p>   |
| <p>Merger of our partnership or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets</p>  | <p>Unit majority in certain circumstances. Please read Merger, Consolidation, Conversion, Sale or Other Disposition of Assets.</p>  |
| <p>Dissolution of our partnership</p> <p>Continuation of our business upon dissolution</p> <p>Withdrawal of the general partner</p> | <p>Unit majority. Please read Termination and Dissolution.</p> <p>Unit majority. Please read Termination and Dissolution.</p> <p>Under most circumstances, the approval of a majority of the common units, excluding common units held by our general partner and its affiliates, is required for the withdrawal of our general partner prior to June 30, 2017 in a manner that would cause a dissolution of our partnership. Please read Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner.</p> |
| <p>Removal of the general partner</p>   | <p>Not less than 66 2/3% of the outstanding units, voting as a single class, including units held by our general partner and its affiliates. Please read Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner.</p>  |
| <p>Transfer of the general partner interest</p>   | <p>Our general partner may transfer all, but not less than all, of its general partner interest in us without a vote of our unitholders to an affiliate or another person in connection with its merger or consolidation with or into, or sale of all or substantially all of its assets to, such person. The approval of a majority of the common units, excluding common units held by the general partner and</p>  |

its affiliates, is required in other circumstances for a transfer of the general partner interest to a third party prior to June 30, 2017. See Transfer of General Partner Units.

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| Transfer of incentive distribution rights              | Our general partner may transfer any or all of the incentive distribution rights without a vote of our unitholders to an affiliate or another person as part of our general partner's merger or consolidation with or into, or sale of all or substantially all of its assets or the sale of all of the ownership interests in such holder to, such person. The approval of a majority of the common units, excluding common units held by the general partner and its affiliates, is required in other circumstances for a transfer of the incentive distribution rights to a third party prior to June 30, 2017. Please read Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights. |
| Transfer of ownership interests in our general partner | No approval required at any time. Please read Transfer of Ownership Interests in the General Partner.   |

**Limited Liability**

Assuming that a limited partner does not participate in the control of our business within the meaning of the Delaware Act and that he otherwise acts in conformity with the provisions of the partnership agreement, his liability under the Delaware Act will be limited, subject to possible exceptions, to the amount of capital he is obligated to contribute to us for his common units plus his share of any undistributed profits and assets. If it were determined, however, that the right, or exercise of the right, by the limited partners as a group:

- to remove or replace the general partner;
- to approve some amendments to the partnership agreement; or
- to take other action under the partnership agreement;

constituted participation in the control of our business for the purposes of the Delaware Act, then the limited partners could be held personally liable for our obligations under the laws of Delaware, to the same extent as the general partner. This liability would extend to persons who transact business with us who reasonably believe that the limited partner is a general partner. Neither the partnership agreement nor the Delaware Act specifically provides for legal recourse against the general partner if a limited partner were to lose limited liability through any fault of the general partner. While this does not mean that a limited partner could not seek legal recourse, we know of no precedent for this type of a claim in Delaware case law.

Under the Delaware Act, a limited partnership may not make a distribution to a partner if, after the distribution, all liabilities of the limited partnership, other than liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to specific property of the partnership, would exceed the fair value of the assets of the limited partnership. For the purpose of determining the fair value of the assets of a limited partnership, the Delaware Act provides that the fair value of property subject to liability for which recourse of creditors is limited shall be included in the assets of the limited partnership only to the extent that the fair value of that property exceeds the nonrecourse liability. The Delaware Act provides that a limited partner who receives a distribution and knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution was in violation of the Delaware Act shall be liable to the limited partnership for the amount of the distribution for three years. Under the Delaware Act, a substituted limited partner of a limited partnership is liable for the obligations of his assignor to make contributions to the partnership, except that such person is not obligated for liabilities unknown to him at the time he became a limited

partner and that could not be ascertained from the partnership agreement.

Our subsidiaries conduct business in nine states and we may have subsidiaries that conduct business in other states in the future. Maintenance of our limited liability as a limited partner of the operating

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partnership may require compliance with legal requirements in the jurisdictions in which the operating partnership conducts business, including qualifying our subsidiaries to do business there.

Limitations on the liability of limited partners for the obligations of a limited partner have not been clearly established in many jurisdictions. If, by virtue of our partnership interest in our operating partnership or otherwise, it were determined that we were conducting business in any state without compliance with the applicable limited partnership or limited liability company statute, or that the right or exercise of the right by the limited partners as a group to remove or replace the general partner, to approve some amendments to the partnership agreement, or to take other action under the partnership agreement constituted participation in the control of our business for purposes of the statutes of any relevant jurisdiction, then the limited partners could be held personally liable for our obligations under the law of that jurisdiction to the same extent as the general partner under the circumstances. We will operate in a manner that the general partner considers reasonable and necessary or appropriate to preserve the limited liability of the limited partners.

## **Issuance of Additional Securities**

Our partnership agreement authorizes us to issue an unlimited number of additional partnership securities for the consideration and on the terms and conditions determined by our general partner without the approval of the unitholders.

It is possible that we will fund acquisitions through the issuance of additional common units, subordinated units or other partnership securities. Holders of any additional common units we issue will be entitled to share equally with the then-existing holders of common units in our distributions of available cash. In addition, the issuance of additional common units or other partnership securities may dilute the value of the interests of the then-existing holders of common units in our net assets.

In accordance with Delaware law and the provisions of our partnership agreement, we may also issue additional partnership securities that, as determined by our general partner, may have special voting rights to which the common units are not entitled. In addition, our partnership agreement does not prohibit the issuance by our subsidiaries of equity securities, which may effectively rank senior to the common units.

Upon issuance of additional partnership securities (other than the issuance of common units upon exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase additional common units, the issuance of Class B units in connection with a reset of the incentive distribution target levels or the issuance of partnership securities upon conversion of outstanding partnership securities), our general partner will be entitled, but not required, to make additional capital contributions to the extent necessary to maintain its 2% general partner interest in us. Our general partner's 2% interest in us will be reduced if we issue additional units in the future and our general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us to maintain its 2% general partner interest. Moreover, our general partner will have the right, which it may from time to time assign in whole or in part to any of its affiliates, to purchase common units, subordinated units or other partnership securities whenever, and on the same terms that, we issue those securities to persons other than our general partner and its affiliates, to the extent necessary to maintain the percentage interest of the general partner and its affiliates, including such interest represented by common units and subordinated units, that existed immediately prior to each issuance. The holders of common units will not have preemptive rights to acquire additional common units or other partnership securities.

## **Amendment of the Partnership Agreement**

**General.** Amendments to our partnership agreement may be proposed only by or with the consent of our general partner. However, our general partner will have no duty or obligation to propose any amendment and may decline to



do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to us or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of us or the limited partners. In order to adopt a proposed amendment, other than the amendments discussed below, our general partner is required to seek written approval of the holders of the number of units required to approve the amendment or call a

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meeting of the limited partners to consider and vote upon the proposed amendment. Except as described below, an amendment must be approved by a unit majority.

***Prohibited Amendments.*** No amendment may be made that would:

enlarge the obligations of any limited partner without its consent, unless approved by at least a majority of the type or class of limited partner interests so affected; or

enlarge the obligations of, restrict in any way any action by or rights of, or reduce in any way the amounts distributable, reimbursable or otherwise payable by us to our general partner or any of its affiliates without the consent of our general partner, which consent may be given or withheld at its option.

The provision of our partnership agreement preventing the amendments having the effects described in any of the clauses above can be amended upon the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the outstanding units voting together as a single class (including units owned by our general partner and its affiliates). Upon completion of the offering, our general partner and its affiliates will own approximately 84.9% of the outstanding common and subordinated units.

***No Unitholder Approval.*** Our general partner may generally make amendments to our partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner to reflect:

a change in our name, the location of our principal place of our business, our registered agent or our registered office;

the admission, substitution, withdrawal or removal of partners in accordance with our partnership agreement;

a change that our general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate to qualify or continue our qualification as a limited partnership or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability under the laws of any state or to ensure that neither we nor the operating partnership nor any of its subsidiaries will be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes;

an amendment that is necessary, in the opinion of our counsel, to prevent us or our general partner or its directors, officers, agents or trustees from in any manner being subjected to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Investment Advisors Act of 1940, or plan asset regulations adopted under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or ERISA, whether or not substantially similar to plan asset regulations currently applied or proposed;

an amendment that our general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate for the authorization of additional partnership securities or rights to acquire partnership securities, including any amendment that our general partner determines is necessary or appropriate in connection with:

the adjustments of the minimum quarterly distribution, first target distribution, second target distribution and third target distribution in connection with the reset of our general partner's incentive distribution rights as described under Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Relating to Cash Distributions General Partner's Right to Reset Incentive Distribution Levels ; or

the implementation of the provisions relating to our general partner's right to reset its incentive distribution rights in exchange for Class B units; and

any modification of the incentive distribution rights made in connection with the issuance of additional partnership securities or rights to acquire partnership securities, provided that, any such modifications and related issuance of partnership securities have received approval by a majority of the members of the conflicts committee of our general partner;

any amendment expressly permitted in our partnership agreement to be made by our general partner acting alone;

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an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by a merger agreement that has been approved under the terms of our partnership agreement;

any amendment that our general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate for the formation by us of, or our investment in, any corporation, partnership or other entity, as otherwise permitted by our partnership agreement;

a change in our fiscal year or taxable year and related changes;

conversions into, mergers with or conveyances to another limited liability entity that is newly formed and has no assets, liabilities or operations at the time of the conversion, merger or conveyance other than those it receives by way of the conversion, merger or conveyance; or

any other amendments substantially similar to any of the matters described in the clauses above.

In addition, our general partner may make amendments to our partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner if our general partner determines that those amendments:

do not adversely affect in any material respect the limited partners considered as a whole or any particular class of limited partners as compared to other classes of limited partners;

are necessary or appropriate to satisfy any requirements, conditions or guidelines contained in any opinion, directive, order, ruling or regulation of any federal or state agency or judicial authority or contained in any federal or state statute;

are necessary or appropriate to facilitate the trading of limited partner interests or to comply with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any securities exchange on which the limited partner interests are or will be listed for trading;

are necessary or appropriate for any action taken by our general partner relating to splits or combinations of units under the provisions of our partnership agreement; or

are required to effect the intent expressed in this prospectus or the intent of the provisions of our partnership agreement or are otherwise contemplated by our partnership agreement.

***Opinion of Counsel and Unitholder Approval.*** For amendments of the type not requiring unitholder approval, our general partner will not be required to obtain an opinion of counsel that an amendment will not result in a loss of limited liability to the limited partners or result in our being treated as an entity for federal income tax purposes in connection with any of the amendments. No other amendments to our partnership agreement will become effective without the approval of holders of at least 90% of the outstanding units voting as a single class unless we first obtain an opinion of counsel to the effect that the amendment will not affect the limited liability under applicable law of any of our limited partners.

In addition to the above restrictions, any amendment that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any type or class of outstanding units in relation to other classes of units will require the approval of at least a majority of the type or class of units so affected. Any amendment that reduces the voting percentage required to take any action is required to be approved by the affirmative vote of limited partners whose aggregate outstanding units constitute not less than the voting requirement sought to be reduced.

**Merger, Consolidation, Conversion, Sale or Other Disposition of Assets**

A merger, consolidation or conversion of us requires the prior consent of our general partner. However, our general partner will have no duty or obligation to consent to any merger, consolidation or conversion and may decline to do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to us or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interest of us or the limited partners.

In addition, the partnership agreement generally prohibits our general partner without the prior approval of the holders of a unit majority, from causing us to, among other things, sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, including by

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way of merger, consolidation or other combination, or approving on our behalf the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of our subsidiaries. Our general partner may, however, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in all or substantially all of our assets without that approval. Our general partner may also sell all or substantially all of our assets under a foreclosure or other realization upon those encumbrances without that approval. Finally, our general partner may consummate any merger without the prior approval of our unitholders if we are the surviving entity in the transaction, our general partner has received an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters, the transaction would not result in a material amendment to the partnership agreement, each of our units will be an identical unit of our partnership following the transaction, and the partnership securities to be issued do not exceed 20% of our outstanding partnership securities immediately prior to the transaction.

If the conditions specified in the partnership agreement are satisfied, our general partner may convert us or any of our subsidiaries into a new limited liability entity or merge us or any of our subsidiaries into, or convey all of our assets to, a newly formed entity if the sole purpose of that conversion, merger or conveyance is to effect a mere change in our legal form into another limited liability entity, our general partner has received an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters, and the governing instruments of the new entity provide the limited partners and the general partner with the same rights and obligations as contained in the partnership agreement. The unitholders are not entitled to dissenters' rights of appraisal under the partnership agreement or applicable Delaware law in the event of a conversion, merger or consolidation, a sale of substantially all of our assets or any other similar transaction or event.

## **Termination and Dissolution**

We will continue as a limited partnership until terminated under our partnership agreement. We will dissolve upon:

the election of our general partner to dissolve us, if approved by the holders of units representing a unit majority;

there being no limited partners, unless we are continued without dissolution in accordance with applicable Delaware law;

the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of our partnership; or

the withdrawal or removal of our general partner or any other event that results in its ceasing to be our general partner other than by reason of a transfer of its general partner interest in accordance with our partnership agreement or withdrawal or removal following approval and admission of a successor.

Upon a dissolution under the last clause above, the holders of a unit majority may also elect, within specific time limitations, to continue our business on the same terms and conditions described in our partnership agreement by appointing as a successor general partner an entity approved by the holders of units representing a unit majority, subject to our receipt of an opinion of counsel to the effect that:

the action would not result in the loss of limited liability of any limited partner; and

neither our partnership, our operating partnership nor any of our other subsidiaries would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise be taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes upon the exercise of that right to continue.

## **Liquidation and Distribution of Proceeds**

Upon our dissolution, unless we are continued as a new limited partnership, the liquidator authorized to wind up our affairs will, acting with all of the powers of our general partner that are necessary or appropriate to liquidate our assets and apply the proceeds of the liquidation as described in Provisions of Our Partnership Agreement Relating to Cash Distributions Distributions of Cash Upon Liquidation. The liquidator may defer liquidation or distribution of our assets for a reasonable period of time or distribute assets to partners in kind if it determines that a sale would be impractical or would cause undue loss to our partners.

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**Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner**

Except as described below, our general partner has agreed not to withdraw voluntarily as our general partner prior to June 30, 2017 without obtaining the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding common units, excluding common units held by the general partner and its affiliates, and furnishing an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters. On or after June 30, 2017, our general partner may withdraw as general partner without first obtaining approval of any unitholder by giving 90 days' written notice, and that withdrawal will not constitute a violation of our partnership agreement. Notwithstanding the information above, our general partner may withdraw without unitholder approval upon 90 days' notice to the limited partners if at least 50% of the outstanding common units are held or controlled by one person and its affiliates other than the general partner and its affiliates. In addition, the partnership agreement permits our general partner in some instances to sell or otherwise transfer all of its general partner interest in us without the approval of the unitholders. Please read [Transfer of General Partner Units](#) and [Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights](#).

Upon withdrawal of our general partner under any circumstances, other than as a result of a transfer by our general partner of all or a part of its general partner interest in us, the holders of a unit majority, voting as separate classes, may select a successor to that withdrawing general partner. If a successor is not elected, or is elected but an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters cannot be obtained, we will be dissolved, wound up and liquidated, unless within a specified period after that withdrawal, the holders of a unit majority agree in writing to continue our business and to appoint a successor general partner. Please read [Termination and Dissolution](#).

Our general partner may not be removed unless that removal is approved by the vote of the holders of not less than 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the outstanding units, voting together as a single class, including units held by our general partner and its affiliates, and we receive an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters. Any removal of our general partner is also subject to the approval of a successor general partner by the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding common units and Class B units, if any, voting as a separate class, and subordinated units, voting as a separate class. The ownership of more than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the outstanding units by our general partner and its affiliates would give them the practical ability to prevent our general partner's removal. At the closing of this offering, our general partner and its affiliates will own 84.9% of the outstanding common and subordinated units.

Our partnership agreement also provides that if our general partner is removed as our general partner under circumstances where cause does not exist and units held by the general partner and its affiliates are not voted in favor of that removal:

the subordination period will end, and all outstanding subordinated units will immediately convert into common units on a one-for-one basis;

any existing arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units will be extinguished; and

our general partner will have the right to convert its general partner interest and its incentive distribution rights into common units or to receive cash in exchange for those interests based on the fair market value of those interests at that time.

In the event of removal of a general partner under circumstances where cause exists or withdrawal of a general partner where that withdrawal violates our partnership agreement, a successor general partner will have the option to purchase the general partner interest and incentive distribution rights of the departing general partner for a cash payment equal



to the fair market value of those interests. Under all other circumstances where a general partner withdraws or is removed by the limited partners, the departing general partner will have the option to require the successor general partner to purchase the general partner interest of the departing general partner and its incentive distribution rights for fair market value. In each case, this fair market value will be determined by agreement between the departing general partner and the successor general partner. If no agreement is reached, an independent investment banking firm or other independent expert selected by the departing general partner and the successor general partner will

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determine the fair market value. Or, if the departing general partner and the successor general partner cannot agree upon an expert, then an expert chosen by agreement of the experts selected by each of them will determine the fair market value.

If the option described above is not exercised by either the departing general partner or the successor general partner, the departing general partner's general partner interest and its incentive distribution rights will automatically convert into common units equal to the fair market value of those interests as determined by an investment banking firm or other independent expert selected in the manner described in the preceding paragraph.

In addition, we will be required to reimburse the departing general partner for all amounts due the departing general partner, including, without limitation, all employee-related liabilities, including severance liabilities, incurred for the termination of any employees employed by the departing general partner or its affiliates for our benefit.

## **Transfer of General Partner Units**

Except for transfer by our general partner of all, but not less than all, of its general partner units to:

an affiliate of our general partner (other than an individual); or

another entity as part of the merger or consolidation of our general partner with or into another entity or the transfer by our general partner of all or substantially all of its assets to another entity,

our general partner may not transfer all or any of its general partner units to another person prior to June 30, 2017 without the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding common units, excluding common units held by our general partner and its affiliates. As a condition of this transfer, the transferee must assume, among other things, the rights and duties of our general partner, agree to be bound by the provisions of our partnership agreement, and furnish an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters.

Our general partner and its affiliates may at any time, transfer units to one or more persons, without unitholder approval, except that they may not transfer subordinated units to us.

## **Transfer of Ownership Interests in the General Partner**

At any time, Spectra Energy and its affiliates may sell or transfer all or part of their partnership interests in our general partner, or their membership interest in Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of our general partner, to an affiliate or third party without the approval of our unitholders.

## **Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights**

Our general partner or its affiliates or a subsequent holder may transfer its incentive distribution rights to an affiliate of the holder (other than an individual) or another entity as part of the merger or consolidation of such holder with or into another entity, the sale of all of the ownership interest in the holder or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets to, that entity without the prior approval of the unitholders. Prior to June 30, 2017, other transfers of incentive distribution rights will require the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the outstanding common units, excluding common units held by our general partner and its affiliates. On or after June 30, 2017, the incentive distribution rights will be freely transferable.

## **Change of Management Provisions**

Our partnership agreement contains specific provisions that are intended to discourage a person or group from attempting to remove Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP as our general partner or otherwise change our management. If any person or group other than our general partner and its affiliates acquires beneficial ownership of 20% or more of any class of units, that person or group loses voting rights on all of its units. This loss of voting rights does not apply to any person or group that acquires the units

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from our general partner or its affiliates and any transferees of that person or group approved by our general partner or to any person or group who acquires the units with the prior approval of the board of directors of our general partner.

Our partnership agreement also provides that if our general partner is removed as our general partner under circumstances where cause does not exist and units held by our general partner and its affiliates are not voted in favor of that removal:

the subordination period will end and all outstanding subordinated units will immediately convert into common units on a one-for-one basis;

any existing arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units will be extinguished; and

our general partner will have the right to convert its general partner units and its incentive distribution rights into common units or to receive cash in exchange for those interests based on the fair market value of those interests at that time.

## **Limited Call Right**

If at any time our general partner and its affiliates own more than 80% of the then-issued and outstanding limited partner interests of any class, our general partner will have the right, which it may assign in whole or in part to any of its affiliates or to us, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the limited partner interests of the class held by unaffiliated persons as of a record date to be selected by our general partner, on at least 10 but not more than 60 days notice. The purchase price in the event of this purchase is the greater of:

the highest cash price paid by either of our general partner or any of its affiliates for any limited partner interests of the class purchased within the 90 days preceding the date on which our general partner first mails notice of its election to purchase those limited partner interests; and

the current market price as of the date three days before the date the notice is mailed.

As a result of our general partner's right to purchase outstanding limited partner interests, a holder of limited partner interests may have his limited partner interests purchased at a price that may be lower than market prices at various times prior to such purchase or lower than a unitholder may anticipate the market price to be in the future. The tax consequences to a unitholder of the exercise of this call right are the same as a sale by that unitholder of his common units in the market. Please read [Material Tax Consequences](#) and [Disposition of Common Units](#).

## **Non-Taxpaying Assignees; Redemption**

To avoid any adverse effect on the maximum applicable rates chargeable to customers by our subsidiaries that are regulated interstate natural gas pipelines, or in order to reverse an adverse determination that has occurred regarding such maximum rate, transferees (including purchasers from the underwriters in this offering) are required to fill out a properly completed transfer application certifying, and our general partner, acting on our behalf, may at any time require each unitholder to re-certify:

that the transferee or unitholder is an individual or an entity subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us; or

that, if the transferee unitholder is an entity not subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us, as in the case, for example, of a mutual fund taxed as a regulated investment company or a partnership, all the entity's owners are subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us.

This certification can be changed in any manner our general partner determines is necessary or appropriate to implement its original purpose.

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If a unitholder fails to furnish:

a transfer application containing the required certification;

a re-certification containing the required certification within 30 days after request; or

provides a false certification; then

we will have the right, which we may assign to any of our affiliates, to acquire all but not less than all of the units held by such unitholder. Further, the units will not be entitled to any allocations of income or loss, distributions or voting rights while held by such unitholder.

The purchase price in the event of such an acquisition for each unit held by such unitholder will be the lesser of:

(1) the price paid by such unitholder for the relevant unit; and

(2) the current market price as of the date three days before the date the notice is mailed.

The purchase price will be paid in cash or by delivery of a promissory note, as determined by our general partner. Any such promissory note will bear interest at the rate of 5% annually and be payable in three equal annual installments of principal and accrued interest, commencing one year after the redemption date.

## **Meetings; Voting**

Except as described below regarding a person or group owning 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, record holders of units on the record date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, meetings of our limited partners and to act upon matters for which approvals may be solicited.

Our general partner does not anticipate that any meeting of unitholders will be called in the foreseeable future. Any action that is required or permitted to be taken by the unitholders may be taken either at a meeting of the unitholders or without a meeting if consents in writing describing the action so taken are signed by holders of the number of units necessary to authorize or take that action at a meeting. Meetings of the unitholders may be called by our general partner or by unitholders owning at least 20% of the outstanding units of the class for which a meeting is proposed. Unitholders may vote either in person or by proxy at meetings. The holders of a majority of the outstanding units of the class or classes for which a meeting has been called represented in person or by proxy will constitute a quorum unless any action by the unitholders requires approval by holders of a greater percentage of the units, in which case the quorum will be the greater percentage.

Each record holder of a unit has a vote according to his percentage interest in us, although additional limited partner interests having special voting rights could be issued. Please read Issuance of Additional Securities. However, if at any time any person or group acquires, in the aggregate, beneficial ownership of 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, other than our general partner, its affiliates, their transferees and persons who acquired such units with the prior approval of the board of directors of our general partner, that person or group will lose voting rights on all of its units and the units may not be voted on any matter and will not be considered to be outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of unitholders, calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes. Common units held in nominee or street name account will be voted by the broker or other nominee in accordance with the instruction of the beneficial owner unless the arrangement between the beneficial owner and his nominee provides otherwise. Except as our partnership agreement otherwise provides, subordinated units will vote

together with common units and Class B units as a single class.

Any notice, demand, request, report or proxy material required or permitted to be given or made to record holders of common units under our partnership agreement will be delivered to the record holder by us or by the transfer agent.

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### **Status as Limited Partner**

By transfer of common units in accordance with our partnership agreement, each transferee of common units shall be admitted as a limited partner with respect to the common units transferred when such transfer and admission is reflected in our books and records. Except as described under Limited Liability, the common units will be fully paid, and unitholders will not be required to make additional contributions.

### **Non-Citizen Assignees; Redemption**

If we are or become subject to federal, state or local laws or regulations that, in the reasonable determination of our general partner, create a substantial risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any property that we have an interest in because of the nationality, citizenship or other related status of any limited partner, we may redeem the units held by the limited partner at their current market price on the redemption date. In order to avoid any cancellation or forfeiture, our general partner may require each limited partner to furnish information about his nationality, citizenship or related status. If a limited partner fails to furnish information about his nationality, citizenship or other related status within 30 days after a request for the information or our general partner determines after receipt of the information that the limited partner is not an eligible citizen, the limited partner may be treated as a non-citizen assignee. A non-citizen assignee is entitled to an interest equivalent to that of a limited partner for the right to share in allocations and distributions from us, including liquidating distributions. A non-citizen assignee does not have the right to direct the voting of his units and may not receive distributions in-kind upon our liquidation.

### **Indemnification**

Under our partnership agreement, in most circumstances, we will indemnify the following persons, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from and against all losses, claims, damages or similar events:

our general partner;

any departing general partner;

any person who is or was an affiliate of a general partner or any departing general partner;

any person who is or was a director, officer, member, partner, fiduciary or trustee of any entity set forth in the preceding three bullet points;

any person who is or was serving as director, officer, member, partner, fiduciary or trustee of another person at the request of our general partner or any departing general partner; and

any person designated by our general partner.

Any indemnification under these provisions will only be out of our assets. Unless it otherwise agrees, our general partner will not be personally liable for, or have any obligation to contribute or lend funds or assets to us to enable us to effectuate, indemnification. We may purchase insurance against liabilities asserted against and expenses incurred by persons for our activities, regardless of whether we would have the power to indemnify the person against liabilities under our partnership agreement.

### **Reimbursement of Expenses**



Our partnership agreement requires us to reimburse our general partner for all direct and indirect expenses it incurs or payments it makes on our behalf and all other expenses allocable to us or otherwise incurred by our general partner in connection with operating our business. These expenses include salary, bonus, incentive compensation and other amounts paid to persons who perform services for us or on our behalf and expenses allocated to our general partner by its affiliates. The general partner is entitled to determine in good faith the expenses that are allocable to us.

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### **Books and Reports**

Our general partner is required to keep appropriate books of our business at our principal offices. The books will be maintained for both tax and financial reporting purposes on an accrual basis. For tax and fiscal reporting purposes, our fiscal year is the calendar year.

We will furnish or make available to record holders of common units, within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year, an annual report containing audited financial statements and a report on those financial statements by our independent public accountants. Except for our fourth quarter, we will also furnish or make available summary financial information within 90 days after the close of each quarter.

We will furnish each record holder of a unit with information reasonably required for tax reporting purposes within 90 days after the close of each calendar year. This information is expected to be furnished in summary form so that some complex calculations normally required of partners can be avoided. Our ability to furnish this summary information to unitholders will depend on the cooperation of unitholders in supplying us with specific information. Every unitholder will receive information to assist him in determining his federal and state tax liability and filing his federal and state income tax returns, regardless of whether he supplies us with information.

### **Right to Inspect Our Books and Records**

Our partnership agreement provides that a limited partner can, for a purpose reasonably related to his interest as a limited partner, upon reasonable written demand stating the purpose of such demand and at his own expense, have furnished to him:

a current list of the name and last known address of each partner;

a copy of our tax returns;

information as to the amount of cash, and a description and statement of the agreed value of any other property or services, contributed or to be contributed by each partner and the date on which each partner became a partner;

copies of our partnership agreement, our certificate of limited partnership, related amendments and powers of attorney under which they have been executed;

information regarding the status of our business and financial condition; and

any other information regarding our affairs as is just and reasonable.

Our general partner may, and intends to, keep confidential from the limited partners, trade secrets or other information the disclosure of which our general partner believes in good faith is not in our best interests or that we are required by law or by agreements with third parties to keep confidential.

### **Registration Rights**

Under our partnership agreement, we have agreed to register for resale under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws any common units, subordinated units or other partnership securities proposed to be sold by our

general partner or any of its affiliates or their assignees if an exemption from the registration requirements is not otherwise available. These registration rights continue for two years following any withdrawal or removal of Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP as general partner. We are obligated to pay all expenses incidental to the registration, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions. Please read Units Eligible for Future Sale.

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**UNITS ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE**

After the sale of the common units offered hereby and assuming that the underwriters do not exercise their option to purchase additional units, management of our general partner and Spectra Energy and its affiliates will hold an aggregate of 34,629,880 common units and 21,638,730 subordinated units. The sale of these units could have an adverse impact on the price of the common units or on any trading market that may develop.

The common units sold in the offering will generally be freely transferable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act, except that any common units owned by an affiliate of ours may not be resold publicly except in compliance with the registration requirements of the Securities Act or under an exemption under Rule 144 or otherwise. Rule 144 permits securities acquired by an affiliate of the issuer to be sold into the market in an amount that does not exceed, during any three-month period, the greater of:

1% of the total number of the securities outstanding; or

the average weekly reported trading volume of the common units for the four calendar weeks prior to the sale.

Sales under Rule 144 are also subject to specific manner of sale provisions, holding period requirements, notice requirements and the availability of current public information about us. A person who is not deemed to have been an affiliate of ours at any time during the three months preceding a sale, and who has beneficially owned his common units for at least two years, would be entitled to sell common units under Rule 144 without regard to the public information requirements, volume limitations, manner of sale provisions and notice requirements of Rule 144.

The partnership agreement does not restrict our ability to issue any partnership securities at any time. Any issuance of additional common units or other equity securities would result in a corresponding decrease in the proportionate ownership interest in us represented by, and could adversely affect the cash distributions to and market price of, common units then outstanding. Please read *The Partnership Agreement* *Issuance of Additional Securities*.

Under our partnership agreement, our general partner and its affiliates have the right to cause us to register under the Securities Act and state securities laws the offer and sale of any common units, subordinated units or other partnership securities that they hold. Subject to the terms and conditions of our partnership agreement, these registration rights allow our general partner and its affiliates or their assignees holding any units or other partnership securities to require registration of any of these units or other partnership securities and to include them in a registration by us of other units, including units offered by us or by any unitholder. Our general partner will continue to have these registration rights for two years following its withdrawal or removal as our general partner. In connection with any registration of this kind, we will indemnify each unitholder participating in the registration and its officers, directors and controlling persons from and against any liabilities under the Securities Act or any state securities laws arising from the registration statement or prospectus. We will bear all costs and expenses incidental to any registration, excluding any underwriting discounts and a structuring fee. Except as described below, our general partner and its affiliates may sell their units or other partnership interests in private transactions at any time, subject to compliance with applicable laws.

Spectra Energy, our partnership, our operating company, our general partner and the directors and executive officers of our general partner, have agreed not to sell any common units they beneficially own for a period of 180 days from the date of this prospectus. For a description of these lock-up provisions, please read *Underwriting*.

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**MATERIAL TAX CONSEQUENCES**

This section is a summary of the material tax considerations that may be relevant to prospective unitholders who are individual citizens or residents of the United States and, unless otherwise noted in the following discussion, is the opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., counsel to our general partner and us, as to all material tax matters and all legal conclusions insofar as it relates to matters of United States federal income tax law and legal conclusions with respect to those matters. This section is based upon current provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, existing and proposed regulations and current administrative rulings and court decisions, all of which are subject to change. Later changes in these authorities may cause the tax consequences to vary substantially from the consequences described below. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this section to us or we are references to Spectra Energy Partners, LP and our operating company.

The following discussion does not comment on all federal income tax matters affecting us or our unitholders. Moreover, the discussion focuses on unitholders who are individual citizens or residents of the United States and has only limited application to corporations, estates, trusts, nonresident aliens or other unitholders subject to specialized tax treatment, such as tax-exempt institutions, foreign persons, individual retirement accounts (IRAs), real estate investment trusts (REITs) or mutual funds. Accordingly, we encourage each prospective unitholder to consult, and depend on, his own tax advisor in analyzing the federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences particular to him of the ownership or disposition of common units.

All statements as to matters of law and legal conclusions, but not as to factual matters, contained in this section, unless otherwise noted, are the opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. and are, to the extent noted herein, based on the accuracy of the representations made by us.

No ruling has been or will be requested from the IRS regarding any matter affecting us or prospective unitholders. Instead, we will rely on opinions of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Unlike a ruling, an opinion of counsel represents only that counsel's best legal judgment and does not bind the IRS or the courts. Accordingly, the opinions and statements made herein may not be sustained by a court if contested by the IRS. Any contest of this sort with the IRS may materially and adversely impact the market for the common units and the prices at which common units trade. In addition, the costs of any contest with the IRS, principally legal, accounting and related fees, will result in a reduction in cash available for distribution to our unitholders and our general partner and thus will be borne indirectly by our unitholders and our general partner. Furthermore, the tax treatment of us, or of an investment in us, may be significantly modified by future legislative or administrative changes or court decisions. Any modifications may or may not be retroactively applied.

For the reasons described below, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has not rendered an opinion with respect to the following specific federal income tax issues: (1) the treatment of a unitholder whose common units are loaned to a short seller to cover a short sale of common units (please read Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership Treatment of Short Sales ); (2) whether our monthly convention for allocating taxable income and losses is permitted by existing Treasury Regulations (please read Disposition of Common Units Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees ); and (3) whether our method for depreciating Section 743 adjustments is sustainable in certain cases (please read Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership Section 754 Election ).

**Partnership Status**

A partnership is not a taxable entity and incurs no federal income tax liability. Instead, each partner of a partnership is required to take into account his share of items of income, gain, loss and deduction of the partnership in computing his

federal income tax liability, regardless of whether cash distributions are made to him by the partnership. Distributions by a partnership to a partner are generally not taxable unless the amount of cash distributed is in excess of the partner's adjusted basis in his partnership interest.

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Section 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code provides that publicly traded partnerships will, as a general rule, be taxed as corporations. However, an exception, referred to as the Qualifying Income Exception, exists with respect to publicly traded partnerships of which 90% or more of the gross income for every taxable year consists of qualifying income. Qualifying income includes income and gains derived from the transportation, storage, processing and marketing of crude oil, natural gas and products thereof. Other types of qualifying income include interest (other than from a financial business), dividends, gains from the sale of real property and gains from the sale or other disposition of capital assets held for the production of income that otherwise constitutes qualifying income. We estimate that less than 1% of our gross current income is not qualifying income; however, this estimate could change from time to time. Based upon and subject to this estimate, the factual representations made by us and the general partner and a review of the applicable legal authorities, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. is of the opinion that at least 90% of our current gross income constitutes qualifying income.

No ruling has been or will be sought from the IRS and the IRS has made no determination as to our status for federal income tax purposes or whether our operations generate qualifying income under Section 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code. Instead, we will rely on the opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. on such matters. It is the opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. that, based upon the Internal Revenue Code, its regulations, published revenue rulings and court decisions and the representations described below, we will be classified as a partnership and the operating company will be disregarded as an entity separate from us for federal income tax purposes.

In rendering its opinion, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has relied on factual representations made by us and the general partner. The representations made by us and our general partner upon which Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has relied are:

- (a) Neither we nor the operating company will elect to be treated as a corporation; and
- (b) For each taxable year, more than 90% of our gross income will be income that Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has opined or will opine is qualifying income within the meaning of Section 7704(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If we fail to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, other than a failure that is determined by the IRS to be inadvertent and that is cured within a reasonable time after discovery, we will be treated as if we had transferred all of our assets, subject to liabilities, to a newly formed corporation, on the first day of the year in which we fail to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, in return for stock in that corporation, and then distributed that stock to the unitholders in liquidation of their interests in us. This contribution and liquidation should be tax-free to unitholders and us so long as we, at that time, do not have liabilities in excess of the tax basis of our assets. Thereafter, we would be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes.

If we were treated as a corporation in any taxable year, either as a result of a failure to meet the Qualifying Income Exception or otherwise, our items of income, gain, loss and deduction would be reflected only on our tax return rather than being passed through to our unitholders, and our net income would be taxed to us at corporate rates. In addition, any distribution made to a unitholder would be treated as either taxable dividend income, to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, or, in the absence of earnings and profits, a nontaxable return of capital, to the extent of the unitholder's tax basis in his common units, or taxable capital gain, after the unitholder's tax basis in his common units is reduced to zero. Accordingly, taxation as a corporation would result in a material reduction in a unitholder's cash flow and after-tax return and thus would likely result in a substantial reduction of the value of the units.

The discussion below is based on Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.'s opinion that we will be classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

**Limited Partner Status**

Unitholders who have become limited partners of Spectra Energy Partners, LP will be treated as partners of Spectra Energy Partners, LP for federal income tax purposes. Also, unitholders whose common



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units are held in street name or by a nominee and who have the right to direct the nominee in the exercise of all substantive rights attendant to the ownership of their common units will be treated as partners of Spectra Energy Partners, LP for federal income tax purposes.

A beneficial owner of common units whose units have been transferred to a short seller to complete a short sale would appear to lose his status as a partner with respect to those units for federal income tax purposes. Please read **Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership** **Treatment of Short Sales**.

Income, gain, deductions or losses would not appear to be reportable by a unitholder who is not a partner for federal income tax purposes, and any cash distributions received by a unitholder who is not a partner for federal income tax purposes would therefore appear to be fully taxable as ordinary income. These holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to their tax consequences of holding common units in Spectra Energy Partners, LP.

The references to unitholders in the discussion that follows are to persons who are treated as partners in Spectra Energy Partners, LP for federal income tax purposes.

### **Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership**

***Flow-Through of Taxable Income.*** We will not pay any federal income tax. Instead, each unitholder will be required to report on his income tax return his share of our income, gains, losses and deductions without regard to whether corresponding cash distributions are received by him. Consequently, we may allocate income to a unitholder even if he has not received a cash distribution. Each unitholder will be required to include in income his allocable share of our income, gains, losses and deductions for our taxable year ending with or within his taxable year. Our taxable year ends on December 31.

***Treatment of Distributions.*** Distributions by us to a unitholder generally will not be taxable to the unitholder for federal income tax purposes, except to the extent the amount of any such cash distribution exceeds his tax basis in his common units immediately before the distribution. Our cash distributions in excess of a unitholder's tax basis generally will be considered to be gain from the sale or exchange of the common units, taxable in accordance with the rules described under **Disposition of Common Units**. Any reduction in a unitholder's share of our liabilities for which no partner, including the general partner, bears the economic risk of loss, known as nonrecourse liabilities, will be treated as a distribution of cash to that unitholder. To the extent our distributions cause a unitholder's at risk amount to be less than zero at the end of any taxable year, he must recapture any losses deducted in previous years. Please read **Limitations on Deductibility of Losses**.

A decrease in a unitholder's percentage interest in us because of our issuance of additional common units will decrease his share of our nonrecourse liabilities, and thus will result in a corresponding deemed distribution of cash. A non-pro rata distribution of money or property may result in ordinary income to a unitholder, regardless of his tax basis in his common units, if the distribution reduces the unitholder's share of our unrealized receivables, including depreciation recapture, and/or substantially appreciated inventory items, both as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, and collectively, Section 751 Assets. To that extent, he will be treated as having been distributed his proportionate share of the Section 751 Assets and having exchanged those assets with us in return for the non-pro rata portion of the actual distribution made to him. This latter deemed exchange will generally result in the unitholder's realization of ordinary income, which will equal the excess of (1) the non-pro rata portion of that distribution over (2) the unitholder's tax basis for the share of Section 751 Assets deemed relinquished in the exchange.

***Ratio of Taxable Income to Distributions.*** We estimate that a purchaser of common units in this offering who owns those common units from the date of closing of this offering through the record date for distributions for the period ending December 31, 2010, will be allocated, on a cumulative basis, an amount of federal taxable income for that

period that will be 20% or less of the cash distributed with respect to that period. Thereafter, we anticipate that the ratio of allocable taxable income to cash distributions to the unitholders will increase. These estimates are based upon the assumption that gross income from operations will approximate the amount required to make the minimum quarterly distribution on all units and other

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assumptions with respect to capital expenditures, cash flow, net working capital and anticipated cash distributions. These estimates and assumptions are subject to, among other things, numerous business, economic, regulatory, competitive and political uncertainties beyond our control. Further, the estimates are based on current tax law and tax reporting positions that we will adopt and with which the IRS could disagree. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that these estimates will prove to be correct. The actual percentage of distributions that will constitute taxable income could be higher or lower than expected, and any differences could be material and could materially affect the value of the common units. For example, the ratio of allocable taxable income to cash distributions to a purchaser of common units in this offering will be greater, and perhaps substantially greater, than our estimate with respect to the period described above if:

gross income from operations exceeds the amount required to make the minimum quarterly distribution on all units, yet we only distribute the minimum quarterly distribution on all units; or

we make a future offering of common units and use the proceeds of the offering in a manner that does not produce substantial additional deductions during the period described above, such as to repay indebtedness outstanding at the time of this offering or to acquire property that is not eligible for depreciation or amortization for federal income tax purposes or that is depreciable or amortizable at a rate significantly slower than the rate applicable to our assets at the time of this offering.

***Basis of Common Units.*** A unitholder's initial tax basis for his common units will be the amount he paid for the common units plus his share of our nonrecourse liabilities. That basis will be increased by his share of our income and by any increases in his share of our nonrecourse liabilities. That basis will be decreased, but not below zero, by distributions from us, by the unitholder's share of our losses, by any decreases in his share of our nonrecourse liabilities and by his share of our expenditures that are not deductible in computing taxable income and are not required to be capitalized. A unitholder will have no share of our debt that is recourse to our general partner, but will have a share, generally based on his share of profits, of our nonrecourse liabilities. Please read [Disposition of Common Units](#) and [Recognition of Gain or Loss](#).

***Limitations on Deductibility of Losses.*** The deduction by a unitholder of his share of our losses will be limited to the tax basis in his units and, in the case of an individual unitholder or a corporate unitholder, if more than 50% of the value of the corporate unitholder's stock is owned directly or indirectly by or for five or fewer individuals or some tax-exempt organizations, to the amount for which the unitholder is considered to be at risk with respect to our activities, if that is less than his tax basis. A unitholder must recapture losses deducted in previous years to the extent that distributions cause his at risk amount to be less than zero at the end of any taxable year. Losses disallowed to a unitholder or recaptured as a result of these limitations will carry forward and will be allowable to the extent that his tax basis or at risk amount, whichever is the limiting factor, is subsequently increased. Upon the taxable disposition of a unit, any gain recognized by a unitholder can be offset by losses that were previously suspended by the at risk limitation but may not be offset by losses suspended by the basis limitation. Any excess loss above that gain previously suspended by the at risk or basis limitations is no longer utilizable.

In general, a unitholder will be at risk to the extent of the tax basis of his units, excluding any portion of that basis attributable to his share of our nonrecourse liabilities, reduced by (i) any portion of that basis representing amounts otherwise protected against loss because of a guarantee, stop loss agreement or other similar arrangement and (ii) any amount of money he borrows to acquire or hold his units, if the lender of those borrowed funds owns an interest in us, is related to the unitholder or can look only to the units for repayment. A unitholder's at risk amount will increase or decrease as the tax basis of the unitholder's units increases or decreases, other than tax basis increases or decreases attributable to increases or decreases in his share of our nonrecourse liabilities.

The passive loss limitations generally provide that individuals, estates, trusts and some closely-held corporations and personal service corporations can deduct losses from passive activities, which are generally trade or business activities in which the taxpayer does not materially participate, only to the extent of the taxpayer's income from those passive activities. The passive loss limitations are applied separately with

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respect to each publicly traded partnership. Consequently, any passive losses we generate will only be available to offset our passive income generated in the future and will not be available to offset income from other passive activities or investments, including our investments or investments in other publicly traded partnerships, or salary or active business income. Passive losses that are not deductible because they exceed a unitholder's share of income we generate may be deducted in full when he disposes of his entire investment in us in a fully taxable transaction with an unrelated party. The passive activity loss limitations are applied after other applicable limitations on deductions, including the at risk rules and the basis limitation.

A unitholder's share of our net income may be offset by any of our suspended passive losses, but it may not be offset by any other current or carryover losses from other passive activities, including those attributable to other publicly traded partnerships.

***Limitations on Interest Deductions.*** The deductibility of a non-corporate taxpayer's investment interest expense is generally limited to the amount of that taxpayer's net investment income. Investment interest expense includes:

interest on indebtedness properly allocable to property held for investment;

our interest expense attributed to portfolio income; and

the portion of interest expense incurred to purchase or carry an interest in a passive activity to the extent attributable to portfolio income.

The computation of a unitholder's investment interest expense will take into account interest on any margin account borrowing or other loan incurred to purchase or carry a unit. Net investment income includes gross income from property held for investment and amounts treated as portfolio income under the passive loss rules, less deductible expenses, other than interest, directly connected with the production of investment income, but generally does not include gains attributable to the disposition of property held for investment. The IRS has indicated that net passive income earned by a publicly traded partnership will be treated as investment income to its unitholders. In addition, the unitholder's share of our portfolio income will be treated as investment income.

***Entity-Level Collections.*** If we are required or elect under applicable law to pay any federal, state, local or foreign income tax on behalf of any unitholder or our general partner or any former unitholder, we are authorized to pay those taxes from our funds. That payment, if made, will be treated as a distribution of cash to the unitholder on whose behalf the payment was made. If the payment is made on behalf of a person whose identity cannot be determined, we are authorized to treat the payment as a distribution to all current unitholders. We are authorized to amend our partnership agreement in the manner necessary to maintain uniformity of intrinsic tax characteristics of units and to adjust later distributions, so that after giving effect to these distributions, the priority and characterization of distributions otherwise applicable under the partnership agreement is maintained as nearly as is practicable. Payments by us as described above could give rise to an overpayment of tax on behalf of an individual unitholder in which event the unitholder would be required to file a claim in order to obtain a credit or refund.

***Allocation of Income, Gain, Loss and Deduction.*** In general, if we have a net profit, our items of income, gain, loss and deduction will be allocated among our general partner and the unitholders in accordance with their percentage interests in us. At any time that distributions are made to the common units in excess of distributions to the subordinated units, or incentive distributions are made to our general partner, gross income will be allocated to the recipients to the extent of these distributions. If we have a net loss for the entire year, that loss will be allocated first to our general partner and the unitholders in accordance with their percentage interests in us to the extent of their positive capital accounts and, second, to our general partner.

Specified items of our income, gain, loss and deduction will be allocated to account for the difference between the tax basis and fair market value of property contributed to us by our general partner and its affiliates, referred to in this discussion as Contributed Property. The effect of these allocations to a

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unitholder purchasing common units in this offering will be essentially the same as if the tax basis of our assets were equal to their fair market value at the time of this offering. In addition, items of recapture income will be allocated to the extent possible to the unitholder who was allocated the deduction giving rise to the treatment of that gain as recapture income in order to minimize the recognition of ordinary income by some unitholders. Finally, although we do not expect that our operations will result in the creation of negative capital accounts, if negative capital accounts nevertheless result, items of our income and gain will be allocated in such amount and manner as is needed to eliminate the negative balance as quickly as possible.

An allocation of items of our income, gain, loss or deduction, other than an allocation required by the Internal Revenue Code to eliminate the difference between a partner's book capital account, credited with the fair market value of Contributed Property, and tax capital account, credited with the tax basis of Contributed Property, referred to in this discussion as the Book-Tax Disparity, will generally be given effect for federal income tax purposes in determining a partner's share of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction only if the allocation has substantial economic effect. In any other case, a partner's share of an item will be determined on the basis of his interest in us, which will be determined by taking into account all the facts and circumstances, including:

his relative contributions to us;

the interests of all the partners in profits and losses;

the interest of all the partners in cash flow; and

the rights of all the partners to distributions of capital upon liquidation.

Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. is of the opinion that, with the exception of the issues described in Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership Section 754 Election and Disposition of Common Units Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees, allocations under our partnership agreement will be given effect for federal income tax purposes in determining a partner's share of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction.

**Treatment of Short Sales.** A unitholder whose units are loaned to a short seller to cover a short sale of units may be considered as having disposed of those units. If so, he would no longer be treated for tax purposes as a partner with respect to those units during the period of the loan and may recognize gain or loss from the disposition. As a result, during this period:

any of our income, gain, loss or deduction with respect to those units would not be reportable by the unitholder;

any cash distributions received by the unitholder as to those units would be fully taxable; and

all of these distributions would appear to be ordinary income.

Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has not rendered an opinion regarding the treatment of a unitholder where common units are loaned to a short seller to cover a short sale of common units; therefore, unitholders desiring to assure their status as partners and avoid the risk of gain recognition from a loan to a short seller are urged to modify any applicable brokerage account agreements to prohibit their brokers from loaning their units. The IRS has announced that it is actively studying issues relating to the tax treatment of short sales of partnership interests. Please also read

Disposition of Common Units Recognition of Gain or Loss.

**Alternative Minimum Tax.** Each unitholder will be required to take into account his distributive share of any items of our income, gain, loss or deduction for purposes of the alternative minimum tax. The current minimum tax rate for

noncorporate taxpayers is 26% on the first \$175,000 of alternative minimum taxable income in excess of the exemption amount and 28% on any additional alternative minimum taxable income. Prospective unitholders are urged to consult with their tax advisors as to the impact of an investment in units on their liability for the alternative minimum tax.



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**Tax Rates.** In general, the highest effective United States federal income tax rate for individuals is currently 35.0% and the maximum United States federal income tax rate for net capital gains of an individual is currently 15.0% if the asset disposed of was held for more than twelve months at the time of disposition.

**Section 754 Election.** We will make the election permitted by Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code. That election is irrevocable without the consent of the IRS. The election will generally permit us to adjust a common unit purchaser's tax basis in our assets (inside basis) under Section 743(b) of the Internal Revenue Code to reflect his purchase price. This election does not apply to a person who purchases common units directly from us. The Section 743(b) adjustment belongs to the purchaser and not to other unitholders. For purposes of this discussion, a unitholder's inside basis in our assets will be considered to have two components: (1) his share of our tax basis in our assets (common basis) and (2) his Section 743(b) adjustment to that basis.

Where the remedial allocation method is adopted (which we will adopt), the Treasury Regulations under Section 743 of the Internal Revenue Code require a portion of the Section 743(b) adjustment that is attributable to recovery property under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code to be depreciated over the remaining cost recovery period for the Section 704(c) built-in gain. Under Treasury Regulation Section 1.167(c)-1(a)(6), a Section 743(b) adjustment attributable to property subject to depreciation under Section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code, rather than cost recovery deductions under Section 168, is generally required to be depreciated using either the straight-line method or the 150% declining balance method. Under our partnership agreement, our general partner is authorized to take a position to preserve the uniformity of units even if that position is not consistent with these and any other Treasury Regulations. Please read [Uniformity of Units](#).

Although Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. is unable to opine as to the validity of this approach because there is no direct or indirect controlling authority on this issue, we intend to depreciate the portion of a Section 743(b) adjustment attributable to unrealized appreciation in the value of Contributed Property, to the extent of any unamortized Book-Tax Disparity, using a rate of depreciation or amortization derived from the depreciation or amortization method and useful life applied to the common basis of the property, or treat that portion as non-amortizable to the extent attributable to property the common basis of which is not amortizable. This method is consistent with the methods employed by other publicly traded partnerships but is arguably inconsistent with Treasury Regulation Section 1.167(c)-1(a)(6), which is not expected to directly apply to a material portion of our assets. To the extent this Section 743(b) adjustment is attributable to appreciation in value in excess of the unamortized Book-Tax Disparity, we will apply the rules described in the Treasury Regulations and legislative history. If we determine that this position cannot reasonably be taken, we may take a depreciation or amortization position under which all purchasers acquiring units in the same month would receive depreciation or amortization, whether attributable to common basis or a Section 743(b) adjustment, based upon the same applicable rate as if they had purchased a direct interest in our assets. This kind of aggregate approach may result in lower annual depreciation or amortization deductions than would otherwise be allowable to some unitholders. Please read [Uniformity of Units](#). A unitholder's tax basis for his common units is reduced by his share of our deductions (whether or not such deductions were claimed on an individual's income tax return) so that any position we take that understates deductions will overstate the common unitholder's basis in his common units, which may cause the unitholder to understate gain or overstate loss on any sale of such units. Please read [Disposition of Common Units Recognition of Gain or Loss](#). The IRS may challenge our position with respect to depreciating or amortizing the Section 743(b) adjustment we take to preserve the uniformity of the units. If such a challenge were sustained, the gain from the sale of units might be increased without the benefit of additional deductions.

A Section 754 election is advantageous if the transferee's tax basis in his units is higher than the units' share of the aggregate tax basis of our assets immediately prior to the transfer. In that case, as a result of the election, the transferee would have, among other items, a greater amount of depreciation and depletion deductions and his share of any gain

or loss on a sale of our assets would be less. Conversely, a Section 754 election is disadvantageous if the transferee's tax basis in his units is lower than those units' share of the

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aggregate tax basis of our assets immediately prior to the transfer. Thus, the fair market value of the units may be affected either favorably or unfavorably by the election. A basis adjustment is required regardless of whether a Section 754 election is made in the case of a transfer of an interest in us if we have a substantial built in loss immediately after the transfer, or if we distribute property and have a substantial basis reduction. Generally a built in loss or a basis reduction is substantial if it exceeds \$250,000.

The calculations involved in the Section 754 election are complex and will be made on the basis of assumptions as to the value of our assets and other matters. For example, the allocation of the Section 743(b) adjustment among our assets must be made in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code. The IRS could seek to reallocate some or all of any Section 743(b) adjustment allocated by us to our tangible assets to goodwill instead. Goodwill, as an intangible asset, is generally nonamortizable or amortizable over a longer period of time or under a less accelerated method than our tangible assets. We cannot assure you that the determinations we make will not be successfully challenged by the IRS and that the deductions resulting from them will not be reduced or disallowed altogether. Should the IRS require a different basis adjustment to be made, and should, in our opinion, the expense of compliance exceed the benefit of the election, we may seek permission from the IRS to revoke our Section 754 election. If permission is granted, a subsequent purchaser of units may be allocated more income than he would have been allocated had the election not been revoked.

## **Tax Treatment of Operations**

***Accounting Method and Taxable Year.*** We use the year ending December 31 as our taxable year and the accrual method of accounting for federal income tax purposes. Each unitholder will be required to include in income his share of our income, gain, loss and deduction for our taxable year ending within or with his taxable year. In addition, a unitholder who has a taxable year ending on a date other than December 31 and who disposes of all of his units following the close of our taxable year but before the close of his taxable year must include his share of our income, gain, loss and deduction in income for his taxable year, with the result that he will be required to include in income for his taxable year his share of more than one year of our income, gain, loss and deduction. Please read [Disposition of Common Units](#) [Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees](#).

***Initial Tax Basis, Depreciation and Amortization.*** The tax basis of our assets will be used for purposes of computing depreciation and cost recovery deductions and, ultimately, gain or loss on the disposition of these assets. The federal income tax burden associated with the difference between the fair market value of our assets and their tax basis immediately prior to this offering will be borne by our general partner. Please read [Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership](#) [Allocation of Income, Gain, Loss and Deduction](#).

To the extent allowable, we may elect to use the depreciation and cost recovery methods that will result in the largest deductions being taken in the early years after assets are placed in service. Because our general partner may determine not to adopt the remedial method of allocation with respect to any difference between the tax basis and the fair market value of goodwill immediately prior to this or any future offering, we may not be entitled to any amortization deductions with respect to any goodwill conveyed to us on formation or held by us at the time of any future offering. Please read [Uniformity of Units](#). Property we subsequently acquire or construct may be depreciated using accelerated methods permitted by the Internal Revenue Code.

If we dispose of depreciable property by sale, foreclosure or otherwise, all or a portion of any gain, determined by reference to the amount of depreciation previously deducted and the nature of the property, may be subject to the recapture rules and taxed as ordinary income rather than capital gain. Similarly, a unitholder who has taken cost recovery or depreciation deductions with respect to property we own will likely be required to recapture some or all of those deductions as ordinary income upon a sale of his interest in us. Please read [Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership](#) [Allocation of Income, Gain, Loss and Deduction](#) and [Disposition of Common Units](#) [Recognition of Gain](#)

or Loss.

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The costs we incur in selling our units (called *syndication expenses*) must be capitalized and cannot be deducted currently, ratably or upon our termination. There are uncertainties regarding the classification of costs as organization expenses, which may be amortized by us, and as syndication expenses, which may not be amortized by us. The underwriting discounts and commissions we incur will be treated as syndication expenses.

***Valuation and Tax Basis of Our Properties.*** The federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of units will depend in part on our estimates of the relative fair market values, and the initial tax bases, of our assets. Although we may from time to time consult with professional appraisers regarding valuation matters, we will make many of the relative fair market value estimates ourselves. These estimates and determinations of basis are subject to challenge and will not be binding on the IRS or the courts. If the estimates of fair market value or basis are later found to be incorrect, the character and amount of items of income, gain, loss or deductions previously reported by unitholders might change, and unitholders might be required to adjust their tax liability for prior years and incur interest and penalties with respect to those adjustments.

**Disposition of Common Units**

***Recognition of Gain or Loss.*** Gain or loss will be recognized on a sale of units equal to the difference between the amount realized and the unitholder's tax basis for the units sold. A unitholder's amount realized will be measured by the sum of the cash or the fair market value of other property received by him plus his share of our nonrecourse liabilities. Because the amount realized includes a unitholder's share of our nonrecourse liabilities, the gain recognized on the sale of units could result in a tax liability in excess of any cash received from the sale.

Prior distributions from us in excess of cumulative net taxable income for a common unit that decreased a unitholder's tax basis in that common unit will, in effect, become taxable income if the common unit is sold at a price greater than the unitholder's tax basis in that common unit, even if the price received is less than his original cost.

Except as noted below, gain or loss recognized by a unitholder, other than a *dealer* in units, on the sale or exchange of a unit held for more than one year will generally be taxable as capital gain or loss. Capital gain recognized by an individual on the sale of units held more than twelve months will generally be taxed at a maximum rate of 15%. However, a portion of this gain or loss will be separately computed and taxed as ordinary income or loss under Section 751 of the Internal Revenue Code to the extent attributable to assets giving rise to depreciation recapture or other *unrealized receivables* or to *inventory items* we own. The term *unrealized receivables* includes potential recapture items, including depreciation recapture. Ordinary income attributable to *unrealized receivables*, *inventory items* and depreciation recapture may exceed net taxable gain realized upon the sale of a unit and may be recognized even if there is a net taxable loss realized on the sale of a unit. Thus, a unitholder may recognize both ordinary income and a capital loss upon a sale of units. Net capital losses may offset capital gains and no more than \$3,000 of ordinary income, in the case of individuals, and may only be used to offset capital gains in the case of corporations.

The IRS has ruled that a partner who acquires interests in a partnership in separate transactions must combine those interests and maintain a single adjusted tax basis for all those interests. Upon a sale or other disposition of less than all of those interests, a portion of that tax basis must be allocated to the interests sold using an *equitable apportionment* method, which generally means that the tax basis allocated to the interest sold equals an amount that bears the same relation to the partner's tax basis in his entire interest in the partnership as the value of the interest sold bears to the value of the partner's entire interest in the partnership. Treasury Regulations under Section 1223 of the Internal Revenue Code allow a selling unitholder who can identify common units transferred with an ascertainable holding period to elect to use the actual holding period of the common units transferred. Thus, according to the ruling, a common unitholder will be unable to select high or low basis common units to sell as would be the case with corporate stock, but, according to the regulations, may designate specific common units sold for purposes of

determining the holding period of units transferred. A unitholder electing to use the actual holding period of

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common units transferred must consistently use that identification method for all subsequent sales or exchanges of common units. A unitholder considering the purchase of additional units or a sale of common units purchased in separate transactions is urged to consult his tax advisor as to the possible consequences of this ruling and application of the regulations.

Specific provisions of the Internal Revenue Code affect the taxation of some financial products and securities, including partnership interests, by treating a taxpayer as having sold an appreciated partnership interest, one in which gain would be recognized if it were sold, assigned or terminated at its fair market value, if the taxpayer or related persons enter(s) into:

a short sale;

an offsetting notional principal contract; or

a futures or forward contract with respect to the partnership interest or substantially identical property.

Moreover, if a taxpayer has previously entered into a short sale, an offsetting notional principal contract or a futures or forward contract with respect to the partnership interest, the taxpayer will be treated as having sold that position if the taxpayer or a related person then acquires the partnership interest or substantially identical property. The Secretary of the Treasury is also authorized to issue regulations that treat a taxpayer that enters into transactions or positions that have substantially the same effect as the preceding transactions as having constructively sold the financial position.

***Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees.*** In general, our taxable income and losses will be determined annually, will be prorated on a monthly basis and will be subsequently apportioned among the unitholders in proportion to the number of units owned by each of them as of the opening of the applicable exchange on the first business day of the month, which we refer to in this prospectus as the Allocation Date. However, gain or loss realized on a sale or other disposition of our assets other than in the ordinary course of business will be allocated among the unitholders on the Allocation Date in the month in which that gain or loss is recognized. As a result, a unitholder transferring units may be allocated income, gain, loss and deduction realized after the date of transfer.

The use of this method may not be permitted under existing Treasury Regulations. Accordingly, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. is unable to opine on the validity of this method of allocating income and deductions between transferee and transferor unitholders. If this method is not allowed under the Treasury Regulations, or only applies to transfers of less than all of the unitholder's interest, our taxable income or losses might be reallocated among the unitholders. We are authorized to revise our method of allocation between transferee and transferor unitholders, as well as unitholders whose interests vary during a taxable year, to conform to a method permitted under future Treasury Regulations.

A unitholder who owns units at any time during a quarter and who disposes of them prior to the record date set for a cash distribution for that quarter will be allocated items of our income, gain, loss and deductions attributable to that quarter but will not be entitled to receive that cash distribution.

***Notification Requirements.*** A unitholder who sells any of his units is generally required to notify us in writing of that sale within 30 days after the sale (or, if earlier, January 15 of the year following the sale). A purchaser of units who purchases units from another unitholder is also generally required to notify us in writing of that purchase within 30 days after the purchase. Upon receiving such notifications, we are required to notify the IRS of that transaction and to furnish specified information to the transferor and transferee. Failure to notify us of a purchase may, in some cases, lead to the imposition of penalties. However, these reporting requirements do not apply to a sale by an individual who is a citizen of the United States and who effects the sale or exchange through a broker who will satisfy such requirements.

***Constructive Termination.*** We will be considered to have been terminated for tax purposes if there is a sale or exchange of 50% or more of the total interests in our capital and profits within a twelve-month period. A constructive termination results in the closing of our taxable year for all unitholders. In the case of a unitholder reporting on a taxable year other than a fiscal year ending December 31, the closing of our



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taxable year may result in more than twelve months of our taxable income or loss being includable in his taxable income for the year of termination. We would be required to make new tax elections after a termination, including a new election under Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code, and a termination would result in a deferral of our deductions for depreciation. A termination could also result in penalties if we were unable to determine that the termination had occurred. Moreover, a termination might either accelerate the application of, or subject us to, any tax legislation enacted before the termination.

## **Uniformity of Units**

Because we cannot match transferors and transferees of units, we must maintain uniformity of the economic and tax characteristics of the units to a purchaser of these units. In the absence of uniformity, we may be unable to completely comply with a number of federal income tax requirements, both statutory and regulatory. A lack of uniformity can result from a literal application of Treasury Regulation Section 1.167(c)-1(a)(6). Any non-uniformity could have a negative impact on the value of the units. Please read [Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership](#) [Section 754 Election](#).

We intend to depreciate the portion of a Section 743(b) adjustment attributable to unrealized appreciation in the value of Contributed Property, to the extent of any unamortized Book-Tax Disparity, using a rate of depreciation or amortization derived from the depreciation or amortization method and useful life applied to the common basis of that property, or treat that portion as nonamortizable, to the extent attributable to property the common basis of which is not amortizable, consistent with the regulations under Section 743 of the Internal Revenue Code, even though that position may be inconsistent with Treasury Regulation Section 1.167(c)-1(a)(6), which is not expected to directly apply to a material portion of our assets. Please read [Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership](#) [Section 754 Election](#). To the extent that the Section 743(b) adjustment is attributable to appreciation in value in excess of the unamortized Book-Tax Disparity, we will apply the rules described in the Treasury Regulations and legislative history. If we determine that this position cannot reasonably be taken, we may adopt a depreciation and amortization position under which all purchasers acquiring units in the same month would receive depreciation and amortization deductions, whether attributable to a common basis or Section 743(b) adjustment, based upon the same applicable rate as if they had purchased a direct interest in our property. If this position is adopted, it may result in lower annual depreciation and amortization deductions than would otherwise be allowable to some unitholders and risk the loss of depreciation and amortization deductions not taken in the year that these deductions are otherwise allowable. This position will not be adopted if we determine that the loss of depreciation and amortization deductions will have a material adverse effect on the unitholders. If we choose not to utilize this aggregate method, we may use any other reasonable depreciation and amortization method to preserve the uniformity of the intrinsic tax characteristics of any units that would not have a material adverse effect on the unitholders. The IRS may challenge any method of depreciating the Section 743(b) adjustment described in this paragraph. If this challenge were sustained, the uniformity of units might be affected, and the gain from the sale of units might be increased without the benefit of additional deductions. Please read [Disposition of Common Units](#) [Recognition of Gain or Loss](#).

## **Tax-Exempt Organizations and Other Investors**

Ownership of units by employee benefit plans, other tax-exempt organizations, non-resident aliens, foreign corporations and other foreign persons raises issues unique to those investors and, as described below, may have substantially adverse tax consequences to them.

Employee benefit plans and most other organizations exempt from federal income tax, including individual retirement accounts and other retirement plans, are subject to federal income tax on unrelated business taxable income. Virtually all of our income allocated to a unitholder that is a tax-exempt organization will be unrelated business taxable income and will be taxable to them.

Non-resident aliens and foreign corporations, trusts or estates that own units will be considered to be engaged in business in the United States because of the ownership of units. As a consequence, they will be required to file federal tax returns to report their share of our income, gain, loss or deduction and pay

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federal income tax at regular rates on their share of our net income or gain. Moreover, under rules applicable to publicly traded partnerships, we will withhold at the highest applicable effective tax rate from cash distributions made quarterly to foreign unitholders. Each foreign unitholder must obtain a taxpayer identification number from the IRS and submit that number to our transfer agent on a Form W-8BEN or applicable substitute form in order to obtain credit for these withholding taxes. A change in applicable law may require us to change these procedures.

In addition, because a foreign corporation that owns units will be treated as engaged in a United States trade or business, that corporation may be subject to the United States branch profits tax at a rate of 30%, in addition to regular federal income tax, on its share of our income and gain, as adjusted for changes in the foreign corporation's U.S. net equity, which are effectively connected with the conduct of a United States trade or business. That tax may be reduced or eliminated by an income tax treaty between the United States and the country in which the foreign corporate unitholder is a qualified resident. In addition, this type of unitholder is subject to special information reporting requirements under Section 6038C of the Internal Revenue Code.

Under a ruling of the IRS, a foreign unitholder who sells or otherwise disposes of a unit will be subject to federal income tax on gain realized on the sale or disposition of that unit to the extent that this gain is effectively connected with a United States trade or business of the foreign unitholder. Because a foreign unitholder is considered to be engaged in business in the United States by virtue of the ownership of units, under this ruling a foreign unitholder who sells or otherwise disposes of a unit generally will be subject to federal income tax on gain realized on the sale or disposition of units. Apart from the ruling, a foreign unitholder will not be taxed or subject to withholding upon the sale or disposition of a unit if he has owned less than 5% in value of the units during the five-year period ending on the date of the disposition and if the units are regularly traded on an established securities market at the time of the sale or disposition.

## **Administrative Matters**

***Information Returns and Audit Procedures.*** We intend to furnish to each unitholder, within 90 days after the close of each calendar year, specific tax information, including a Schedule K-1, which describes his share of our income, gain, loss and deduction for our preceding taxable year. In preparing this information, which will not be reviewed by counsel, we will take various accounting and reporting positions, some of which have been mentioned earlier, to determine each unitholder's share of income, gain, loss and deduction. We cannot assure you that those positions will in all cases yield a result that conforms to the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, Treasury Regulations or administrative interpretations of the IRS. Neither we nor Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. can assure prospective unitholders that the IRS will not successfully contend in court that those positions are impermissible. Any challenge by the IRS could negatively affect the value of the units.

The IRS may audit our federal income tax information returns. Adjustments resulting from an IRS audit may require each unitholder to adjust a prior year's tax liability, and possibly may result in an audit of his return. Any audit of a unitholder's return could result in adjustments not related to our returns as well as those related to our returns.

Partnerships generally are treated as separate entities for purposes of federal tax audits, judicial review of administrative adjustments by the IRS and tax settlement proceedings. The tax treatment of partnership items of income, gain, loss and deduction are determined in a partnership proceeding rather than in separate proceedings with the partners. The Internal Revenue Code requires that one partner be designated as the Tax Matters Partner for these purposes. Our partnership agreement names our General Partner as our Tax Matters Partner.

The Tax Matters Partner will make some elections on our behalf and on behalf of unitholders. In addition, the Tax Matters Partner can extend the statute of limitations for assessment of tax deficiencies against unitholders for items in our returns. The Tax Matters Partner may bind a unitholder with less than a 1% profits interest in us to a settlement

with the IRS unless that unitholder elects, by filing a statement with the IRS, not to give that authority to the Tax Matters Partner. The Tax Matters Partner may seek

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judicial review, by which all the unitholders are bound, of a final partnership administrative adjustment and, if the Tax Matters Partner fails to seek judicial review, judicial review may be sought by any unitholder having at least a 1% interest in profits or by any group of unitholders having in the aggregate at least a 5% interest in profits. However, only one action for judicial review will go forward, and each unitholder with an interest in the outcome may participate.

A unitholder must file a statement with the IRS identifying the treatment of any item on his federal income tax return that is not consistent with the treatment of the item on our return. Intentional or negligent disregard of this consistency requirement may subject a unitholder to substantial penalties.

***Nominee Reporting.*** Persons who hold an interest in us as a nominee for another person are required to furnish to us:

- (a) the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the beneficial owner and the nominee;
- (b) whether the beneficial owner is:
  - 1. a person that is not a United States person;
  - 2. a foreign government, an international organization or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality of either of the foregoing; or
  - 3. a tax-exempt entity;
- (c) the amount and description of units held, acquired or transferred for the beneficial owner; and
- (d) specific information including the dates of acquisitions and transfers, means of acquisitions and transfers, and acquisition cost for purchases, as well as the amount of net proceeds from sales.

Brokers and financial institutions are required to furnish additional information, including whether they are United States persons and specific information on units they acquire, hold or transfer for their own account. A penalty of \$50 per failure, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per calendar year, is imposed by the Internal Revenue Code for failure to report that information to us. The nominee is required to supply the beneficial owner of the units with the information furnished to us.

***Accuracy-Related Penalties.*** An additional tax equal to 20% of the amount of any portion of an underpayment of tax that is attributable to one or more specified causes, including negligence or disregard of rules or regulations, substantial understatements of income tax and substantial valuation misstatements, is imposed by the Internal Revenue Code. No penalty will be imposed, however, for any portion of an underpayment if it is shown that there was a reasonable cause for that portion and that the taxpayer acted in good faith regarding that portion.

For individuals, a substantial understatement of income tax in any taxable year exists if the amount of the understatement exceeds the greater of 10% of the tax required to be shown on the return for the taxable year or \$5,000 (\$10,000 for most corporations). The amount of any understatement subject to penalty generally is reduced if any portion is attributable to a position adopted on the return:

- (1) for which there is, or was, substantial authority ; or
- (2) as to which there is a reasonable basis and the pertinent facts of that position are disclosed on the return.

If any item of income, gain, loss or deduction included in the distributive shares of unitholders might result in that kind of an understatement of income for which no substantial authority exists, we must disclose the pertinent facts on our return. In addition, we will make a reasonable effort to furnish sufficient information for unitholders to make adequate disclosure on their returns and to take other actions as may be appropriate to permit unitholders to avoid liability for this penalty. More stringent rules apply to tax shelters, which we do not believe includes us.

A substantial valuation misstatement exists if the value of any property, or the adjusted basis of any property, claimed on a tax return is 200% or more of the amount determined to be the correct amount of the valuation or adjusted basis. No penalty is imposed unless the portion of the underpayment attributable

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to a substantial valuation misstatement exceeds \$5,000 (\$10,000 for most corporations). If the valuation claimed on a return is 400% or more than the correct valuation, the penalty imposed increases to 40%.

**Reportable Transactions.** If we were to engage in a reportable transaction, we (and possibly you and others) would be required to make a detailed disclosure of the transaction to the IRS. A transaction may be a reportable transaction based upon any of several factors, including the fact that it is a type of tax avoidance transaction publicly identified by the IRS as a listed transaction or that it produces certain kinds of losses for partnerships, individuals, S corporations, and trusts in excess of \$2 million in any single year, or \$4 million in any combination of tax years. Our participation in a reportable transaction could increase the likelihood that our federal income tax information return (and possibly your tax return) would be audited by the IRS. Please read Information Returns and Audit Procedures.

Moreover, if we were to participate in a reportable transaction with a significant purpose to avoid or evade tax, or in any listed transaction, you may be subject to the following provisions of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004:

accuracy-related penalties with a broader scope, significantly narrower exceptions, and potentially greater amounts than described above at Accuracy Related Penalties,

for those persons otherwise entitled to deduct interest on federal tax deficiencies, nondeductibility of interest on any resulting tax liability and

in the case of a listed transaction, an extended statute of limitations.

We do not expect to engage in any reportable transactions.

## **State, Local, Foreign and Other Tax Considerations**

In addition to federal income taxes, you likely will be subject to other taxes, such as state, local and foreign income taxes, unincorporated business taxes, and estate, inheritance or intangible taxes that may be imposed by the various jurisdictions in which we do business or own property or in which you are a resident. Although an analysis of those various taxes is not presented here, each prospective unitholder should consider their potential impact on his investment in us. We will initially own property or conduct business in the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Each of these states other than Texas and Florida currently imposes a personal income tax on individuals. A majority of these states impose an income tax on corporations and other entities. We may also own property or conduct business in other jurisdictions that impose an income tax in the future. Although you may not be required to file a return and pay taxes in some jurisdictions because your income from the jurisdictions falls below the filing and payment requirement, you will be required to file income tax returns and to pay income taxes in many of these jurisdictions in which we do business or own property and may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. In some jurisdictions, tax losses may not produce a tax benefit in the year incurred and may not be available to offset income in subsequent taxable years. Some of the jurisdictions may require us, or we may elect, to withhold a percentage of income from amounts to be distributed to a unitholder who is not a resident of the jurisdiction. Withholding, the amount of which may be greater or less than a particular unitholder's income tax liability to the jurisdiction, generally does not relieve a nonresident unitholder from the obligation to file an income tax return. Amounts withheld will be treated as if distributed to unitholders for purposes of determining the amounts distributed by us. Please read Tax Consequences of Unit Ownership Entity-Level Collections. Based on current law and our estimate of our future operations, the general partner anticipates that any amounts required to be withheld will not be material.

**It is the responsibility of each unitholder to investigate the legal and tax consequences, under the laws of pertinent jurisdictions, of his investment in us. Accordingly, each prospective unitholder is urged to consult,**

**and depend upon, his tax counsel or other advisor with regard to those matters. Further, it is the responsibility of each unitholder to file all state, local and foreign, as well as United States federal tax returns, that may be required of him. Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has not rendered an opinion on the state, local or foreign tax consequences of an investment in us.**



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If the underwriters exercise all or any portion of their option to purchase additional common units, we will issue up to 1,500,000 additional common units, and we will redeem an equal number of units from our general partner, which will be deemed to be a selling unitholder and an underwriter in this offering. The redemption price per common unit will be equal to the price per common unit (net of underwriting discounts and a structuring fee) sold to the underwriters upon exercise of their option.

The following table sets forth information concerning the ownership of common units by our general partner. The numbers in the table are presented assuming:

the underwriters' option to purchase additional units is not exercised; and

the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional units in full.

| Name of Selling Unitholder          | Units Owned Immediately After This Offering   |            | Units Owned Immediately After Exercise of Underwriters' Option and Related Unit Redemption |            |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------|--|------------|
|                                     | Assuming Underwriters Option is Not Exercised | Percent(1) | Assuming Underwriters Option is Exercised in Full  | Percent(1) |
| Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP | 1,500,000                                     | 2.2%       | 0  |            |

(1) Percentage of total units outstanding, including common units, subordinated units and general partner units.

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**INVESTMENT IN SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP BY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS**

An investment in us by an employee benefit plan is subject to additional considerations because the investments of these plans are subject to the fiduciary responsibility and prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA and restrictions imposed by Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code. For these purposes the term employee benefit plan includes, but is not limited to, qualified pension, profit-sharing and stock bonus plans, Keogh plans, simplified employee pension plans and tax deferred annuities or IRAs established or maintained by an employer or employee organization. Among other things, consideration should be given to:

whether the investment is prudent under Section 404(a)(1)(B) of ERISA;

whether in making the investment, that plan will satisfy the diversification requirements of Section 404(a)(1)(C) of ERISA; and

whether the investment will result in recognition of unrelated business taxable income by the plan and, if so, the potential after-tax investment return. Please read Material Tax Consequences Tax-Exempt Organizations and Other Investors .

The person with investment discretion with respect to the assets of an employee benefit plan, often called a fiduciary, should determine whether an investment in us is authorized by the appropriate governing instrument and is a proper investment for the plan.

Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code prohibit employee benefit plans, and also IRAs that are not considered part of an employee benefit plan, from engaging in specified transactions involving plan assets with parties that are parties in interest under ERISA or disqualified persons under the Internal Revenue Code with respect to the plan.

In addition to considering whether the purchase of common units is a prohibited transaction, a fiduciary of an employee benefit plan should consider whether the plan will, by investing in us, be deemed to own an undivided interest in our assets, with the result that our operations would be subject to the regulatory restrictions of ERISA, including its prohibited transaction rules, as well as the prohibited transaction rules of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Department of Labor regulations provide guidance with respect to whether the assets of an entity in which employee benefit plans acquire equity interests would be deemed plan assets under some circumstances. Under these regulations, an entity's assets would not be considered to be plan assets if, among other things:

(a) the equity interests acquired by employee benefit plans are publicly offered securities i.e., the equity interests are widely held by 100 or more investors independent of the issuer and each other, freely transferable and registered under some provisions of the federal securities laws;

(b) the entity is an operating company, i.e., it is primarily engaged in the production or sale of a product or service other than the investment of capital either directly or through a majority-owned subsidiary or subsidiaries; or

(c) there is no significant investment by benefit plan investors, which is defined to mean that less than 25% of the value of each class of equity interest is held by the employee benefit plans referred to above, IRAs and other employee benefit plans not subject to ERISA, including governmental plans.

Our assets should not be considered plan assets under these regulations because it is expected that the investment will satisfy the requirements in (a) above.

Plan fiduciaries contemplating a purchase of common units should consult with their own counsel regarding the consequences under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code in light of the serious penalties imposed on persons who engage in prohibited transactions or other violations.

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Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc. are acting as joint bookrunning managers of the offering and representatives of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus, each underwriter named below has severally agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to that underwriter, the number of common units set forth opposite the underwriter's name.

|   | <b>Number of<br/>Common Units</b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Citigroup Global Markets Inc.                         | 2,600,000                         |
| Lehman Brothers Inc.                                  | 2,600,000                         |
| Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith<br>Incorporated | 1,300,000                         |
| UBS Securities LLC                                    | 1,300,000                         |
| Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC                         | 1,300,000                         |
| A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.                             | 450,000                           |
| Raymond James & Associates, Inc.                      | 450,000                           |
| <br>Total   | <br>10,000,000                    |

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the common units included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all the common units (other than those covered by their option to purchase additional common units described below) if they purchase any of the units.

The underwriters propose to offer some of the common units directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of the prospectus and some of the units to dealers at the public offering price less a concession not to exceed \$0.825 per unit. If all of the units are not sold at the initial offering price, the representatives may change the public offering price and the other selling terms. The representatives have advised us that the underwriters do not intend sales to discretionary accounts to exceed five percent of the total number of our units offered by them.

We have granted to the underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days from the date of this prospectus, to purchase up to 1,500,000 additional common units at the public offering price less the underwriting discount. The underwriters may exercise the option solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any, in connection with this offering. To the extent the option is exercised, each underwriter must purchase a number of additional units approximately proportionate to that underwriter's initial purchase commitment.

We, our general partner, all of the officers and directors of our general partner, and Spectra Energy and certain of its affiliates have agreed that, for a period of 180 days from the date of this prospectus, we and they will not, without the prior written consent of the representatives, dispose of or hedge any of our common units or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common units. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if (1) during the last 17 days of the 180-day period, we issue an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to us occurs; or (2) prior to the expiration of the 180-day restricted period, we announce that we will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the 180-day period, the restrictions described above shall continue to apply until

the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the issuance of the earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or material event.

The representatives, in their sole discretion, may release any of the securities subject to these lock-up agreements at any time without notice. The representatives have no present intent or arrangement to release any of the securities subject to these lock-up agreements. The release of any lock-up is considered on a case by case basis. Factors in deciding whether to release common units may include the length of time before the lock-up expires, the number of units involved, the reason for the requested release, market conditions, the trading price of our common units, historical trading volumes of our common units and whether the person seeking the release is an officer, director or affiliate of us.

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At our request, the underwriters have reserved up to 5% of the common units for sale at the initial offering price to persons who are directors, officers and employees of our general partner, or who are otherwise associated with us through a directed unit program. The number of common units available for sale to the general public will be reduced by the number of directed units purchased by participants in the program. Any directed units not purchased will be offered by the underwriters to the general public on the same basis as all other common units offered. We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities and expenses, including liabilities under the Securities Act, in connection with the sales of the directed units. The common units reserved for sale under the directed unit program will be subject to a lock-up agreement for up to 180 days following this offering, subject to the extension described above.

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our common units. Consequently, the initial public offering price for the units will be determined by negotiations between our general partner and the representatives. Among the factors considered in determining the initial public offering price will be our record of operations, our current financial condition, our future prospects, our markets, the economic conditions in and future prospects for the industry in which we compete, our management, and currently prevailing general conditions in the equity securities markets, including current market valuations of publicly traded partnerships considered comparable to our partnership. We cannot assure you, however, that the prices at which the units will sell in the public market after this offering will not be lower than the initial public offering price or that an active trading market in our common units will develop and continue after this offering.

The common units have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol SEP.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts and commissions that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering. These amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional common units.

|          | <b>No Exercise</b> | <b>Full Exercise</b> |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Per Unit | \$ 1.375           | \$ 1.375             |
| Total    | \$ 13,750,000      | \$ 15,812,500        |

In addition, we will pay a structuring fee equal to an aggregate of 0.25% of the gross proceeds from this offering, or approximately \$550,000 (\$632,500 in the event the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional common units in full), to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc. for evaluation, analysis and structuring of our partnership.

We estimate that our portion of the total expenses of this offering, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions and structuring fees, will be approximately \$6.2 million. The underwriters have agreed to reimburse us for a portion of these expenses in an amount of up to 0.25% of the gross proceeds of this offering (including any exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional common units).

In no event will the maximum amount of compensation to be paid to NASD members in connection with this offering exceed 10% of the gross proceeds (plus 0.5% for bona fide, accountable due diligence expenses).

Our partnership agreement requires that all common unitholders be Eligible Holders. Eligible Holders are individuals or entities subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us or entities not subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us, so long as all of the entity's beneficial owners are

subject to such taxation. Accordingly, all potential investors who are not individuals must have completed and returned the Certification Form for Non-individual Investors attached as Appendix C to this prospectus to the underwriter with whom they placed an order by the date indicated on the form in order to be allocated common units in this offering. As all individuals are Eligible Holders, they were not required to complete and return a Certification Form for Non-individual Investors.

In connection with the offering, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. on behalf of the underwriters, may purchase and sell common units in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve syndicate sales of common units in excess of the number of units to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate

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short position. Covered short sales are sales of units made in an amount up to the number of units represented by the underwriters' option to purchase additional common units. In determining the source of units to close out the covered syndicate short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of units available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase units through their option to purchase additional common units. Transactions to close out the covered syndicate short position involve either purchases of the common units in the open market after the distribution has been completed or the exercise of their option to purchase additional common units. The underwriters may also make naked short sales of units in excess of their option to purchase additional common units. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing common units in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the units in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of bids for or purchases of units in the open market while the offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when an underwriter repurchases units originally sold by that syndicate member in order to cover syndicate short positions or make stabilizing purchases.

Any of these activities, as well as purchases by the underwriters for their own accounts, may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the units. They may also cause the price of the units to be higher than the price that would otherwise exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. The underwriters may conduct these transactions on The New York Stock Exchange or otherwise. If the underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

The underwriters have performed from time to time and are performing investment banking and advisory services for us and Spectra Energy and its predecessor and affiliates for which they have received and will receive customary fees and expenses. In addition, the underwriters may, from time to time, engage in other transactions with and perform services for Spectra Energy or us in the ordinary course of their business. Affiliates of Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Lehman Brothers Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, UBS Securities LLC and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC are lenders under our new credit facility.

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available by one or more of the underwriters. The representatives may agree to allocate a number of units to underwriters for sale to their online brokerage account holders. The representatives will allocate units to underwriters that may make Internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations. In addition, units may be sold by the underwriters to securities dealers who resell units to online brokerage account holders.

Other than the prospectus in electronic format, the information on any underwriter's web site and any information contained in any other web site maintained by an underwriter is not part of the prospectus or the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, has not been approved and/or endorsed by us or any underwriter in its capacity as an underwriter and should not be relied upon by investors.

We, our general partner and Spectra Energy have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make because of any of those liabilities.

Because the National Association of Securities Dealers views the units offered by this prospectus as interests in a direct participation program, the offering is being made in compliance with Rule 2810 of the NASD's Conduct Rules. Investor suitability with respect to the units should be judged similarly to the suitability with respect to other securities that are listed for trading on a national securities exchange.





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**VALIDITY OF THE COMMON UNITS**

The validity of the common units will be passed upon for us by Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., Houston, Texas and for the underwriters by Baker Botts L.L.P., Houston, Texas.

**EXPERTS**

The combined financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006, included in this prospectus and the related financial statement schedules included elsewhere in the registration statement have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein (which report expresses an unqualified opinion on the combined financial statements and financial statement schedule and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the preparation of the combined financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor from the separate records maintained by Spectra Energy Capital, LLC) and have been so included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The balance sheet of Spectra Energy Partners, LP as of March 26, 2007 and the balance sheet of Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP as of March 26, 2007 included in this prospectus have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports appearing herein, and are included in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Market Hub Partners Holding, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006, included in this prospectus have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein, and are included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C. as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006, included in this prospectus have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein, and are included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, a registration statement on Form S-1 regarding the common units. This prospectus does not contain all of the information found in the registration statement. For further information regarding us and the common units offered by this prospectus, you may desire to review the full registration statement, including its exhibits and schedules, filed under the Securities Act. The registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, including its exhibits and schedules, may be inspected and copied at the public reference room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the materials may also be obtained from the SEC at prescribed rates by writing to the public reference room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains a web site on the Internet at <http://www.sec.gov>. Our registration statement, of which this prospectus constitutes a part, can be downloaded from the SEC's web site.

We intend to furnish our unitholders annual reports containing our audited financial statements and furnish or make available quarterly reports containing our unaudited interim financial information for the first three fiscal quarters of each of our fiscal years.

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Some of the information in this prospectus may contain forward-looking statements. These statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology including may, believe, expect, anticipate, estimate, other similar words. These statements discuss future expectations, contain projections of results of operations or of financial condition, or state other forward-looking information. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. When considering these forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements in this prospectus. The risk factors and other factors noted throughout this prospectus could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

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**UNAUDITED PRO FORMA COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Introduction**

The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners, LP as of March 31, 2007, for the year ended December 31, 2006, and for the three months ended March 31, 2007 are based upon the historical audited and unaudited combined financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor (the Predecessor). The Predecessor includes 100% of East Tennessee Natural Gas LLC (East Tennessee), 50.0% of Market Hub Partners Holding, LLC (Market Hub), and 24.5% of Gulfstream Natural Gas System, LLC (Gulfstream). The Predecessor includes East Tennessee in its financial statements, and accounts for the interests in Gulfstream and Market Hub using the equity method of accounting. Following the offering, Spectra Energy Partners, LP (the Partnership) will own these entities in the same proportions as represented in the Predecessor, and consequently, the Partnership will consolidate its interest in East Tennessee and will account for its 50.0% interest in Market Hub and its 24.5% in Gulfstream using the equity method of accounting.

The contribution by Spectra Energy Corp (Spectra Energy) to the Partnership of the East Tennessee, Market Hub and Gulfstream assets will be recorded at historical cost as it is considered to be a reorganization of entities under common control. Unless the context otherwise requires, references herein to the Partnership include the Partnership and its operating companies. The pro forma adjustments have been prepared as if the transactions to be effected at the closing of this offering had taken place on March 31, 2007, in the case of the pro forma balance sheet, and as of January 1, 2006, in the case of the pro forma statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2006 and for the three months ended March 31, 2007. The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the Partnership will be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes accompanying such unaudited pro forma combined financial statements and with the historical audited combined financial statements and related notes set forth elsewhere in this Prospectus.

The unaudited pro forma combined balance sheet and the unaudited pro forma combined statement of operations were derived by adjusting the historical audited combined financial statements of the Predecessor. The adjustments are based upon currently available information and certain estimates and assumptions. Actual effects of these transactions will differ from the pro forma adjustments. However, the Predecessor's management (management) believes that the assumptions provide a reasonable basis for presenting the significant effects of the transactions as contemplated and that the pro forma adjustments are factually supportable and give appropriate effect to the expected impact of events that are directly attributable to the formation of the Partnership, the transfer of the operations of the Predecessor and the related transactions, and that are expected to have a continuing impact on the Partnership.

In connection with the offering:

Spectra Energy or its subsidiaries will contribute certain of their assets to us or our subsidiaries;

we will issue to Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP, a subsidiary of Spectra Energy, a 2% general partner interest in us and all of our incentive distribution rights, which will entitle our general partner to increasing percentages of the cash we distribute in excess of \$0.345 per unit per quarter (115% of the minimum quarterly distribution);

we will issue 10,000,000 common units to the public in this offering, representing a 14.8% limited partner interest in us, and will use the proceeds as described in Use of Proceeds ;



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we expect to borrow approximately \$163.1 million in term debt and \$125 million in revolving debt under our \$500 million credit facility; and

we will enter into an omnibus agreement with Spectra Energy, our general partner and certain of their affiliates pursuant to which we will reimburse Spectra Energy for the payment of certain operating expenses and for providing various general and administrative services.

The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the results that actually would have occurred if the Partnership had assumed the operations of the Predecessor on the dates indicated or which would be obtained in the future.

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|   | <b>Spectra<br/>Energy<br/>Partners<br/>Predecessor<br/>Historical</b> | <b>Pro Forma<br/>Adjustments</b> | <b>Spectra Energy<br/>Partners, LP<br/>Pro Forma</b> |
|---|---|----------------------------------|--|
|   | (In thousands, except unit and per unit data)                         |                                  |  |
| <b>Operating Revenues</b>                       |   |                                  |  |
| Transportation of natural gas                   | \$ 80,531   | \$                               | \$ 80,531  |
| Transportation of natural gas affiliates        | 46  |                                  | 46   |
| Storage of natural gas and other                | 2,032   |                                  | 2,032  |
| Total operating revenues                        | 82,609  |                                  | 82,609   |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                       |   |                                  |  |
| Operations, maintenance and other               | 8,970   |                                  | 8,970  |
| Operations, maintenance and other affiliates    | 12,861  |                                  | 12,861   |
| Depreciation and amortization                   | 18,986  |                                  | 18,986   |
| Property and other taxes                        | 4,177   |                                  | 4,177  |
| Total operating expenses                        | 44,994  |                                  | 44,994   |
| <b>Operating Income</b>                         | 37,615  |                                  | 37,615   |
| <b>Other Income and Expenses</b>                |   |                                  |  |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | 41,105  |                                  | 41,105   |
| Other income (expenses), net                    | 1,765   |                                  | 1,765  |
| Total other income and expenses                 | 42,870  |                                  | 42,870   |
| <b>Interest Income</b>                          | 15  | 8,642 (a)                        | 8,657  |
| <b>Interest Expense</b>                         | 8,151   | 16,549 (a)<br>200 (b)            | 24,900   |
| <b>Earnings before Income Taxes</b>             | 72,349  | (8,107)                          | 64,242   |
| <b>Income Tax Expense</b>                       | 10,741  | (10,288)(c)                      | 453  |
| <b>Net Income</b>                               | \$ 61,608   | \$ 2,181                         | \$ 63,789  |
| General partner's interest in net income        |   |                                  | \$ 1,276   |
| Limited partners' interest in net income        |   |                                  | \$ 62,513  |

|  |    |            |
|--|----|------------|
| Net income per limited partners unit                             |    |            |
| Common units   | \$ | 1.20       |
| Subordinated units   | \$ | 0.41       |
| Weighted average number of limited partners<br>units outstanding |    |            |
| Common units   |    | 44,629,880 |
| Subordinated units   |    | 21,638,730 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma combined financial statements

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|---|---|----------------------------------|--|
|   | (In thousands, except unit and per unit data)                         |                                  |  |
| <b>Operating Revenues</b>                       |   |                                  |  |
| Transportation of natural gas                   | \$ 24,950   | \$                               | \$ 24,950  |
| Transportation of natural gas affiliates        |   |                                  |  |
| Storage of natural gas and other                | 1,483   |                                  | 1,483  |
| Total operating revenues                        | 26,433  |                                  | 26,433   |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                       |   |                                  |  |
| Operations, maintenance and other               | 3,587   |                                  | 3,587  |
| Operations, maintenance and other affiliates    | 3,318   |                                  | 3,318  |
| Depreciation and amortization                   | 4,969   |                                  | 4,969  |
| Property and other taxes                        | (127)   |                                  | (127)  |
| Total operating expenses                        | 11,747  |                                  | 11,747   |
| <b>Operating Income</b>                         | 14,686  |                                  | 14,686   |
| <b>Other Income and Expenses</b>                |   |                                  |  |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | 11,385  |                                  | 11,385   |
| Other income (expenses), net                    | 12  |                                  | 12   |
| Total other income and expenses                 | 11,397  |                                  | 11,397   |
| <b>Interest Income</b>                          | 9   | 2,161 (a)                        | 2,170  |
| <b>Interest Expense</b>                         | 2,156   | 4,137 (a)<br>50 (b)              | 6,343  |
| <b>Earnings before Income Taxes</b>             | 23,936  | (2,026)                          | 21,910   |
| <b>Income Tax Expense</b>                       | 4,733   | (4,524)(c)                       | 209  |
| <b>Net Income</b>                               | \$ 19,203   | \$ 2,498                         | \$ 21,701  |
| General partner's interest in net income        |   |                                  | \$ 434   |
| Limited partners' interest in net income        |   |                                  | \$ 21,267  |

|  |    |            |
|--|----|------------|
| Net income per limited partners unit                             |    |            |
| Common units   | \$ | 0.32       |
| Subordinated units   | \$ | 0.32       |
| Weighted average number of limited partners<br>units outstanding |    |            |
| Common units   |    | 44,629,880 |
| Subordinated units   |    | 21,638,730 |

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|  | <b>Spectra Energy<br/>Partners<br/>Predecessor<br/>Historical</b> | <b>Pro Forma<br/>Adjustments<br/>(In<br/>thousands)</b>  | <b>Spectra<br/>Energy<br/>Partners, LP<br/>Pro Forma</b> |
|--|---|--|--|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                  |   |  |  |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                          |   |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                      | \$  | \$ 220,000 (d)<br>(19,950)(e)<br>(26,000)(f)<br>(163,050)(g)<br>163,050 (h)<br>125,000 (i)<br>(1,000)(j)<br>(288,050)(k) | \$ 10,000  |
| Accounts receivable                            |   |  |  |
| Trade  | 9,921   | (9,921)(l)   |  |
| Natural gas imbalance receivables              | 1,800   | (1,800)(l)   |  |
| Natural gas imbalance receivables affiliates   | 8,053   |  | 8,053  |
| Inventory                                      | 1,477   |  | 1,477  |
| Taxes receivable affiliates                    | 1,179   |  | 1,179  |
| Other  | 1,620   |  | 1,620  |
| Short-term investments                         | 0   | 163,050 (g)  | 163,050  |
| Total current assets                           | 24,050  | 161,329  | 185,379  |
| <b>Investments and Other Assets</b>            |   |  |  |
| Investment in unconsolidated affiliates        | 450,068   | (1,973)(l)<br>(6,277)(m)<br>(409)(n)   | 441,409  |
| Goodwill                                       | 118,293   |  | 118,293  |
| Other  |   |  |  |
| Total investments and other assets             | 568,361   | (8,659)  | 559,702  |
| <b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>           |   |  |  |
| Cost   | 799,540   |  | 799,540  |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | (110,751)   |  | (110,751)  |

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|  |              |            |              |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Net property, plant and equipment            | 688,789      |            | 688,789      |
| <b>Regulatory Assets and Deferred Debits</b> | 10,766       | 1,000 (j)  | 11,766       |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                          | \$ 1,291,966 | \$ 153,670 | \$ 1,445,636 |

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March 31, 2007

|   | <b>Spectra<br/>Energy<br/>Partners<br/>Predecessor<br/>Historical</b> | <b>Pro Forma<br/>Adjustments<br/>(In thousands)</b>   | <b>Spectra<br/>Energy<br/>Partners, LP<br/>Pro Forma</b> |
|---|---|---|--|
| <b>LIABILITIES AND NET PARENT INVESTMENT</b>  |   |   |  |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                    |   |   |  |
| Accounts payable trade                        | \$ 2,753  | \$  | \$ 2,753   |
| Accounts payable trade affiliates             |   |   |  |
| Taxes accrued                                 | 2,024   | (2,024)(c)  |  |
| Taxes accrued affiliates                      | 6,465   | (6,465)(c)  |  |
| Interest accrued                              | 2,498   |   | 2,498  |
| Accrued liabilities                           | 8,242   |   | 8,242  |
| Natural gas imbalance payables                | 3,238   |   | 3,238  |
| Natural gas imbalance payables affiliate      | 3,421   |   | 3,421  |
| Other   | 3,003   | (711)(m)  | 2,292  |
| Total current liabilities                     | 31,644  | (9,200)   | 22,444   |
| <b>Long-term Debt</b>                         | 150,000   | 163,050 (h)<br>125,000 (i)  | 438,050  |
| <b>Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities</b> |   |   |  |
| Deferred income taxes                         | 114,230   | (109,460)(c)  | 4,770  |
| Other   | 8,390   |   | 8,390  |
| Total deferred credits and other liabilities  | 122,620   | (109,460)   | 13,160   |
| <b>Partners Capital/Parent Net Equity</b>     |   |   |  |
| Parent net investment                         | 983,989   | 117,949 (c)<br>(26,000)(f)<br>(288,050)(k)<br>(13,694)(l)<br>(5,566)(m)<br>(409)(n)<br>(768,219)(o) |  |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income        | 3,713   |   | 3,713  |
| Common unitholders public                     |   | 220,000 (d)<br>(19,950)(e)  | 200,050  |



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|   |              |             |    |           |
|---|--------------|-------------|----|-----------|
| Common unitholders sponsor                                      |              | 461,695 (o) |    | 461,695   |
| Convertible subordinated unitholders sponsor                    |              | 288,493 (o) |    | 288,493   |
| General partner interest  |              | 18,031 (o)  |    | 18,031    |
| Total partners capital/parent net equity                        | 987,702      | (15,720)    |    | 971,982   |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Partners Capital/Parent Net Equity</b> | \$ 1,291,966 | \$ 153,670  | \$ | 1,445,636 |

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**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP**

**NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Basis of Presentation, The Offering and Other Transactions**

The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners, LP (the Partnership) have been prepared from information derived from historical audited combined financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor appearing elsewhere in this prospectus, and the assumptions outlined in Note 2 below. The unaudited pro forma combined statement of operations assumes the offering and transactions as described in this prospectus occurred on January 1, 2006 for the year ended December 31, 2006 and for the three months ended March 31, 2007, and the unaudited pro forma combined balance sheet assumes that the offering and the transactions occurred as of March 31, 2007. These adjustments do not include the effects of the exercise of the underwriters' option. The adjustments are based upon currently available information and certain estimates and assumptions, and therefore the actual effects of these transactions will differ from the pro forma adjustments.

The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements reflect the following significant assumptions and transactions:

East Tennessee's and Market Hub's distribution of accounts receivable of \$11.7 million and \$3.9 million, respectively, to Spectra Energy;

The net proceeds to Spectra Energy Partners, LP of \$206.3 million from the issuance and sale of 10.0 million common units at an assumed initial offering price of \$22.00 per unit, and the payment of underwriting commissions of \$13.8 million;

Spectra Energy Partner, LP's borrowings under a new \$500 million credit facility of approximately \$163.1 million in term debt and \$125 million in revolving debt;

The use of proceeds and borrowings to pay transaction expenses and underwriting commissions, reimburse subsidiaries of Spectra Energy for certain capital expenditures, fund working capital, and invest in qualifying securities; and

Spectra Energy will indemnify us for certain environmental and tax liabilities and title and right-of-way defects.

Upon completion of this offering, Spectra Energy Partners, LP anticipates incurring incremental general and administrative expense of approximately \$5.5 million per year as a result of being a publicly traded limited partnership, including costs associated with annual and quarterly reports to unitholders, tax return and Schedule K-1 preparation and distribution, investor relations activities, registrar and transfer agent fees, incremental director and officer liability insurance costs and director compensation. The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements do not reflect these expenses because they are not currently factually supportable as we have not clearly defined the expected scope of required services and we have not finalized negotiations on terms and fees with Spectra Energy and its affiliates.

**2. Pro Forma Adjustments and Assumptions**

(a) Reflects the interest expense related to the borrowings described in (h) and (i) below, and the interest income related to the qualifying securities described in (g) below. The interest expense for the revolving debt is based on an estimated average variable interest rate of 6%. The term debt interest expense is based on an estimated average

variable rate of 5.55%. The interest income is based on an estimated average variable rate of 5.30%. A change of 1% would have increased or decreased the net interest expense and interest income by \$1.3 million for 2006 and \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007.

(b) Reflects the amortization of the deferred issuance costs related to the debt described in (g) and (h) below over the term of the associated debt, 5 years.

(c) Reflects the elimination of historical income taxes for all current and deferred taxes apart from Tennessee state income taxes which will continue to be borne by the Partnership post-offering.

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**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP**

**NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

- (d) Reflects the gross proceeds to the Partnership of \$220.0 million from the issuance and sale of 10.0 million common units at an initial public offering price of \$22.00 per unit.
- (e) Reflects the payment of underwriting commission of \$13.8 million and other offering expenses of \$6.2 million for a total of \$20.0 million, which will be allocated to the public common units.
- (f) Reflects the distribution of \$26.0 million to reimburse subsidiaries of Spectra Energy for certain capital expenditures incurred prior to the offering.
- (g) Reflects the purchase of \$163.1 million of qualifying investment grade securities using a portion of the proceeds from the offering. These securities are pledged as collateral for the borrowings under the term loan portion of our credit facility.
- (h) Reflects \$163.1 million of term borrowings under the term portion of the new \$500 million credit facility.
- (i) Reflects \$125 million of revolving borrowings under the revolving portion of the new \$500 million credit facility.
- (j) Reflects estimated deferred debt issuance costs associated with the new \$500 million credit facility.
- (k) Reflects the distribution to Spectra Energy of a portion of the net proceeds from the offering and borrowings under the new credit facility.
- (l) Reflects the distribution to Spectra Energy of accounts receivable of an estimated \$11.7 million for East Tennessee and an estimated \$3.9 million for Market Hub.
- (m) Reflects the partnership's share of a distribution from Market Hub and a distribution to East Tennessee by Spectra Energy Capital for funds swept by Spectra Energy Capital as part of its treasury management activities for security deposits received by Market Hub.
- (n) Reflects Spectra Energy's retention of certain Market Hub assets related to Copiah County Storage Co, LLC that will not be transferred to the Partnership as part of the offering.
- (o) Reflects the conversion of the adjusted parent net investment of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor of \$768.2 million from parent net investment to common and subordinated limited partner capital of Spectra Energy Partners, LP and the general partner's interest in Spectra Energy Partners, LP. The conversion is allocated as follows:
- \$461.7 million for 34,629,880 common units purchased by Spectra Energy;
- \$288.5 million for 21,638,730 subordinated units; and
- \$18.0 million for 1,352,421 general partner units.

After the conversion, the equity amounts of the common and subordinated unitholders are 66% and 32%, respectively, of total capital, with the remaining 2% capital representing the general partner interest.

Common units accrue cumulative cash distributions for any period in which the available cash is not adequate to achieve the minimum distribution of \$0.30 per quarter.

The subordinated units may convert to common units should certain performance milestones be reached. The subordination period also will end upon the removal of our general partner other than for cause if the units held by our general partner and its affiliates are not voted in favor of such removal. When the subordination period ends, all remaining subordinated units will convert into common units on a one-for-one basis, and the common units will no longer be entitled to arrearages.

The above assumes that the underwriters' over-allotment option is not exercised. If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional common units in full, we would receive approximately \$30.9 million of net proceeds from the sale of these common units and will (1) use such net proceeds from

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**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP**

**NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

the sale of these additional units to purchase an equivalent amount of qualifying securities and (2) borrow an additional amount under the term loan facility equal to such net proceeds.

**3. Pro Forma Net Income per Unit**

Pro forma net income per unit is determined by dividing the pro forma net income that would have been allocated, in accordance with the provisions of the limited partnership agreement, to the common and subordinated unitholders by the number of common and subordinated units to be outstanding at the closing of the offering. For purposes of this calculation, we assumed that (1) pro forma distributions were equal to pro forma earnings, (2) the number of units outstanding was 44,629,880 common and 21,638,730 subordinated, and (3) all units were assumed to have been outstanding since the beginning of the periods presented. During each quarter of the year ended December 31, 2006, the Minimum Quarterly Distribution would have been made to all common unitholders, amounting to an annual distribution of \$1.20 per common unit, and the subordinated unitholders would have received distributions to the extent of remaining distributable earnings, amounting to an annual distribution of \$0.41 per subordinated unit. During the quarter ended March 31, 2007, the \$0.32 per unit would have been distributed to all common and subordinated unitholders. Although the \$0.32 exceeds the Minimum Quarterly Distribution amount of \$0.30 per unit, it is below the first target distribution level of \$0.345 per unit. Pursuant to the partnership agreement, to the extent that the quarterly distributions exceed certain targets, the general partner is entitled to receive certain incentive distributions that will result in more net income proportionately being allocated to the general partner than to the holders of common and subordinated units. The pro forma net income per unit calculations reflect the fact that no incentive distributions were made to the general partner.

Staff Accounting Bulletin 1:B:3 requires that certain distributions to owners prior to or coincident with an initial public offering be considered as distributions in contemplation of that offering. Upon completion of this offering, the Partnership intends to distribute approximately \$314.1 million in cash to affiliates of Spectra Energy. This distribution will be paid with \$26 million of offering proceeds, \$125 million of borrowing under the new revolving credit facility and \$163.1 million of borrowing under the new term loan facility. Assuming additional common units were issued to give effect to this distribution, pro forma net income per common unit would have been \$1.04 for the year ended December 31, 2006. For the three months ended March 31, 2007, pro forma net income per common unit would have been \$0.30.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors  
Spectra Energy Corp  
Houston, Texas

We have audited the accompanying combined balance sheets of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor ( the Company ) as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the related combined statements of operations, parent net equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in Item 16. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such combined financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the combined results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic combined financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

The accompanying combined financial statements have been prepared from the separate records maintained by Spectra Energy Capital, LLC and may not necessarily be indicative of the conditions that would have existed or the results of operations if the Company had been operated as an unaffiliated entity. Portions of certain expenses represent allocations made from and are applicable to Spectra Energy Capital, LLC as a whole.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Houston, Texas  
March 27, 2007 (May 7, 2007 as to paragraph 4 of Note 11)

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**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS PREDECESSOR**  
**COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

|   | Years Ended December 31, |           |           |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2006                     | 2005      | 2004      |
|   | (In thousands)           |           |           |
| <b>Operating Revenues</b>                       |                          |           |           |
| Transportation of natural gas                   | \$ 80,531                | \$ 77,553 | \$ 69,242 |
| Transportation of natural gas - affiliates      | 46                       | 150       | 9,352     |
| Storage of natural gas and other                | 2,032                    | 2,300     | 3,122     |
| Total operating revenues                        | 82,609                   | 80,003    | 81,716    |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                       |                          |           |           |
| Operations, maintenance and other               | 8,970                    | 16,680    | 19,679    |
| Operations, maintenance and other - affiliates  | 12,861                   | 7,968     | 6,402     |
| Depreciation and amortization                   | 18,986                   | 23,640    | 21,492    |
| Property and other taxes                        | 4,177                    | 5,264     | 518       |
| Total operating expenses                        | 44,994                   | 53,552    | 48,091    |
| <b>Operating Income</b>                         | 37,615                   | 26,451    | 33,625    |
| <b>Other Income and Expenses</b>                |                          |           |           |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | 41,105                   | 46,287    | 35,495    |
| Other income, net                               | 1,765                    | 528       | 1,485     |
| Total other income and expenses                 | 42,870                   | 46,815    | 36,980    |
| <b>Interest Income</b>                          | 15                       | 24        | 6         |
| <b>Interest Expense</b>                         | 8,151                    | 8,506     | 8,258     |
| <b>Earnings before Income Taxes</b>             | 72,349                   | 64,784    | 62,353    |
| <b>Income Tax Expense</b>                       | 10,741                   | 7,834     | 9,202     |
| <b>Net Income</b>                               | \$ 61,608                | \$ 56,950 | \$ 53,151 |

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**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS PREDECESSOR**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS**

|   | <b>December 31,</b>   |                     |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>2006</b>           | <b>2005</b>         |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b> |                     |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                       |                     |
| <b>Current Assets</b>   |                       |                     |
| Accounts receivable   |                       |                     |
| Trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$241 thousand, and \$274 thousand, respectively | \$ 9,098              | \$ 8,898            |
| Natural gas imbalance receivables   | 3,077                 | 3,577               |
| Natural gas imbalance receivables - affiliates  | 4,615                 | 21,363              |
| Inventory   | 2,460                 | 1,503               |
| Taxes receivable - affiliates   | 1,488                 | 1,156               |
| Other   | 38                    | 331                 |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   | <b>20,776</b>         | <b>36,828</b>       |
| <b>Investments and Other Assets</b>   |                       |                     |
| Investment in unconsolidated affiliates   | 442,793               | 422,340             |
| Goodwill  | 118,293               | 118,293             |
| <b>Total investments and other assets</b>   | <b>561,086</b>        | <b>540,633</b>      |
| <b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>  |                       |                     |
| Cost  | 800,053               | 706,669             |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization  | (108,233)             | (90,353)            |
| <b>Net property, plant and equipment</b>  | <b>691,820</b>        | <b>616,316</b>      |
| <b>Regulatory Assets and Deferred Debits</b>  | <b>10,900</b>         | <b>8,995</b>        |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>\$ 1,284,582</b>   | <b>\$ 1,202,772</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND NET PARENT EQUITY</b>  |                       |                     |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>  |                       |                     |
| Accounts payable trade  | \$ 122                | \$ 2,061            |
| Accounts payable trade - affiliates   | 2,115                 | 974                 |
| Taxes accrued   | 3,419                 | 4,163               |
| Taxes accrued - affiliates  | 3,337                 | 5,820               |
| Interest accrued  | 357                   | 357                 |
| Accrued liabilities   | 8,917                 | 14,967              |

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|   |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Natural gas imbalance payables                      | 1,103               | 7,673               |
| Natural gas imbalance payables - affiliates         | 3,367               | 20,143              |
| Other   | 2,810               | 896                 |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                    | <b>25,547</b>       | <b>57,054</b>       |
| <b>Long-term Debt</b>                               | <b>150,000</b>      | <b>150,000</b>      |
| <b>Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities</b>       |                     |                     |
| Deferred income taxes                               | 113,011             | 96,811              |
| Other   | 6,899               | 3,211               |
| <b>Total deferred credits and other liabilities</b> | <b>119,910</b>      | <b>100,022</b>      |
| <b>Commitments and Contingencies</b>                |                     |                     |
| <b>Parent Net Equity</b>                            |                     |                     |
| Parent net investment                               | 985,333             | 891,586             |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income              | 3,792               | 4,110               |
| <b>Total parent net equity</b>                      | <b>989,125</b>      | <b>895,696</b>      |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Parent Net Equity</b>      | <b>\$ 1,284,582</b> | <b>\$ 1,202,772</b> |

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**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS PREDECESSOR**  
**COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

|  | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |              |             |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|  | <b>2006</b>                     | <b>2005</b>  | <b>2004</b> |
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b>           |              |             |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                                      |                                 |              |             |
| Net Income   | \$ 61,608                       | \$ 56,950    | \$ 53,151   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities |                                 |              |             |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 18,986                          | 23,640       | 21,492      |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates                                  | (41,105)                        | (46,287)     | (35,495)    |
| Allowance for funds used during construction equity                              | (1,760)                         | (506)        | (1,483)     |
| Distributions received from equity investments                                   | 20,335                          | 29,645       | 13,720      |
| Deferred income taxes  | 12,813                          | 4,369        | 31,165      |
| (Increase) decrease in   |                                 |              |             |
| Accounts receivable  | 301                             | (1,804)      | (2,757)     |
| Accounts receivable - affiliates   | (252)                           | 2,738        | 1,909       |
| Taxes receivable - affiliates  |                                 | 6,121        | 11,630      |
| Other current assets   | (878)                           | 68           | 1,207       |
| Other assets   | (7,725)                         | 32           | 2,145       |
| Increase (decrease) in   |                                 |              |             |
| Accounts payable   | 58                              | 757          | (4,526)     |
| Accounts payable - affiliates  | (856)                           | 930          | (261)       |
| Accrued taxes  | (401)                           | 1,838        | (1,785)     |
| Accrued taxes - affiliates   | (2,944)                         | 5,689        | 347         |
| Other current liabilities  | (9,033)                         | 6,038        | (1,336)     |
| Other current liabilities - affiliates   | 106                             | (4,421)      | (1,861)     |
| Other liabilities  | 13,025                          | 7,475        | (3,275)     |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | \$ 62,278                       | \$ 93,272    | \$ 83,987   |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                                      |                                 |              |             |
| Capital expenditures   | (85,910)                        | (59,316)     | (34,269)    |
| Distributions received from equity investments                                   |                                 | 152,143      |             |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities                              | \$ (85,910)                     | \$ 92,827    | \$ (34,269) |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                                      |                                 |              |             |
| Member's dividend (East Tennessee Natural Gas)                                   |                                 |              | (3,000)     |
| Transfers from (to) Parent, net  | 23,632                          | (186,099)    | (46,718)    |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                              | \$ 23,632                       | \$ (186,099) | \$ (49,718) |
| <b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>                                   | <b>\$</b>                       | <b>\$</b>    | <b>\$</b>   |

**Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period**

|   |    |    |    |
|---|----|----|----|
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period</b> | \$ | \$ | \$ |
|---|----|----|----|

**Supplemental Disclosures**

|   |            |          |           |
|---|------------|----------|-----------|
| Cash paid for interest, net of amount capitalized           | \$ 8,591   | \$ 8,566 | \$ 12,955 |
| Cash paid (refunded) to (from) Parent for income taxes      | 1,086      | (5,518)  | (37,369)  |
| Significant non-cash transactions:                          |            |          |           |
| Transfer of assets from affiliate                           | \$ (8,506) | \$       | \$        |
| Contribution of assets to affiliate                         |            | 4,018    |           |
| Deferred taxes related to transfer of assets from affiliate | 2,958      |          |           |
| Gas imbalances receivables                                  | 17,248     | (24,940) | (1,005)   |
| Property, plant and equipment accruals                      | 1,554      | 12,220   | (20,893)  |
| Capitalization of development costs                         | 5,701      |          |           |

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|  | <b>Parent Net<br/>Investment</b> | <b>Accumulated<br/>Other<br/>Comprehensive<br/>Income (Loss)<br/>(In thousands)</b> | <b>Parent Net<br/>Equity</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Balance January 1, 2004</b>                       | \$ 1,021,321                     | \$  | \$ 1,021,321                 |
| Net income   | 53,151                           |   | 53,151                       |
| Member s dividends                                   | (3,000)                          |   | (3,000)                      |
| Net transfers to parent                              | (46,719)                         |   | (46,719)                     |
| <b>Balance December 31, 2004</b>                     | \$ 1,024,753                     | \$  | \$ 1,024,753                 |
| Net income   | 56,950                           |   | 56,950                       |
| Other comprehensive income                           |                                  |   |                              |
| Net unrealized gains on cash flow hedges             |                                  | 4,167   | 4,167                        |
| Reclassification into earnings from cash flow hedges |                                  | (57)  | (57)                         |
| Total comprehensive income                           |                                  |   | 61,060                       |
| Net transfers to parent                              | (190,117)                        |   | (190,117)                    |
| <b>Balance December 31, 2005</b>                     | \$ 891,586                       | \$ 4,110  | \$ 895,696                   |
| Net income   | 61,608                           |   | 61,608                       |
| Other comprehensive loss                             |                                  |   |                              |
| Reclassification into earnings from cash flow hedges |                                  | (318)   | (318)                        |
| Total comprehensive income                           |                                  |   | 61,290                       |
| Net transfers from parent                            | 32,139                           |   | 32,139                       |
| <b>Balance December 31, 2006</b>                     | \$ 985,333                       | \$ 3,792  | \$ 989,125                   |

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**Years Ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004**

**1. Description of Business and Basis of Presentation**

These financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor (the Company) are prepared in connection with the proposed initial public offering of limited partnership units in Spectra Energy Partners, LP (the Partnership), which was formed in March 2007 and which will own certain of the operations and assets of the Company, as further described below. Through its operating units, the Company is engaged in the transportation of natural gas through interstate pipeline systems that serve the southeastern United States, and the storage of natural gas in underground facilities that are located in southeast Texas and in south central Louisiana.

The Company is comprised of companies that were subsidiaries of Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy) for the periods presented in these financial statements.

In June 2006, the Board of Directors of Duke Energy authorized management to pursue a plan to create two separate publicly traded companies by spinning off Duke Energy's natural gas business to Duke Energy shareholders. The spin-off was completed on January 2, 2007, at which time Spectra Energy became a separate publicly-traded entity. Spectra Energy primarily owns the Natural Gas Transmission and Field Services segments of Spectra Energy Capital LLC (Spectra Energy Capital), formerly Duke Capital LLC.

The combined financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States on the basis of Spectra Energy's Predecessor historical ownership percentages of the operations that are expected to be contributed to the Partnership. These historical ownership percentages included: 100% for East Tennessee Natural Gas LLC (East Tennessee), 50% of Market Hub Partners Holding, LLC (Market Hub) and 24.5% of Gulfstream Natural Gas System, LLC (Gulfstream). The Company accounts for investments in 20%-to 50%-owned affiliates, and investments in less than 20% owned affiliates where it has the ability to exercise significant influence, under the equity method. Accordingly, the combined historical financial statements for the Company, as the financial statement predecessor to the Partnership, reflect the inclusion of East Tennessee and investments in Market Hub and Gulfstream using the equity method of accounting. These combined financial statements have been prepared from the separate records maintained by Spectra Energy Capital and may not necessarily be indicative of the actual results of operations that might have occurred if the Company had been operated separately during those periods. Because a direct ownership relationship did not exist among the entities comprising the Company, the net investment in the Company is shown as Parent Net Equity in lieu of owner's equity in the combined financial statements.

As part of the initial public offering of limited partnership units of the Partnership, Spectra Energy plans to contribute to the Partnership certain of the operations and assets of the Company. The Partnership will own 100% of East Tennessee, 50.0% of Market Hub (excluding Spectra Energy's retention of certain Market Hub assets related to Copiah County Storage Co, LLC that will not be transferred to the Partnership as part of the offering) and 24.5% of Gulfstream. The Partnership is expected to consolidate its ownership in East Tennessee, with equity accounting for Market Hub and Gulfstream.

A subsidiary of Spectra Energy will serve as the general partner of the Partnership and will provide services to the Partnership pursuant to operating and management agreements between the parties.

The accompanying combined balance sheets do not include certain Spectra Energy Capital assets and liabilities that are not specifically identifiable to the Company:

Spectra Energy Capital managed its cash on a centralized basis for the entire Duke Energy consolidated group, which in the three years ended December 31, 2006, included the various assets and operations of the companies comprising the Company. The individual cash accounts maintained at the business unit levels (i.e. within the Company's entities) were swept to a Spectra Energy Capital corporate account on a daily basis, creating an Advance Receivable between Spectra Energy Capital (or other affiliates/corporate entities) and Company units. Therefore, the Company's

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financials do not reflect any cash balances. These net advances do not bear interest and are carried as unsecured, intercompany balances. Spectra Energy and the Company's operating units expect to settle the cumulative advance balances through equity distributions or contributions, as applicable, prior to contribution of these units to the Partnership. Therefore, the consolidated net advances have been reclassified to Parent Net Equity in the Company's combined balance sheets.

The Company's financing requirements have been managed historically with cash generated by operations and debt issuances, as needed, by the Company's businesses. Therefore, Spectra Energy Capital's corporate-level debt issuances and related interest amounts, which generally financed operations outside of the Company's operations, are not included in the Company's historical combined financial statements.

Gulfstream, as an unconsolidated affiliate of Spectra Energy Capital, did not participate in the centralized cash management activity of Spectra Energy Capital.

The Company's costs of doing business have been reflected in the financial accounting records of the Company for the periods presented. These costs include direct charges and allocations from Spectra Energy Capital and its affiliates for:

Business services, such as payroll, accounts payable and facilities management,

Corporate services, such as finance and accounting, legal, human resources, investor relations, public and regulatory policy, and senior executives,

Pension and other post-retirement benefit costs.

Transactions between the Company and other Spectra Energy Capital operations have been identified in the combined financial statements as transactions between affiliates (see Note 3).

In the opinion of management, the assumptions underlying the combined financial statements are reasonable.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Use of Estimates.*** To conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the combined financial statements and notes. Although these estimates are based on management's best available knowledge at the time, actual results could differ.

***Inventory.*** Inventory primarily consists of natural gas held in storage and is recorded at the lower of cost or market value, primarily using the average cost method.

***Cost-Based Regulation.*** The Company accounts for its regulated operations at East Tennessee under the provisions of SFAS No. 71, *Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation*. The economic effects of regulation can result in a regulated company recording assets for costs that have been or are expected to be approved for recovery from customers or recording liabilities for amounts that are expected to be returned to customers in the rate-setting process in a period different from the period in which the amounts would be recorded by an unregulated enterprise. Accordingly, the Company records assets and liabilities that result from the regulated ratemaking process that would



not be recorded under GAAP for non-regulated entities. Management continually assesses whether regulatory assets are probable of future recovery by considering factors such as applicable regulatory changes and recent rate orders applicable to other regulated entities. Based on this continual assessment, management believes the existing regulatory assets are probable of recovery. These regulatory assets and liabilities are classified in the Combined Balance Sheets as Regulatory Assets and Deferred Debits, and Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities. The Company periodically evaluates the applicability of SFAS No. 71, and considers factors such as regulatory changes and the impact of competition. If cost-based regulation ends or competition increases, the Company may have to reduce certain of its asset balances to reflect a market basis lower than cost and

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write-off the associated regulatory assets. The Company has no regulatory liabilities for the periods included in the financial statements. (For further information, see Note 5.)

**Goodwill.** Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price over fair value of net assets acquired. The Company evaluates goodwill for potential impairment under the guidance of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. Under this provision, goodwill is subject to an annual test for impairment. The Company has designated August 31 as the date it performs the annual review for goodwill impairment for its reporting units. Under the provisions of SFAS No. 142, the Company performs the annual review for goodwill impairment at the reporting unit level, which the Company has determined to be an operating segment or one level below.

Impairment testing of goodwill consists of a two-step process. The first step involves a comparison of the implied fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step of the process involves a comparison of the fair value and carrying value of the goodwill of that reporting unit. If the carrying value of the goodwill of a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to the excess. Additional impairment tests are performed between the annual reviews if events or changes in circumstances make it more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is below its carrying amount.

The Company uses a discounted cash flow analysis to determine fair value. Key assumptions in the determination of fair value include the use of an appropriate discount rate and estimated future cash flows. In estimating cash flows, the Company incorporates expected growth rates, regulatory stability and the ability to renew contracts, as well as other factors that affect revenue and expense forecasts. The Company did not record any impairment of its goodwill in 2006, 2005 and 2004, and there have been no additions, amortizations, or other changes in the carrying amount of goodwill during the years then ended. Goodwill for the Company's sole operating segment, East Tennessee, was \$118,293 thousand at December 31, 2006 and 2005.

**Property, Plant and Equipment.** Property, plant and equipment are stated at the lower of historical cost less accumulated depreciation or fair value, if impaired. The Company capitalizes all construction-related direct labor and material costs, as well as indirect construction costs. Indirect costs include general engineering, taxes and the cost of funds used during construction. The cost of renewals and betterments that extend the useful life of property, plant and equipment is also capitalized. The cost of repairs, replacements and major maintenance projects, which do not extend the useful life or increase the expected output of property, plant and equipment, is expensed as it is incurred. Depreciation is generally computed over the asset's estimated useful life using the straight-line method. The composite weighted-average depreciation rates were 2.6% for 2006, 3.7% for 2005, and 3.7% for 2004.

When the Company retires its regulated property, plant and equipment, it charges the original cost plus the cost of retirement, less salvage value, to accumulated depreciation and amortization. When it sells entire regulated operating units, or retires or sells non-regulated properties, the cost is removed from the property account and the related accumulated depreciation and amortization accounts are reduced. Any gain or loss is recorded in income, unless otherwise required by the applicable regulatory body.

**Asset Retirement Obligations.** In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 143, Accounting For Asset Retirement Obligations which was adopted by the Company on January 1, 2003 and addresses financial accounting and reporting for legal obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and the related asset retirement costs.

The standard applies to legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development and/or normal use of the asset. SFAS No. 143 requires that the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation be recognized in the period in which it is incurred, if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The fair value of the liability is added to the carrying amount of the associated asset. This additional carrying

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amount is then depreciated over the life of the asset. The liability increases due to the passage of time based on the time value of money until the obligation is settled. Subsequent to the initial recognition, the liability is adjusted for any revisions to the expected value of the retirement obligation (with corresponding adjustments to property, plant, and equipment), and for accretion of the liability due to the passage of time. Additional depreciation expense is recorded prospectively for any property, plant and equipment increases.

Asset retirement obligations of the Company relate primarily to right-of-way agreements, asbestos removal and contractual leases for land use. In accordance with SFAS No. 143, the Company identified certain assets that have an indeterminate life, and thus the fair value of the retirement obligation is not reasonably estimable. These assets included on-shore pipelines. A liability for these asset retirement obligations will be recorded when a fair value is determinable.

In March 2005, the FASB issued Financial Interpretation No. 47, *Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations* (FIN 47). The adoption of FIN 47 had no impact on the income of the regulated gas pipeline operations. Any effects would be offset by the establishment of regulatory assets and liabilities pursuant to SFAS No. 71.

***Unamortized Debt Expense.*** Debt expenses incurred with the issuance of outstanding long-term debt are deferred and amortized over the terms of the debt issues. Any call premiums or unamortized expenses associated with refinancing higher-cost debt obligations to finance regulated assets and operations are amortized consistent with regulatory treatment of those items, where appropriate.

***Long-Lived Asset Impairment and Assets Held For Sale.*** The Company evaluates whether long-lived assets, excluding goodwill, have been impaired when circumstances indicate the carrying value of those assets may not be recoverable. For such long-lived assets, impairment exists when its carrying value exceeds the sum of estimates of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset. When alternative courses of action to recover the carrying amount of a long-lived asset are under consideration, a probability-weighted approach is used for developing estimates of future undiscounted cash flows. If the carrying value of the long-lived asset is not recoverable based on these estimated future undiscounted cash flows, the impairment loss is measured as the excess of the asset's carrying value over its fair value, such that the asset's carrying value is adjusted to its estimated fair value.

Management assesses the fair value of long-lived assets using commonly accepted techniques, and may use more than one source. Sources to determine fair value include, but are not limited to, recent third party comparable sales, internally developed discounted cash flow analysis and analysis from outside advisors. Significant changes in market conditions resulting from events such as changes in commodity prices or the condition of an asset, or a change in management's intent to utilize the asset would generally require management to re-assess the cash flows related to the long-lived assets.

The Company uses the criteria in SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets* to determine when an asset is classified as held for sale. Upon classification as held for sale, the long-lived asset or asset group is measured at the lower of its carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell, depreciation is ceased and the asset or asset group is separately presented on the Combined Balance Sheets. When an asset or asset group meets the SFAS No. 144 criteria for classification as held for sale within the Combined Balance Sheets, the Company does not retrospectively adjust prior period balance sheets to conform to current year presentation.

**Equity Method Investments.** The Company accounts for investments in 20% to 50% owned affiliates, and investments in less than 20% owned affiliates where Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor has the ability to exercise significant influence, under the equity method.

**Cash Flow Hedges.** An equity investee of the Company has entered into cash flow hedges. Changes in the fair value of a derivative designated and qualified as a cash flow hedge, to the extent effective, are reported as Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) (AOCI) of the equity investee until

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earnings are affected by the hedged transaction. The Company recognizes a proportionate share of the equity investee's activity in the Combined Statements of Parent Net Equity and Comprehensive Income.

**Natural Gas Imbalances.** The Combined Balance Sheets include in-kind balances as a result of differences in gas volumes received and delivered for customers. Natural gas volumes owed to or by the Company are valued at market index prices as of the balance sheet dates. Since the settlement of imbalances in the Company's pipeline operations is in-kind, changes in these balances do not have an impact on the Company's Combined Statements of Cash Flows. Accounts receivable includes \$7,692 thousand and \$24,940 thousand as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, and other current liabilities includes \$4,471 thousand and \$20,412 thousand as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, related to gas imbalances. Natural gas volumes owed to (by) the Company are valued at natural gas market index prices as of the balance sheet dates.

**Environmental Expenditures.** The Company expenses environmental expenditures related to conditions caused by past operations that do not generate current or future revenues. Environmental expenditures related to operations that generate current or future revenues are expensed or capitalized, as appropriate. Liabilities are recorded when the necessity for environmental remediation becomes probable and the costs can be reasonably estimated, or when other potential environmental liabilities are reasonably estimable and probable.

**Revenue Recognition.** Revenues on natural gas transportation and storage are recognized when the service is provided. Revenues from long-term contracts with billed rates that decline annually are recognized evenly over the term of the contract. This results in increasing deferred revenue balances in the early years of the contract that are recognized in revenue over the later years of the contract. Revenues related to these services provided, but not yet billed, are estimated each month. These estimates are generally based on contract data, regulatory information, and preliminary throughput and allocation measurements. Final bills for the current month are billed and collected in the following month. Differences between actual and estimated revenues are immaterial. From time to time, certain revenues may be subject to refund pending the outcome of rate matters before the FERC, and reserves are established where required. There were no pending rate cases and no related reserves were recorded as of December 31, 2006 and 2005. The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$241 thousand for 2006, \$274 thousand for 2005 and \$208 thousand for 2004.

**Significant Customers.** The customers accounting for 10% or more of combined revenues during the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004 are as follows:

| Customer                  | % of Revenues<br>Years Ended<br>December 31, |      |      |
|---------------------------|--|------|------|
|                           | 2006   | 2005 | 2004 |
| Atmos Energy Corporation  | 18%  | 16%  | 16%  |
| KGEN Murray I and II, LLC | 13%  | 14%  | (1)  |
| Knoxville Utilities Board | (1)  | 10%  | 10%  |
| Duke Energy Murray, LLC   | (2)  | (2)  | 10%  |

(1) Percentage below 10%

(2) Duke Energy Murray, LLC, owned by a related party, was sold to KGEN Murray, LLC in September 2004.

***Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC).*** AFUDC, which represents the estimated debt and equity costs of capital funds necessary to finance the construction and expansion of new regulated facilities, consists of two components, an equity component and an interest component. The equity component is a non-cash item. AFUDC is capitalized as a component of Property, Plant and Equipment Cost, with offsetting credits to the Combined Statements of Operations. After construction is completed, the Company is permitted to recover these costs through inclusion in the rate base calculation. The total

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amount of AFUDC included in the Combined Statements of Operations was \$2,236 thousand in 2006, which consisted of an equity component of \$1,760 thousand and an interest expense component of \$476 thousand. The total amount of AFUDC included in the Combined Statements of Operations was \$651 thousand in 2005, which consisted of an equity component of \$506 thousand and an interest expense component of \$145 thousand. The total amount of AFUDC included in the Combined Statements of Operations was \$1,935 thousand in 2004, which consisted of an equity component of \$1,483 thousand and an interest expense component of \$452 thousand.

**Income Taxes.** Duke Energy and its subsidiaries historically filed a consolidated federal income tax return and other state returns as required. The Company's East Tennessee operations were subject to corporate income tax under a tax sharing agreement with Duke Energy. Income taxes have been provided by the Company on the basis of its separate company income and deductions related to East Tennessee in accordance with established practices of Duke Energy. Deferred income taxes have been provided for temporary differences between the GAAP and tax carrying amounts of assets and liabilities. These differences create taxable or tax deductible amounts for future periods.

Management evaluates and records contingent tax liabilities and related interest based on the probability of ultimately sustaining the tax deductions or income positions. Management assesses the probabilities of successfully defending the tax deductions or income positions based upon statutory, judicial or administrative authority. There were no such contingent liabilities recorded by the Company for the periods presented.

Market Hub and Gulfstream are not subject to income tax, but rather the taxable income or loss of these entities is reported on the respective income tax returns of the respective members. Accordingly, there is no tax provision related to those entities in these combined financial statements.

**Segment Reporting.** SFAS No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, establishes standards for a public company to report financial and descriptive information about its reportable operating segments in annual and interim financial reports. Operating segments are components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available and evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and evaluate performance. Two or more operating segments may be aggregated into a single reportable segment provided aggregation is consistent with the objectives and basic principles of SFAS No. 131, if the segments have similar economic characteristics, and the segments are considered similar under criteria provided by SFAS No. 131. There is no aggregation within the Company's defined business segments. SFAS No. 131 also establishes standards and related disclosures about the way the operating segments were determined, products and services, geographic areas and major customers, differences between the measurements used in reporting segment information and those used in the Company's general-purpose financial statements, and changes in the measurement of segment amounts from period to period. The description of the Company's reportable segments, consistent with how business results are expected to be reported internally to the Partnership's management and the disclosure of segment information in accordance with SFAS No. 131, are presented in Note 4.

**Distributions from Equity Investees.** The Company considers dividends received from equity investees which do not exceed cumulative equity in earnings subsequent to the date of investment as returns on investment, and classifies these amounts as operating activities within the accompanying Combined Statements of Cash Flows. Cumulative dividends received in excess of cumulative equity in earnings subsequent to the date of investment are considered a return of investment and are classified as investing activities within the accompanying Combined Statements of Cash Flows.





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***New Accounting Standards.*** The following new accounting standards were adopted by the Company during the year ended December 31, 2006 and the impact of such adoption, if applicable, has been presented in the accompanying combined financial statements:

*FSP No. FAS 115-1 and 124-1, The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and its Application to Certain Investments.* The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. FAS 115-1 and 124-1 in November 2005, which was effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2006. This FSP addresses the determination as to when an investment is considered impaired, whether that impairment is other than temporary and the measurement of an impairment loss. This FSP also includes accounting considerations subsequent to the recognition of an other-than-temporary impairment and requires certain disclosures about unrealized losses that have not been recognized as other-than-temporary impairments. The guidance in this FSP amends SFAS No. 115,

Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities, and SFAS No. 124, Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations, and APB Opinion No. 18, The Equity Method of Accounting for Investments in Common Stock. The adoption of FSP No. FAS 115-1 and 124-1 did not have an impact on the Company's combined results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

*FERC Accounting Order.* In June 2005, the FERC issued an Order on Accounting for Pipeline Assessment Costs that requires most pipeline inspection and integrity assessment activities to be recognized as expenses, as incurred. In the Order, FERC confirmed that pipeline betterments and replacements, including those resulting from integrity inspections, will continue to be capitalized when appropriate. This FERC Order was effective for pipeline inspection and integrity assessment costs incurred on or subsequent to January 1, 2006 and increased annual expenses for the Company by approximately \$1,698 thousand. Pipeline inspection and integrity assessment costs capitalized prior to the effective date of the rule were not impacted.

*SAB No. 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements When Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements (SAB No. 108).* In September 2006 the SEC issued SAB No. 108, which provides interpretive guidance on how the effects of the carryover or reversal of prior year misstatements should be considered in quantifying a current year misstatement. Traditionally, there have been two widely-recognized approaches for quantifying the effects of financial statement misstatements. The income statement approach focuses primarily on the impact of a misstatement on the income statement including the reversing effect of prior year misstatements but its use can lead to the accumulation of misstatements in the balance sheet. The balance sheet approach, on the other hand, focuses primarily on the effect of correcting the period-end balance sheet with less emphasis on the reversing effects of prior year errors on the income statement. The SEC staff believes that registrants should quantify errors using both a balance sheet and an income statement approach (a dual approach) and evaluate whether either approach results in quantifying a misstatement that, when all relevant quantitative and qualitative factors are considered, is material.

SAB No. 108 was effective for the year ending December 31, 2006. SAB No. 108 permits existing public companies to initially apply its provisions either by (i) restating prior financial statements as if the dual approach had always been used or (ii), under certain circumstances, recording the cumulative effect of initially applying the dual approach as adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities as of January 1, 2006 with an offsetting adjustment recorded to the opening balance of retained earnings. Spectra Energy has historically used a dual approach for quantifying identified financial statement misstatements. Therefore, the adoption of SAB No. 108 did not have any material impact on the Company's consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position.



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The following new accounting standards were adopted by the Company during the year ended December 31, 2005 and the impact of such adoption, if applicable, has been presented in the accompanying combined financial statements:

*SFAS No. 153, Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets – an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29.* In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 153 which amends APB Opinion No. 29, Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions, by eliminating the exception to the fair-value principle for exchanges of similar productive assets, which were accounted for under APB Opinion No. 29 based on the book value of the asset surrendered with no gain or loss recognition. SFAS No. 153 also eliminates APB Opinion No. 29's concept of culmination of an earnings process. The amendment requires that an exchange of nonmonetary assets be accounted for at fair value if the exchange has commercial substance and fair value is determinable within reasonable limits. Commercial substance is assessed by comparing the entity's expected cash flows immediately before and after the exchange. If the difference is significant, the transaction is considered to have commercial substance and should be recognized at fair value. SFAS No. 153 was effective for nonmonetary transactions occurring on or after July 1, 2005. The adoption of SFAS No. 153 did not have an impact on the Company's combined results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

*SFAS No. 154 Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, or SFAS 154.* In June 2005, the FASB issued SFAS 154, a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20, or APB 20, Accounting Changes and SFAS No. 3, Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements. Among other changes, SFAS 154 requires that a voluntary change in accounting principle be applied retrospectively with all prior period financial statements presented under the new accounting principle, unless it is impracticable to do so. SFAS 154 also (1) provides that a change in depreciation or amortization of a long-lived nonfinancial asset be accounted for as a change in estimate (prospectively) that was effected by a change in accounting principle, and (2) carries forward without change the guidance within APB 20 for reporting the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements and a change in accounting estimate. The adoption of SFAS 154 on January 1, 2006, did not have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

*FIN 47 Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations.* In March 2005, the FASB issued FIN 47, which clarifies the accounting for conditional asset retirement obligations as used in SFAS No. 143. A conditional asset retirement obligation is an unconditional legal obligation to perform an asset retirement activity in which the timing and (or) method of settlement are conditional on a future event that may or may not be within the control of the entity. Therefore, an entity is required to recognize a liability for the fair value of a conditional asset retirement obligation under SFAS No. 143 if the fair value of the liability can be reasonably estimated. The provisions of FIN 47 were effective for the Company as of December 31, 2005. The adoption of FIN 47 did not have an impact on the Company's combined results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

*FSP No. APB 18-1, Accounting by an Investor for Its Proportionate Share of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income of an Investee Accounted for under the Equity Method in Accordance with APB Opinion No. 18 upon a Loss of Significant Influence.* In July 2005, the FASB staff issued FSP No. APB 18-1 which provides guidance for how an investor should account for its proportionate share of an investee's equity adjustments for other comprehensive income (OCI) upon a loss of significant influence. APB Opinion No. 18, The Equity Method of Accounting for Investments in Common Stock, requires a transaction of an equity method investee of a capital nature be accounted for as if the investee were a combined subsidiary, which requires the investor to record its proportionate share of the investee's adjustments for OCI as increases or decreases to the investment account with corresponding adjustments in equity. FSP No. APB 18-1 requires that an investor's proportionate share of an investee's equity adjustments for OCI should be offset against the carrying value of the investment at the time significant influence is lost and equity method

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appropriate. However, to the extent that the offset results in a carrying value of the investment that is less than zero, an investor should (a) reduce the carrying value of the investment to zero and (b) record the remaining balance in income. The guidance in FSP No. APB 18-1 was effective for the Company beginning October 1, 2005. The adoption of FSP No. APB 18-1 did not have a material impact on the Company's combined results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

The following new accounting standards were adopted by the Company during the year ended December 31, 2004 and the impact of such adoption, if applicable, has been presented in the accompanying combined financial statements:

*FIN 46 Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities* . In January 2003, the FASB issued FIN 46 which requires the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity's activities to consolidate the variable interest entity. FIN 46 defines a variable interest entity as an entity in which the equity investors do not have substantive voting rights and there is not sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support. The primary beneficiary absorbs a majority of the expected losses and/or receives a majority of the expected residual returns of the variable interest entity's activities. In December 2003, the FASB issued FIN 46 (Revised December 2003), *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities - An Interpretation of ARB No. 51 (FIN 46R)*, which supersedes and amends the provisions of FIN 46. While FIN 46R retains many of the concepts and provisions of FIN 46, it also provides additional guidance and additional scope exceptions, and incorporates FASB Staff Positions related to the application of FIN 46.

The provisions of FIN 46 applied immediately to variable interest entities created, or interests in variable interest entities obtained, after January 31, 2003, while the provisions of FIN 46R were required to be applied to those entities, except for special purpose entities, by the end of the first reporting period ending after March 15, 2004. For variable interest entities created, or interests in variable interest entities obtained, on or before January 31, 2003, FIN 46 or FIN 46R was required to be applied to special-purpose entities by the end of the first reporting period ending after December 15, 2003, and was required to be applied to all other non-special purpose entities by the end of the first reporting period ending after March 15, 2004. The adoption of FIN 46 and FIN 46R did not have a material impact on the Company's combined results of operations, cash flows, or financial position.

The Company has not identified any variable interest entities created, or interests in variable entities obtained, after January 31, 2003, which require consolidation or disclosure under FIN 46R.

Various changes and clarifications to the provisions of FIN 46 have been made by the FASB since its original issuance in January 2003. While not anticipated at this time, any additional clarifying guidance or further changes to these complex rules could have an impact on the Company's combined financial statements.

The following new accounting standards have been issued, but has not yet been adopted by the Company as of December 31, 2006:

*FIN 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109*. In July 2006, the FASB issued FIN 48, which provides guidance on accounting for income tax positions about which Spectra Energy Partners has concluded there is a level of uncertainty with respect to the recognition in Spectra Energy Partners financial statements. FIN 48 prescribes a minimum recognition threshold a tax position is required to meet. Tax positions are defined very broadly and include not only tax deductions and credits but also decisions not to file in a particular jurisdiction, as well as the taxability of transactions. Spectra Energy Partners will implement FIN 48

effective January 1, 2007. In addition, subsequent accounting for FIN 48 (after January 1, 2007) will involve an evaluation to determine if any changes have occurred that would impact the existing uncertain tax positions as well as determining whether any new tax positions are uncertain. Any impacts resulting from the evaluation of existing uncertain tax positions or from the recognition of new

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uncertain tax positions would impact income tax expense and interest expense in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. The implementation is not expected to result in a material impact to the Company's combined results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

*SFAS No. 159 The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* including an amendment of *FAS 115*, or *SFAS 159*. In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 159, which allows entities to choose, at specified election dates, to measure eligible financial assets and liabilities at fair value that are not otherwise required to be measured at fair value. If a company elects the fair value option for an eligible item, changes in that item's fair value in subsequent reporting periods must be recognized in current earnings. SFAS 159 also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to draw comparison between entities that elect different measurement attributes for similar assets and liabilities. SFAS 159 is effective for us on January 1, 2008. We have not assessed the impact of SFAS 159 on our consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

*SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements*. In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 does not require any new fair value measurements. However, in some cases, the application of SFAS No. 157 may change the Company's current practice for measuring and disclosing fair values under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. For the Company, SFAS No. 157 is effective as of January 2008 and must be applied prospectively, except in certain cases. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 157, and cannot currently estimate the impact of SFAS No. 157 on its combined results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

**3. Transactions with Affiliates**

In the normal course of business, the Company provides natural gas transportation, storage and other services to Spectra Energy Capital and its affiliates. In addition, the Company engages in other transactions with affiliates, including reimbursement of costs incurred by affiliates on behalf of the Company and allocations from affiliates for various corporate services including legal, accounting, treasury, information technology and human resources. Affiliates charge such expenses based on the cost of actual services provided or using various allocation methodologies based on the Company's percentage of assets, employees, earnings or other measures, as compared to other affiliates. Management believes the allocation methodologies are reasonable; however, these allocations and estimates may not represent the amounts that would have been incurred had the Company operated as a separate entity.



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Transactions with affiliates are summarized in the tables below:

***Statement of Operations***

|                                       | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |             |             |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                       | <b>2006</b>                     | <b>2005</b> | <b>2004</b> |
|                                       | <b>(In thousands)</b>           |             |             |
| Transportation of natural gas(1)      | \$ 46                           | \$ 150      | \$ 9,352    |
| Operation and maintenance expenses(2) | 12,861                          | 7,968       | 6,402       |

- (1) In the normal course of business, the Company provides natural gas transportation, storage and other services to affiliates.
- (2) Includes operation and maintenance costs incurred by the Company in relation to those natural gas storage and other services provided to Spectra Energy Capital and its affiliates as identified above. Additionally includes costs the Company has incurred as allocations of various overhead charges that are based either on the cost of actual service received or using various allocation methodologies based on the Company's percentage of assets, employees, earnings or other measures, as compared to Spectra Energy Capital affiliates.

***Balance Sheet***

|                                  | <b>December 31,</b>   |             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|                                  | <b>2006</b>           | <b>2005</b> |
|                                  | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Natural gas imbalance receivable | \$ 4,615              | \$ 21,363   |
| Accounts payable                 | 2,115                 | 974         |
| Taxes accrued                    | 3,337                 | 5,820       |
| Natural gas imbalance payables   | 3,367                 | 20,143      |
| Taxes receivable                 | 1,488                 | 1,156       |

See also Notes 1, 9, 10 and 11 for discussion of other specific related party transactions.

Advances receivable from and payable to affiliates do not bear interest. Advances are carried as unsecured, open accounts and are not segregated between current and non-current amounts. Increases and decreases in advances generally result from the movement of funds to provide for operations, capital expenditures and debt payments of the Company.

On August 1, 2004, East Tennessee made a dividend of approximately \$3 million to Duke Energy Gas Transmission (DEGT) through Advances Receivable (Payable) Affiliates account, representing the Company's ownership interest in its wholly owned subsidiaries, Duke Energy Gas Transmission Investments, LLC and Duke Energy Gas Services Finance Corporation.

#### **4. Business Segments**

The Company's operations are organized into one business segment: East Tennessee. The Company's business segment is considered the sole reportable segment under SFAS No. 131.

East Tennessee provides interstate transportation of natural gas and the storage and redelivery of liquified natural gas (LNG) for customers in the southeastern U.S. These operations are primarily subject to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) rules and regulations.

The remainder of the Company's operations is presented as Other. While it is not considered a business segment, Other primarily includes the Company's equity investments in Gulfstream and Market Hub, and certain unallocated corporate costs.

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Market Hub owns and operates two natural gas storage facilities, Moss Bluff and Egan. These two facilities have aggregate working gas storage capacity of approximately 35 billion cubic feet (Bcf) as of December 31, 2006. The Moss Bluff facility consists of three storage caverns located in Southeast Texas and has access to five major pipeline systems. The Egan facility consists of three storage caverns located in South Central Louisiana and has access to seven major pipeline systems. These operations are subject to the rules and regulations of FERC and DOT.

Gulfstream provides interstate natural gas pipeline transportation for customers in central and southern Florida. These operations are subject to the rules and regulations of FERC or TRC and DOT.

Accounting policies for the Company's sole segment is the same as those described in Note 2. Management evaluates segment performance primarily based on earnings before interest and taxes from continuing operations (EBIT).

On a segment basis, EBIT represents all profits from continuing operations (both operating and non-operating) before deducting interest and taxes.

**Business Segment Data**

|                                     | <b>Total</b>    | <b>Segment EBIT</b> |                       | <b>Capital and</b>  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                                     | <b>Revenues</b> | <b>/</b>            | <b>Depreciation</b>   | <b>Investment</b>   |
|                                     |                 | <b>Combined</b>     | <b>and</b>            | <b>Expenditures</b> |
|                                     |                 | <b>Earnings</b>     | <b>Amortization</b>   |                     |
|                                     |                 | <b>before</b>       | <b>(In thousands)</b> |                     |
|                                     |                 | <b>Income Taxes</b> |                       |                     |
| <b>Year Ended December 31, 2006</b> |                 |                     |                       |                     |
| East Tennessee                      | \$ 82,609       | \$ 42,096           | \$ 18,986             | \$ 85,910           |
| Other                               |                 | 38,404              |                       |                     |
| Total                               | 82,609          | 80,500              | 18,986                | 85,910              |
| Interest expense                    |                 | 8,151               |                       |                     |
| Total combined                      | \$ 82,609       | \$ 72,349           | \$ 18,986             | \$ 85,910           |
| <b>Year Ended December 31, 2005</b> |                 |                     |                       |                     |
| East Tennessee                      | \$ 80,003       | \$ 28,722           | \$ 23,640             | \$ 59,316           |
| Other                               |                 | 44,568              |                       |                     |
| Total                               | 80,003          | 73,290              | 23,640                | 59,316              |
| Interest expense                    |                 | 8,506               |                       |                     |
| Total combined                      | \$ 80,003       | \$ 64,784           | \$ 23,640             | \$ 59,316           |
| <b>Year Ended December 31, 2004</b> |                 |                     |                       |                     |

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|                  |           |           |           |           |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| East Tennessee   | \$ 81,716 | \$ 36,464 | \$ 21,492 | \$ 34,269 |
| Other            |           | 34,147    |           |           |
| Total            | 81,716    | 70,611    | 21,492    | 34,269    |
| Interest expense |           | 8,258     |           |           |
| Total combined   | \$ 81,716 | \$ 62,353 | \$ 21,492 | \$ 34,269 |

*Segment Assets*

|                | <b>December 31,</b>   |              |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
|                | <b>2006</b>           | <b>2005</b>  |
|                | <b>(In thousands)</b> |              |
| East Tennessee | \$ 841,789            | \$ 780,432   |
| Other          | 442,793               | 422,340      |
| Total combined | \$ 1,284,582          | \$ 1,202,772 |

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**Regulatory Assets.** Pursuant to the requirements of SFAS No. 71, the Company records assets and liabilities that result from the regulated ratemaking process that would not be recorded under GAAP for non-regulated entities. For the years presented, the Company's entities have no regulatory liabilities.

|   | <b>December 31,</b>   |                 | <b>Recovery/Refund</b> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
|   | <b>2006</b>           | <b>2005</b>     | <b>Period Ends</b>     |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b> |                 |                        |
| <b>Regulatory Assets(1)</b>                 |                       |                 |                        |
| Regulatory asset related to income taxes(2) | \$ 8,481              | \$ 7,711        | (3)                    |
| Vacation accrual (non-current)(2)           | 1,989                 | 812             | 2007                   |
| <b>Total Regulatory Assets</b>              | <b>\$ 10,470</b>      | <b>\$ 8,523</b> |                        |

All regulatory assets are excluded from rate base unless otherwise noted.

- (1) Included in Other Regulatory Assets and Deferred Debits on the Combined Balance Sheets.
- (2) These amounts are expected to be included in future rate filings.
- (3) Recovery/refund period currently unknown.

**East Tennessee.** On November 1, 2005, East Tennessee placed into effect new rates approved by FERC as a result of a rate settlement with customers. The settlement agreement includes a five-year rate moratorium, a reduction of depreciation rates, and certain operational changes. On December 14, 2006, East Tennessee filed to establish system wide segmentation on part of its system, subject to FERC approval. This filing was generally supported by the customers, and is proposed to be implemented effective November 1, 2007.

**Gulfstream.** In September 2005, FERC approved Gulfstream's Cost and Revenue study that was required to be filed as a condition in its Phase I and Phase II expansion projects. Gulfstream is not anticipated to have further filing requirements until three years after its Phase III expansion facilities are placed into service, currently expected in 2008.

Management believes that the effect of these matters will have no material adverse effect on the Company's future combined results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

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|   | <b>For the Years Ended<br/>December 31,</b> |             |                            |
|---|---|-------------|----------------------------|
|   | <b>2006</b>                                 | <b>2005</b> | <b>2004</b>                |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b>                       |             |                            |
| <b>Current income taxes</b>   |   |             |                            |
| Federal   | \$ (1,622)                                  | \$ 3,240    | \$ (22,210) <sup>(1)</sup> |
| State   | (450)                                       | 225         | 247                        |
| Total current income taxes  | (2,072)                                     | 3,465       | (21,963)                   |
| <b>Deferred income taxes</b>  |   |             |                            |
| Federal   | 11,489                                      | 3,068       | 31,094 <sup>(1)</sup>      |
| State   | 1,324                                       | 1,301       | 71                         |
| Total deferred income taxes   | 12,813                                      | 4,369       | 31,165                     |
| Total income tax expense presented in Combined Statements of Operations | \$ 10,741                                   | \$ 7,834    | \$ 9,202                   |

<sup>(1)</sup> Current and deferred federal income taxes in 2004 were impacted by an organizational restructuring undertaken by the Company's parent, Spectra Energy.

***Reconciliation of Income Tax Expense at the U.S. Federal Statutory Income Tax Rate to Actual Tax Expense (Statutory Rate Reconciliation)***

|   | <b>For the Years Ended<br/>December 31,</b> |             |             |
|---|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2006</b>                                 | <b>2005</b> | <b>2004</b> |
| Income tax expense, computed at the statutory rate of 35% | \$ 25,322                                   | \$ 22,674   | \$ 21,824   |
| State income tax, net of federal income tax effect        | 568   | 992         | 206         |
| Entities not subject to income tax                        | (14,387)                                    | (16,200)    | (12,423)    |
| Other items, net  | (763)                                       | 368         | (405)       |
| Total income tax expense from operations                  | \$ 10,741                                   | \$ 7,834    | \$ 9,202    |
| Effective tax rate  | 14.8%                                       | 12.1%       | 14.8%       |

*Net Deferred Income Tax Liability Components*

|  | <b>December 31,</b> |             |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
|  | <b>2006</b>         | <b>2005</b> |
| Deferred credits and other liabilities               | \$ 3,365            | \$ 6,819    |
| Valuation allowance                                  |                     |             |
| Net deferred income tax assets                       | 3,365               | 6,819       |
| Accelerated depreciation rates                       | (112,041)           | (100,253)   |
| State deferred income tax, net of federal tax effect | (4,335)             | (3,377)     |
| Total deferred income tax liabilities                | (116,376)           | (103,630)   |
| Total net deferred income tax liabilities            | \$ (113,011)        | \$ (96,811) |

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**Credit Risk.** The Company's principal customers for natural gas transportation activities are industrial end-users, marketers, exploration and production companies, local distribution companies and utilities located throughout the southern and southeastern U.S. The Company has concentrations of receivables from natural gas and electric utilities and their affiliates, as well as industrial customers, exploration and production companies and marketers. These concentrations of customers may affect the Company's overall credit risk in that risk factors can negatively impact the credit quality of the entire sector. Where exposed to credit risk, the Company analyzes the counterparties' financial condition prior to entering into an agreement, establishes credit limits and monitors the appropriateness of those limits on an ongoing basis.

The Company also obtains cash or letters of credit from customers to provide credit support outside of collateral agreements, where appropriate, based on its financial analysis of the customer and the regulatory or contractual terms and conditions applicable to each transaction.

**Interest Rate.** Changes in interest rates expose the Company to risk as a result of its issuance of fixed-rate debt. The Company monitors market debt rates to identify the need to mitigate this risk, including consideration of hedging activities, if needed. The Company has not previously entered into hedging contracts to mitigate this risk, except for interest rate swaps entered into by Gulfstream in anticipation of their \$850 million in project financing, issued October 2005.

**Financial Instruments.** The fair value of financial instruments is summarized in the following table. Judgment is required in interpreting market data to develop the estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates determined as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company could have realized in current markets.

|                   | Book<br>Value | December 31,              |               | Approximate<br>Fair Value |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
|                   |               | Approximate<br>Fair Value | Book<br>Value |                           |
|                   |               | 2006                      |               | 2005                      |
| (In thousands)    |               |                           |               |                           |
| Long-term debt(1) | \$ 150,000    | \$ 150,065                | \$ 150,000    | \$ 152,924                |

(1) There are no current maturities.

The fair value of accounts receivable and accounts payable are not materially different from their carrying amounts because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

**8. Deferred Revenues**



East Tennessee has a long-term contract with a customer with billed amounts that decline annually over the term of the contract. The revenues billed over the 20 year term of the contract range from \$9.9 million to \$8.7 million. The annual amount of revenue recognized is \$9.4 million with the difference deferred in Deferred Revenues, a long-term Other Liability account. The long-term liability for this contract is \$2.3 million as of December 31, 2006 and \$1.8 million as of December 31, 2005.

## **9. Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates and Related Transactions**

Investments in affiliates that are not controlled by the Company, but over which it has significant influence, are accounted for using the equity method. As of December 31, 2006, the carrying amount of investments represented a 50% interest in Market Hub and a 24.5% interest in Gulfstream. The Company's share of net earnings from these unconsolidated affiliates is reflected in the Combined Statements of Operations as Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates.

The Company received distributions of \$20,335 thousand in 2006 from Gulfstream. These distributions are included in Distributions from Equity Investments within Cash Flows from Operating Activities on the accompanying Combined Statements of Cash Flows. In 2005, the Company received distributions of

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\$181,788 thousand from Gulfstream. Of these distributions, \$29,645 thousand are included in Distributions from Equity Investments within Cash Flows from Operating Activities and \$152,143 thousand, characterized as a financing activity by Gulfstream, are included in Distributions from Equity Investments within Cash Flows from Investing Activities on the accompanying Combined Statements of Cash Flows. The Company received distributions of \$13,720 thousand from Gulfstream in 2004. These distributions are included in Distributions from Equity Investments within Cash Flows from Operating Activities on the accompanying Combined Statements of Cash Flows.

In October 2005, Gulfstream issued \$500,000 thousand aggregate principal amount of 5.56% Senior Notes due 2015 and \$350,000 thousand aggregate principal amount of 6.19% Senior Notes due 2025. The proceeds were used by Gulfstream to pay off a construction loan and the balance of the proceeds, net of transaction costs, of approximately \$621,000 thousand was distributed to the partners based upon their ownership percentage, which resulted in the distribution of \$152,143 thousand to the Company that is classified within Cash Flows from Investing Activities in 2005 noted above.

***Investment in Unconsolidated Affiliates***

|            | <b>December 31,</b>   |             |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|            | <b>2006</b>           | <b>2005</b> |
|            | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Gulfstream | \$ 186,354            | \$ 190,243  |
| Market Hub | 256,439               | 232,097     |
| Total      | \$ 442,793            | \$ 422,340  |

***Equity in Earning of Unconsolidated Affiliates***

|            | <b>For the Years Ended</b> |             |             |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|            | <b>December 31,</b>        |             |             |
|            | <b>2006</b>                | <b>2005</b> | <b>2004</b> |
|            | <b>(In thousands)</b>      |             |             |
| Gulfstream | \$ 16,763                  | \$ 16,611   | \$ 11,081   |
| Market Hub | 24,342                     | 29,676      | 24,414      |
| Total      | \$ 41,105                  | \$ 46,287   | \$ 35,495   |

***Summarized Combined Financial Information of Unconsolidated Affiliates***

**December 31,**  
**2006                      2005**  
**(In thousands)**

**Balance Sheets**

|                         |                  |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current assets          | \$ 104,919       | \$ 190,901       |
| Non-current assets      | 2,228,787        | 2,106,631        |
| Current liabilities     | 179,925          | 150,562          |
| Non-current liabilities | 855,734          | 881,490          |
| <br>Net assets          | <br>\$ 1,298,047 | <br>\$ 1,265,480 |

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|                                | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |             |             |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                | <b>2006</b>                     | <b>2005</b> | <b>2004</b> |
|                                | <b>(In thousands)</b>           |             |             |
| <b>Statement of Operations</b> |                                 |             |             |
| Operating revenues             | \$ 259,061                      | \$ 223,033  | \$ 159,458  |
| Operating expenses             | 101,527                         | 73,310      | 61,225      |
| Net income                     | 117,106                         | 127,153     | 94,057      |

**10. Property, Plant and Equipment**

|   | <b>Estimated<br/>Useful Life</b> | <b>December 31,</b>   |             |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|   |                                  | <b>2006</b>           | <b>2005</b> |
|   |                                  | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Land                                    | N/A                              | \$ 1,054              | \$ 1,054    |
| Natural gas transmission                | 50 years                         | 757,345               | 651,531     |
| Equipment                               | 3-10 years                       | 3,392                 | 3,220       |
| Vehicles                                | 3-5 years                        | 2,415                 | 2,453       |
| Construction in process                 | N/A                              | 12,265                | 25,823      |
| Other                                   | 5-33 years                       | 23,582                | 22,588      |
| Total property, plant and equipment     |                                  | 800,053               | 706,669     |
| Total accumulated depreciation          |                                  | (108,233)             | (90,353)    |
| Total net property, plant and equipment |                                  | \$ 691,820            | \$ 616,316  |

Capitalized interest, which includes the interest expense component of AFUDC, amounted to \$3,362 thousand for 2006, \$1,421 thousand for 2005 and \$2,350 thousand for 2004.

In 2006, the Company capitalized \$5.7 million of previously expensed project development costs based on managements determination that such costs are properly included in regulated rates. The Company also capitalized in 2005 a non-cash accrual of \$7.5 million for acquisition of right of way for the Patriot Expansion project. In 2004, the Company capitalized \$24.0 million representing a capital accrual for the resolution of certain construction-related litigation. (See discussion at Note 12).

**East Tennessee.** In March 2006, Duke Energy Gas Services (DEGS), an affiliated company, contributed to East Tennessee approximately 34 miles of 10-inch diameter pipeline running from Lee County, Virginia to an interconnection with the Company's Hawkins County Lateral in Rogersville, Tennessee at net book value of approximately \$8,506 thousand by an equity transfer between the affiliated companies. Associated deferred taxes of \$2,958 thousand related to such assets were transferred from the affiliate. These assets were part of DEGS Stone Mountain System and the remaining Stone Mountain System assets were sold by DEGS to an unrelated third party.

On February 8, 2006, FERC issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing East Tennessee to construct and operate the Jewell Ridge Lateral, a 32-mile, 20-inch diameter pipeline in Tazewell and Smyth Counties, Virginia. On March 16, 2006, FERC issued a letter order approving the East Tennessee's request to install tee and side tap valve assemblies to its existing pipelines as part of the Jewell Ridge Lateral project. The lateral was constructed during the summer of 2006 and was placed into service in October 2006. The amounts capitalized to Property, Plant and Equipment included \$60,150 thousand for the Jewell Ridge Lateral natural gas pipeline project in Southwest Virginia.

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**11. Debt**

**Long-term Debt.** Long-term debt consists of notes payable of \$150 million at 5.71% outstanding as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 due in one installment in 2012. Interest payments of \$4,283 thousand are paid on June and December each year through 2012.

**Restrictive Debt Covenants.** The Company's debt agreement contains financial covenants which limit the amount of debt that can be outstanding as a percentage of the total capital. Failure to maintain the covenants could require the Company to immediately pay down the outstanding balance. The covenant calculations are performed by the Company on a quarterly basis to establish that they are in compliance with the covenant. As of December 31, 2006, the Company was in compliance with those covenants. In addition, the debt agreement may allow for acceleration of payments or termination of the agreements due to nonpayment, or to the acceleration of other significant indebtedness of the borrower or some of its subsidiaries, if any. The debt agreement does not contain material adverse change clauses.

The financial covenants limiting the amount of debt outstanding as a percent of total capital effectively restrict the use of net assets. The sum of the restricted net assets at East Tennessee of \$235 million and our proportionate undistributed earnings of Market Hub of \$113 million, amounts to 35% of the Company's combined net assets as of December 31, 2006. Gulfstream had no undistributed earnings as of December 31, 2006. As such there may be a significant restriction on the ability of East Tennessee, Market Hub and Gulfstream to transfer funds to Spectra Energy Partners, LP by means of intercompany loans, advances or cash dividends.

**Change in Control Covenant.** East Tennessee's \$150 million notes contain a provision which requires the Company to offer to redeem the notes at par upon the occurrence of a change in control event. On April 12, 2007, notices were sent to noteholders to communicate this redemption offer. No noteholders accepted the redemption offer.

**12. Commitments and Contingencies**

**General Insurance.** The Company's operations have carried, through Duke Energy's captive insurance company, insurance and reinsurance coverages consistent with companies engaged in similar commercial operations with similar type properties. Following the separation of Spectra Energy from Duke Energy, Spectra Energy is providing substantially similar insurance and reinsurance coverages. The Company's insurance coverage includes (1) commercial general public liability insurance for liabilities arising to third parties for bodily injury and property damage resulting from the Company's operations; (2) workers' compensation liability coverage to required statutory limits; (3) automobile liability insurance for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles covering liabilities to third parties for bodily injury and property damage; (4) financial services insurance policies in support of the indemnification provisions of the Company's by-law and, and (5) property insurance covering the replacement value of all real and personal property damage, including damages arising from machinery breakdowns, earthquake, flood damage and business interruption/extra expense. All coverages are subject to certain deductibles, terms and conditions common for companies with similar types of operations.

The Company maintains excess liability insurance coverage above the established primary limits for commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance. Limits, terms, conditions and deductibles are comparable to those

carried by other energy companies of similar size. The cost of the Parent's general insurance coverages and applicable allocations to the Company continued to fluctuate over the past year reflecting the changing conditions of the insurance markets.

***Environmental.*** The Company is subject to federal, state and local regulations regarding air and water quality, hazardous and solid waste disposal and other environmental matters. Management believes there are no matters that will have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, cash flows, or financial position.

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**Litigation and Legal Proceedings.** The Company is involved in legal, tax and regulatory proceedings in various forums regarding performance, contracts and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business, some of which involve substantial amounts. Management believes that the final disposition of these proceedings will have no material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

The Company's prime contractor for certain capital expansion projects claimed in a federal court lawsuit and in arbitration that it was underpaid for services provided on the projects. Numerous subcontractors also filed liens or lawsuits against the Contractor and in some cases the Company. In January 2005, all disputes were resolved and litigation between the parties was dismissed. Third party claims were also resolved in 2005 in consideration of a \$24,500 thousand settlement between the Company and the Contractor.

The Company's operating entities are involved in other legal, tax and regulatory proceedings in various forms regarding performance, contracts, royalty disputes, mismeasurement and mispayment claims (some of which are brought as class actions) and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business, some of which involve substantial amounts. Management believes that the final disposition of these proceedings will have no material adverse effect on the Company's combined results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

**Other Commitments and Contingencies.** The Company enters into contracts that require payment of cash at specified periods, based on stated minimum quantities and prices. The following table summarizes the Company's contractual cash obligations for each of the periods presented. The table below excludes all amounts classified as current liabilities on the Combined Balance Sheets:

|   | <b>Total</b>      | <b>Less than<br/>1<br/>Year<br/>(2007)</b> | <b>2-3 Years<br/>(2008 &amp;<br/>2009)</b> | <b>4-5 Years<br/>(2010 &amp;<br/>2011)</b> | <b>More Than 5<br/>Years<br/>(Beyond<br/>2011)</b> |
|---|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
|   |                   |  | <b>(in thousands)</b>                      |  |  |
| Long-term debt(1)                         | \$ 150,000        | \$   | \$   | \$   | \$ 150,000   |
| Interest on debt obligations(2)           | 51,390            | 8,565                                      | 17,130                                     | 17,130                                     | 8,565  |
| Material/capital purchases                | 894               | 894  |  |  |  |
| Right of way payments(3)                  | 5,017             | 5,017                                      |  |  |  |
| <b>Total contractual cash obligations</b> | <b>\$ 207,301</b> | <b>\$ 14,476</b>                           | <b>\$ 17,130</b>                           | <b>\$ 17,130</b>                           | <b>\$ 158,565</b>                                  |

(1) Represents future principal repayments of notes payable.

(2) Represents interest expense on notes payable, based on the stated interest rate on the notes of 5.71%.

(3) Represents capital commitments for various right of way matters.



**Leases.** The Company leases assets in several areas of operations. Rental expense for these leases were \$854 thousand and \$664 thousand in 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Future minimum rental payments under operating leases for the years 2007 through 2008 are de minimus. There are no future minimum lease payments beyond 2008.

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**13. Stock-Based Compensation**

Duke Energy granted stock options, phantom stock and performance awards to designated employees. Spectra Energy expects to make similar grants to designated employees. The costs of these awards are identified by employee and are an expense of the subsidiary for which the employee works. The Company had employees participating in the awards. Effective January 1, 2006, Duke Energy and the Company adopted SFAS No. 123R, Share-Based Payments, which requires that compensation cost relating to share-based payment transactions be recognized in the financial statements. That cost is measured based on the fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued.

The Company recorded \$338 thousand of expense for stock options, phantom stock and performance awards for 2006. Prior to 2006, no Company employees received any of the Duke Energy grants of such awards.

**14. Employee Benefit Plans**

***Duke Energy U.S. Retirement Plan.*** Historically, the Company participated in Duke Energy's non-contributory defined benefit retirement plan and with the separation of Spectra Energy from Duke Energy, now participates in Spectra Energy's non-contributory defined benefit retirement plan. The plan covers most U.S. employees using a cash balance formula. Under a cash balance formula, a plan participant accumulates a retirement benefit consisting of pay credits that are based upon a percentage (which may vary with age and years of service) of current eligible earnings and current interest credits.

Duke Energy's policy is to fund amounts on an actuarial basis to provide assets sufficient to meet benefits to be paid to plan participants. Duke Energy did not make any contributions to its defined benefit retirement plan in 2006 or 2005. Duke Energy made voluntary contributions of \$250 million in 2004. Duke Energy does not anticipate making a contribution to the plan in 2007.

Actuarial gains and losses are amortized over the average remaining service period of the active employees. The average remaining service period of the active employees covered by the retirement plan is 11 years. Duke Energy determines the market-related value of plan assets using a calculated value that recognizes changes in fair value of the plan assets over five years. Duke Energy uses a September 30 measurement date for its defined benefit retirement plan.

The fair value of Duke Energy's plan assets was \$4,324 million as of September 30, 2006 and \$2,948 million as of September 30, 2005. The projected benefit obligation was \$4,823 million as of September 30, 2006 and \$2,853 million as of September 30, 2005. The accumulated benefit obligation was \$4,408 million at September 30, 2006 and \$2,753 million at September 30, 2005.

The Company's net periodic pension benefit expense for the U.S. plan, as allocated by Duke Energy, was \$232.5 thousand for 2006, \$159.1 thousand for 2005, and \$148.6 thousand in 2004. These allocations were based on expenses; net of asset returns, as actuarially determined for the employees associated with the Company's operating units.

Duke Energy also sponsors, and the Company participates in, an employee savings plan that covers substantially all U.S. employees. Duke Energy contributes a matching contribution equal to 100% of before-tax employee contributions, of up to 6% of eligible pay per period. Duke Energy expensed employer matching contributions of

\$75 million in 2006, \$61 million in 2005 and \$57 million in 2004. The Company's net periodic pension benefit expense for the U.S. plan, as allocated by Duke Energy, was \$374.9 thousand for 2006, \$265.8 thousand for 2005, and \$262.4 thousand in 2004.

***Duke Energy U.S. Other Post-Retirement Benefits.*** The Company participates in Duke Energy's, health care and life insurance benefit plans that provide such benefits for retired employees on a contributory and non-contributory basis. Employees are eligible for these benefits if they have met age and service requirements at retirement, as defined in the plans.

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These benefit costs are accrued over an employee's active service period to the date of full benefits eligibility. The net unrecognized transition obligation is amortized over approximately 20 years. Actuarial gains and losses are amortized over the average remaining service period of the active employees. The average remaining service period of the active employees covered by the plan is 13 years. The fair value of Duke Energy's plan assets was \$237 million as of September 30, 2006 and \$242 million as of September 30, 2005. The accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation was \$1,264 million as of December 31, 2006, and \$791 million as of December 31, 2005. Duke Energy uses a September 30 measurement date for its other post-retirement benefit plan.

The Company's net periodic post-retirement benefit cost, as allocated by Duke Energy, was \$665.0 thousand, \$511.6 thousand, and \$560.8 thousand for December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

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|   | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,</b> |                 |
|---|---|-----------------|
|   | <b>2007</b>                             | <b>2006</b>     |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b>                   |                 |
| <b>Operating Revenues:</b>                      |   |                 |
| Transportation of natural gas                   | \$ 24,950                               | \$ 20,938       |
| Transportation of natural gas affiliates        |   | 54              |
| Storage of natural gas and other                | 1,483                                   | 1,229           |
| Total operating revenues                        | 26,433                                  | 22,221          |
| <b>Operating Expenses:</b>                      |   |                 |
| Operations, maintenance and other               | 3,587                                   | 6,420           |
| Operations, maintenance and other affiliates    | 3,318                                   | 4,066           |
| Depreciation and amortization                   | 4,969                                   | 4,754           |
| Property and other taxes                        | (127)                                   | 1,607           |
| Total operating expenses                        | 11,747                                  | 16,847          |
| <b>Operating Income</b>                         | <b>14,686</b>                           | <b>5,374</b>    |
| <b>Other Income and Expenses:</b>               |   |                 |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | 11,385                                  | 7,059           |
| Other income, net                               | 12                                      | 335             |
| Total other income and expenses                 | 11,397                                  | 7,394           |
| <b>Interest Income</b>                          | <b>9</b>                                | <b>4</b>        |
| <b>Interest Expense</b>                         | <b>2,156</b>                            | <b>2,067</b>    |
| <b>Earnings before Income Taxes</b>             | <b>23,936</b>                           | <b>10,705</b>   |
| <b>Income Tax Expense</b>                       | <b>4,733</b>                            | <b>1,212</b>    |
| <b>Net Income</b>                               | <b>\$ 19,203</b>                        | <b>\$ 9,493</b> |

Table of Contents**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS PREDECESSOR****COMBINED BALANCE SHEET****(Unaudited)****March 31,  
2007  
(In thousands)****ASSETS****Current Assets:**

|   |    |        |
|---|----|--------|
| Accounts receivable   |    |        |
| Trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$232 thousand, and \$241 thousand, respectively | \$ | 9,921  |
| Natural gas imbalance receivables   |    | 1,800  |
| Natural gas imbalance receivables affiliates  |    | 8,053  |
| Inventory   |    | 1,477  |
| Taxes receivable affiliates   |    | 1,179  |
| Other   |    | 1,620  |
| Total current assets  |    | 24,050 |

**Investments and Other Assets:**

|   |  |         |
|---|--|---------|
| Investment in unconsolidated affiliates |  | 450,068 |
| Goodwill                                |  | 118,293 |
| Total investments and other assets      |  | 568,361 |

**Property, Plant and Equipment**

|  |  |           |
|--|--|-----------|
| Cost   |  | 799,540   |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization |  | (110,751) |
| Net property, plant and equipment              |  | 688,789   |

**Regulatory Assets and Deferred Debits**

|                     |    |           |
|---------------------|----|-----------|
|                     |    | 10,766    |
| <b>Total Assets</b> | \$ | 1,291,966 |

**LIABILITIES AND NET PARENT EQUITY****Current Liabilities**

|   |    |       |
|---|----|-------|
| Accounts payable trade                    | \$ | 2,753 |
| Accounts payable trade affiliates         |    |       |
| Taxes accrued                             |    | 2,024 |
| Taxes accrued affiliates                  |    | 6,465 |
| Interest accrued                          |    | 2,498 |
| Accrued liabilities                       |    | 8,242 |
| Natural gas imbalance payables            |    | 3,238 |
| Natural gas imbalance payables affiliates |    | 3,421 |

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Other   | 3,003        |
| Total current liabilities                     | 31,644       |
| <b>Long-term debt</b>                         | 150,000      |
| <b>Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities</b> |              |
| Deferred income taxes                         | 114,230      |
| Other   | 8,390        |
| Total deferred credits and other liabilities  | 122,620      |
| <b>Commitments and Contingencies</b>          |              |
| <b>Parent Net Equity</b>                      |              |
| Parent net investment                         | 983,989      |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income        | 3,713        |
| Total parent net equity                       | 987,702      |
| Total Liabilities and Parent Net Equity       | \$ 1,291,966 |

**Table of Contents****SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS PREDECESSOR****COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(Unaudited)**

|  | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,</b> |             |
|--|---|-------------|
|  | <b>2007</b>                             | <b>2006</b> |
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b>                   |             |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                                      |   |             |
| Net Income   | \$ 19,203                               | \$ 9,493    |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities |   |             |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 4,969                                   | 4,754       |
| Equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates                                     | (11,385)                                | (7,059)     |
| Allowance for funds used during construction equity                              | (12)                                    | (331)       |
| Distributions received from equity investments                                   | 4,029                                   | 5,635       |
| Deferred income taxes  | 1,285                                   | 5,034       |
| (Increase) decrease in   |   |             |
| Accounts receivable  | (1,714)                                 | (1,734)     |
| Other current assets   | 439                                     | (313)       |
| Other assets   | 59                                      | 87          |
| Increase (decrease) in   |   |             |
| Accounts payable   | 516                                     | (1,907)     |
| Accrued taxes  | 1,733                                   | (3,668)     |
| Other current liabilities  | 3,310                                   | (4,500)     |
| Other liabilities  | 46                                      | 11,608      |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | \$ 22,478                               | \$ 17,099   |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                                      |   |             |
| Capital expenditures   | (1,931)                                 | (10,841)    |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | \$ (1,931)                              | \$ (10,841) |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                                      |   |             |
| Member's dividend (East Tennessee Natural Gas)                                   | (12,500)                                |             |
| Transfers to Parent, net   | (8,047)                                 | (6,258)     |
| Net cash used in financing activities  | \$ (20,547)                             | \$ (6,258)  |
| <b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>                                   | <b>\$</b>                               | <b>\$</b>   |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period</b>                      |   |             |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period</b>                            | <b>\$</b>                               | <b>\$</b>   |



Table of Contents**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS PREDECESSOR****COMBINED STATEMENTS OF PARENT NET EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(Unaudited)**

|  | <b>Parent Net<br/>Investment</b> | <b>Accumulated<br/>Other<br/>Comprehensive<br/>Income (Loss)<br/>(In thousands)</b> | <b>Parent Net<br/>Equity</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Balance December 31, 2005</b>   | \$ 891,586                       | \$ 4,110  | \$ 895,696                   |
| Net income   | 9,493                            |   | 9,493                        |
| Other comprehensive income reclassification into earnings<br>from cash flow hedges |                                  | (79)  | (79)                         |
| Net transfers from parent  | 2,248                            |   | 2,248                        |
| <b>Balance March 31, 2006</b>  | \$ 903,327                       | \$ 4,031  | \$ 907,358                   |
| <b>Balance December 31, 2006</b>   | \$ 985,333                       | \$ 3,792  | \$ 989,125                   |
| Net income   | 19,203                           |   | 19,203                       |
| Other comprehensive income reclassification into earnings<br>from cash flow hedges |                                  | (79)  | (79)                         |
| Member s Dividends   | (12,500)                         |   | (12,500)                     |
| Net transfers to parent  | (8,047)                          |   | (8,047)                      |
| <b>Balance March 31, 2007</b>  | \$ 983,989                       | \$ 3,713  | \$ 987,702                   |

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**NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Description of Business and Basis of Presentation**

These financial statements of Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor (the Company) are prepared in connection with the proposed initial public offering of limited partnership units in Spectra Energy Partners, LP (the Partnership), which was formed in March 2007 and which will own certain of the operations and assets of the Company, as further described below. Through its operating units, the Company is engaged in the transportation of natural gas through interstate pipeline systems that serve the southeastern United States, and the storage of natural gas in underground facilities that are located in southeast Texas and in south central Louisiana.

The Company is comprised of companies that are subsidiaries of Spectra Energy Corp (Spectra Energy) for the periods presented in these financials.

The combined financial statements of the Company have been prepared on the basis of Spectra Energy's historical ownership percentages of the operations that are expected to be contributed to the Partnership. These historical ownership percentages included: 100% for East Tennessee Natural Gas LLC (East Tennessee), 50% of Market Hub Partners, LLC (Market Hub) and 24.5% of Gulfstream Natural Gas System, LLC (Gulfstream). The Company accounts for investments in 20% to 50% owned affiliates, and investments in less than 20% owned affiliates where Spectra Energy Partners Predecessor has the ability to exercise significant influence, under the equity method. Accordingly the combined historical financial statements for the Company, as the financial statement predecessor to the Partnership, reflect the inclusion of East Tennessee, and investments in Market Hub and Gulfstream using the equity method of accounting. These combined financial statements have been prepared from the separate records maintained by those entities and may not necessarily be indicative of the actual results of operations that might have occurred if the Company or the Partnership had been operated separately during those periods. Because a direct ownership relationship did not exist among the entities comprising the Company, the net investment in the Company is shown as Net Parent Investment in lieu of owner's equity in the combined financial statements.

As part of the initial public offering of limited partnership units of the Partnership, expected to occur in the second quarter of 2007 subject to Securities and Exchange Commission and other approvals, Spectra Energy plans to contribute to the Partnership certain of the operations and assets of the Company. The Partnership will own 100% of East Tennessee, 50% of Market Hub (excluding certain operations of Market Hub that will be retained by Spectra Energy) and 24.5% of Gulfstream. The Partnership is expected to consolidate its ownership in East Tennessee, with equity accounting for Market Hub and Gulfstream.

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's combined financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006. These financial statements reflect all normal recurring adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary to fairly present the Company's results of operations and financial position. Amounts reported in the Combined Statement of Operations are not necessarily indicative of amounts expected for the respective annual periods.

**2. Separation from Duke Energy**

In June 2006, the Board of Directors of Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy) authorized management to pursue a plan to create two separate publicly traded companies by spinning off Duke Energy's natural gas business to Duke Energy shareholders. The spin-off was completed on January 2, 2007, at which time Spectra Energy became a

separate publicly-traded entity. Spectra Energy primarily owns the Natural Gas Transmission and Field Services segments of Spectra Energy Capital LLC, formerly Duke Capital LLC.

Spectra Energy and Duke Energy Corp entered into various agreements associated with the separation of the natural gas businesses and related rights, obligations and assets from Duke Energy. As a result of the

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separation that was effective on January 2, 2007, Spectra Energy and Duke Energy are no longer considered to be related parties.

On January 2, 2007, Duke Energy transferred to Spectra Energy the assets and liabilities, including related tax impacts, associated with the Company's employee benefits and captive insurance positions, as well as miscellaneous corporate assets and liabilities.

See also Note (11) for further discussion of employee benefit plans. Certain of these transfers from Duke Energy are subject to change, primarily as a result of final actuarial analyses of the separation of the benefit plans.

Subsidiaries of Spectra Energy and Duke Energy continue to conduct business pursuant to ongoing contracts and arrangements in the normal course of those operations, primarily services for the transportation of natural gas. In addition, as a result of the separation from Duke Energy, Spectra Energy, primarily through Spectra Energy Capital, LLC (Spectra Capital), has newly staffed various corporate and other support functions, such as treasury, tax, cash management, payroll, accounts payable, information technology, human resources, and legal and compliance that are required for Spectra Energy to operate as a stand-alone public company. Primarily during the first year following the separation date, it is expected that Duke Energy will provide certain transition services to Spectra Energy until such time as Spectra Energy can create all of the necessary stand-alone functions. The Duke Energy corporate costs included in the Company's historical financial statements will be replaced by Spectra Energy's independent operating costs, including the new corporate functions.

**3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Use of Estimates.* To conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the combined financial statements and notes. Although these estimates are based on management's best available knowledge at the time, actual results may differ.

**4. Transactions with Affiliates**

In the normal course of business, the Company provides natural gas transportation, storage and other services to Spectra Energy and its affiliates. In addition, the Company engages in other transactions with affiliates, including reimbursement of costs incurred by affiliates on behalf of the Company and allocations from affiliates for various corporate services including legal, accounting, treasury, information technology and human resources. Affiliates charge such expenses based on the cost of actual services provided or using various allocation methodologies based on the Company's percentage of assets, employees, earnings or other measures, as compared to other affiliates. Management believes the allocation methodologies are reasonable; however, these allocations and estimates may not represent the amounts that would have been incurred had the Company operated as a separate entity.

Transactions with affiliates are summarized in the tables below:

***Statement of Operations***

**Three Months Ended**

|                                       | <b>March 31,</b>      |             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|                                       | <b>2007</b>           | <b>2006</b> |
|                                       | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Transportation of natural gas(1)      | \$                    | \$ 54       |
| Operating and maintenance expenses(2) | 3,318                 | 4,066       |

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- (1) In the normal course of business, the Company provides natural gas transportation, storage and other services to affiliates
- (2) Includes allocations of various overhead charges that are based either on the cost of actual service received or using various allocation methodologies based on the Company's percentage of assets, employees, earnings or other measures, as compared to Spectra Energy affiliates.

**East Tennessee.** In March 2006 Duke Energy Gas Services (DEGS), an affiliated company, contributed to East Tennessee approximately 34 miles of 10-inch diameter pipeline running from Lee County, Virginia to an interconnection with the Company's Hawkins County Lateral in Rogersville, Tennessee at net book value of approximately \$8,506 thousand by a non-cash, equity transfer between the affiliated companies. Associated deferred taxes of \$2,958 thousand related to such assets were transferred from the affiliate. These assets were part of DEGS Stone Mountain System and the remaining Stone Mountain System assets were sold by DEGS to an unrelated third party.

**5. Business Segments**

The Company's operations are organized into one business segment: East Tennessee. The Company's business segment is considered the sole reportable segment under SFAS No. 131.

East Tennessee provides interstate transportation of natural gas and the storage and redelivery of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for customers in the southeastern U.S. These operations are primarily subject to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) rules and regulations.

The remainder of the Company's operations is presented as Other. While it is not considered a business segment, Other primarily includes the Company's equity investments in Gulfstream and Market Hub, and certain unallocated corporate costs.

Market Hub owns and operates two natural gas storage facilities, Moss Bluff and Egan, which are located in Southeast Texas and South Central Louisiana respectively. Market Hub operations are subject to the rules and regulations of FERC and DOT. Gulfstream provides interstate natural gas pipeline transportation for customers in central and southern Florida. Gulfstream operations are subject to the rules and regulations of FERC or Texas Railroad Commission (TRC) and DOT.

Accounting policies for the Company's sole segment is in conformance with U.S. GAAP and is consistent with the Company's accounting policies.

Management evaluates segment performance primarily based on earnings before interest and taxes from continuing operations (EBIT). On a segment basis, EBIT represents all profits from continuing operations (both operating and non-operating) before deducting interest and taxes.

Table of Contents**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS PREDECESSOR****NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)***Business Segment Data*

|  | <b>Total<br/>Revenues</b> | <b>Segment EBIT<br/>/<br/>Combined<br/>Earnings<br/>before<br/>Income Taxes<br/>(In thousands)</b> | <b>Depreciation<br/>and<br/>Amortization</b> | <b>Capital and<br/>Investment<br/>Expenditures</b> |
|--|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2007</b> |                           |  |  |  |
| East Tennessee                           | \$ 26,433                 | \$ 14,707  | \$ 4,969                                     | \$ (1,931)   |
| Other                                    |                           | 11,385   |  |  |
| Total                                    | 26,433                    | 26,092   | 4,969  | (1,931)  |
| Interest expense                         |                           | 2,156  |  |  |
| Total combined                           | \$ 26,433                 | \$ 23,936  | \$ 4,969                                     | \$ (1,931)   |
| <b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2006</b> |                           |  |  |  |
| East Tennessee                           | \$ 22,221                 | \$ 5,713   | \$ 4,754                                     | \$ (10,841)  |
| Other                                    |                           | 7,059  |  |  |
| Total                                    | 22,221                    | 12,772   | 4,754  | (10,841)   |
| Interest expense                         |                           | 2,067  |  |  |
| Total combined                           | \$ 22,221                 | \$ 10,705  | \$ 4,754                                     | \$ (10,841)  |

*Segment Assets*

|                | <b>March 31,<br/>2007</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2006</b> |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                | <b>(In thousands)</b>     |                              |
| East Tennessee | \$ 841,898                | \$ 841,789                   |
| Other          | 450,068                   | 442,793                      |
| Total combined | \$ 1,291,966              | \$ 1,284,582                 |

***Change in Control Covenant.*** East Tennessee's \$150 million notes contain a provision which requires the Company to offer to redeem the notes at par upon the occurrence of a change in control event. On April 12, 2007, notices were sent to noteholders to communicate this redemption offer. No noteholders accepted the redemption offer.

## **6. Debt**

***Long-term Debt.*** Long-term debt consists of notes payable of \$150 million at 5.71% outstanding as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006 due in one installment in 2012. Interest payments of \$4,283 thousand are paid on June and December each year through 2012.

***Restrictive Debt Covenants.*** The Company's debt agreement contains financial covenants which limit the amount of debt that can be outstanding as a percentage of the total capital. Failure to maintain the covenants could require the Company to immediately pay down the outstanding balance. The covenant calculations are performed by the Company on a quarterly basis to establish that they are in compliance with the covenant. As of March 31, 2007, the Company was in compliance with those covenants. In addition, the debt agreement may allow for acceleration of payments or termination of the agreements due to nonpayment, or to the acceleration of other significant indebtedness of the borrower or some of its subsidiaries, if any. The debt agreement does not contain material adverse change clauses.



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The financial covenants limiting the amount of debt outstanding as a percent of total capital effectively restrict the use of net assets. The sum of the restricted net assets at East Tennessee of \$234 million and our proportionate undistributed earnings of Market Hub of \$120 million, amounts to 36% of the Company's combined net assets as of March 31, 2007. Gulfstream has no undistributed earnings as of March 31 2007. As such there may be a significant restriction on the ability of East Tennessee, Market Hub and Gulfstream to transfer funds to the Partnership by means of intercompany loans, advances or cash dividends.

**7. Commitments and Contingencies**

*Environmental.* The Company is subject to federal, state and local regulations regarding air and water quality, hazardous and solid waste disposal and other environmental matters. Management believes there are no matters that will have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, cash flows, or financial position.

*Litigation and Legal Proceedings.* The Company is involved in legal, tax and regulatory proceedings in various forums regarding performance, contracts and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business, some of which involve substantial amounts. Management believes that the final disposition of these proceedings will have no material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

The Company's operating entities are involved in other legal, tax and regulatory proceedings in various forms regarding performance, contracts, royalty disputes, mismeasurement and misplayment claims (some of which are brought as class actions) and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business, some of which involve substantial amounts. Management believes that the final disposition of these proceedings will have no material adverse effect on the Company's combined results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

**8. Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates and Related Transactions**

Investments in affiliates that are not controlled by the Company, but over which it has significant influence, are accounted for using the equity method. As of March 31, 2007, the carrying amount of investments represented a 50% interest in Market Hub and a 24.5% interest in Gulfstream. The Company's share of net earnings from those unconsolidated affiliates is reflected in the Combined Statements of Operations as Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates.

Periodically, the Company receives distributions from the unconsolidated affiliates. When received, these distributions are included in Distributions from Equity Investments within Cash Flows from Operating Activities on the accompanying Combined Statements of Cash Flows. The Company received distributions of \$3,675 thousand and \$5,635 from Gulfstream and \$355 thousand and \$0 from Market Hub for the three month period ending March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

*Investment in Unconsolidated Affiliates*

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>March 31,<br/>2007</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2006</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|

(In thousands)

|            |            |            |
|------------|------------|------------|
| Gulfstream | \$ 186,787 | \$ 186,354 |
| Market Hub | 263,281    | 256,439    |
| Total      | \$ 450,068 | \$ 442,793 |

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**Table of Contents****SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS PREDECESSOR****NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)*****Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates***

|            | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,<br/>2007          2006<br/>(In thousands)</b> |          |
|------------|---|----------|
| Gulfstream | \$ 4,188  | \$ 2,331 |
| Market Hub | 7,197   | 4,728    |
| Total      | \$ 11,385   | \$ 7,059 |

***Summarized Combined Financial Information of Unconsolidated Affiliates***

|                          | <b>March 31,<br/>2007</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2006<br/>(In thousands)</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Balance Sheets</b>    |                           |   |
| Current Assets           | \$ 113,473                | \$ 104,919                                      |
| Non-current assets:      | 2,245,671                 | 2,228,787                                       |
| Current liabilities:     | 165,083                   | 179,925   |
| Non-current liabilities: | 880,447                   | 855,734   |
| Net assets               | \$ 1,313,614              | \$ 1,298,047                                    |

|                                 | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,<br/>2007          2006<br/>(In thousands)</b> |           |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------|
| <b>Statements of Operations</b> |   |           |
| Operating revenues              | \$ 58,787   | \$ 55,830 |
| Operating expenses              | 14,686  | 24,580    |
| Net income                      | 31,609  | 18,952    |

**9. New Accounting Pronouncements**

The following new accounting pronouncements were adopted by the Company during the periods presented subsequent to March 31, 2006:

*FIN 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109.* In July 2006, the FASB issued FIN 48, which provides guidance on accounting for income tax positions about which the Company has concluded there is a level of uncertainty with respect to the recognition in its financial statements. FIN 48 prescribes a minimum recognition threshold a tax position is required to meet. Tax positions are defined very broadly and include not only tax deductions and credits but also decisions not to file in a particular jurisdiction, as well as the taxability of transactions. The Company implemented FIN 48 effective January 1, 2007. The implementation had no material impact on the financial statements. Upon implementation of FIN 48, the Company will now reflect interest expense related to taxes as Interest Expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. In addition, subsequent accounting for FIN 48 (after January 1, 2007) will involve an evaluation to determine if any changes have occurred that would impact the existing uncertain tax positions as well as determining whether any new tax positions are uncertain. Any impacts resulting from the evaluation of existing uncertain tax positions or from the recognition of new uncertain tax positions would impact Income Tax Expense and Interest Expense.

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**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS PREDECESSOR**

**NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

The following new accounting pronouncements have been issued, but have not yet been adopted by the Company as of March 31, 2007:

*SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements.* In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 does not require any new fair value measurements. However, in some cases, the application of SFAS No. 157 may change the Company's current practice for measuring and disclosing fair values under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. For the Company, SFAS No. 157 is effective as of January 1, 2008 and must be applied prospectively except in certain cases. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 157 and cannot currently estimate the impact that SFAS No. 157 will have on its consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

*SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities.* In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, which permits entities to choose to measure certain financial instruments at fair value. For the Company, SFAS No. 159 is effective as of January 1, 2008 and will have no impact on amounts presented for periods prior to the effective date. The Company cannot currently estimate the impact that SFAS No. 159 will have on its consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows and has not yet determined whether or not it will choose to measure items subject to SFAS No. 159 at fair value.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Partners of Spectra Energy Partners, LP  
Houston, Texas

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Spectra Energy Partners, LP (the Company) as of March 26, 2007. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the balance sheet is free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the balance sheet, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall balance sheet presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such balance sheet presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Spectra Energy Partners, LP as of March 26, 2007, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Houston, Texas  
March 27, 2007

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**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**March 26, 2007**

**ASSETS**

**Total assets** \$

**PARTNERS' EQUITY**

**Partners' Equity**

Limited partners' equity \$ 2,940

General partners' equity 60

Less receivables from Spectra Energy Corp and Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP (3,000)

**Total liabilities and partners' equity** \$

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**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP**

**NOTE TO THE BALANCE SHEET**

**1. Nature of Operations**

Spectra Energy Partners, LP (the Partnership) is a Delaware limited partnership formed on March 19, 2007 to acquire certain of the assets of Spectra Energy Corp (the Company), including 100% of East Tennessee Natural Gas LLC, a 50% equity method investment in Market Hub Partners Holding, LLC, and a 24.5% equity method investment in Gulfstream Natural Gas System, LLC.

The Partnership intends to offer 10,000,000 common units, representing limited partner interests, pursuant to a public offering and to concurrently issue 34,629,880 common units and 21,638,730 subordinated units, representing additional limited partner interests, to subsidiaries of the Company, as well as 1,352,421 general partner units representing an aggregate 2% general partner interest in the Partnership and its operating partnership on a consolidated basis to Spectra Energy (DE) GP, LP.

Spectra Energy (DE) GP, LP, as general partner, contributed \$60 and the Company and Spectra Energy (DE) GP, LP, as the organizational limited partner, contributed \$2,940 all in the form of notes receivable to the Partnership on March 19, 2007. The receivables from the Company and Spectra Energy (DE) GP, LP have been reflected as a deduction from Partners' equity on the accompanying balance sheet. There have been no other transactions involving the Partnership as of March 26, 2007.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Partners of Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP  
Houston, Texas

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP (the Company) as of March 26, 2007. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the balance sheet is free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the balance sheet, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall balance sheet presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such balance sheet presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP as of March 26, 2007, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Houston, Texas  
March 27, 2007

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**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS (DE) GP, LP**

**BALANCE SHEET  
MARCH 26, 2007**

**ASSETS**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Investment in Spectra Energy Partners, LP | 60           |
| <b>Total assets</b>                       | <b>\$ 60</b> |

**LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS EQUITY**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Payable to Spectra Energy Partners, LP                        | \$ 60        |
| <b>Partners Equity</b>  |              |
| Limited partners equity                                       | 990          |
| General partner s equity                                      | 10           |
| Less receivable from Spectra Energy Corp and its subsidiaries | (1,000)      |
| <b>Total partners equity</b>                                  |              |
| <b>Total liabilities and partners equity</b>                  | <b>\$ 60</b> |

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**SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS (DE) GP, LP**

**NOTE TO THE BALANCE SHEET**

**1. Nature of Operations**

Spectra Energy (DE) GP, LP (General Partner) is a Delaware company formed on March 19, 2007, to become the general partner of Spectra Energy Partners, LP (Partnership). The General Partner is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Spectra Energy Corp (Spectra Energy). The General Partner owns a 2% general partner interest in the Partnership.

On March 26, 2007, Spectra Energy contributed \$1,000 in the form of notes receivable to Spectra Energy (DE) GP, LP in exchange for a 100% ownership interest.

The General Partner has invested \$60 in the form of notes receivable in the Partnership. There have been no other transactions involving the General Partner as of March 26, 2007.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors  
Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C.  
Houston, Texas

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C. (the Company) as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the related statements of operations, members' equity, comprehensive income, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gulfstream Natural Gas Systems, L.L.C. as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Houston, Texas  
March 27, 2007

Table of Contents**GULFSTREAM NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, L.L.C.****STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

|   | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |             |             |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2006</b>                     | <b>2005</b> | <b>2004</b> |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b>           |             |             |
| <b>Operating Revenues</b>                             |                                 |             |             |
| Transportation of natural gas                         | \$ 178,768                      | \$ 140,287  | \$ 90,411   |
| Other   | 1,489                           | 4,817       | 3,204       |
| Total operating revenues                              | 180,257                         | 145,104     | 93,615      |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                             |                                 |             |             |
| Operations and maintenance                            | 7,234                           | 1,542       | 1,750       |
| Operations and maintenance affiliates                 | 7,992                           | 7,755       | 7,705       |
| Depreciation and amortization                         | 30,406                          | 29,190      | 25,354      |
| Property and other taxes                              | 17,847                          | 15,060      | 7,839       |
| Total operating expenses                              | 63,479                          | 53,547      | 42,648      |
| <b>Operating Income</b>                               | 116,778                         | 91,557      | 50,967      |
| <b>Gains on Sales of Other Assets and Other, net</b>  | 78                              |             |             |
| <b>Other Income and Expenses</b>                      |                                 |             |             |
| Allowance for funds used during construction equity   | 241                             | 1,113       | 3,107       |
| Other income and expenses, net                        | 112                             | 670         | 246         |
| Total other income and expenses                       | 353                             | 1,783       | 3,353       |
| <b>Interest Expense</b>                               |                                 |             |             |
| Long-term debt  | 48,911                          | 27,029      | 13,248      |
| Allowance for funds used during construction borrowed | (124)                           | (1,489)     | (4,156)     |
| Total interest expense                                | 48,787                          | 25,540      | 9,092       |
| <b>Net Income</b>                                     | \$ 68,422                       | \$ 67,800   | \$ 45,228   |

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**Table of Contents****GULFSTREAM NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, L.L.C.****BALANCE SHEETS**

|   | <b>December 31,</b>   |                     |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>2006</b>           | <b>2005</b>         |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b> |                     |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                       |                     |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                                 |                       |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents                             | \$ 29,426             | \$ 27,255           |
| Accounts receivable                                   | 14,964                | 19,096              |
| Other   | 2,292                 | 2,434               |
| Total current assets                                  | 46,682                | 48,785              |
| <b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>                  |                       |                     |
| Cost  | 1,719,116             | 1,708,436           |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization        | 123,866               | 93,524              |
| Net property, plant and equipment                     | 1,595,250             | 1,614,912           |
| <b>Deferred Charges</b>                               |                       |                     |
| Allowance for funds used during construction gross up | 22,490                | 22,731              |
| Unamortized debt expense                              | 7,878                 | 8,278               |
| Other   | 230                   | 192                 |
| Total deferred charges                                | 30,598                | 31,201              |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                   | <b>\$ 1,672,530</b>   | <b>\$ 1,694,898</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS EQUITY</b>                 |                       |                     |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                            |                       |                     |
| Accounts payable                                      | \$ 2,004              | \$ 5,715            |
| Accounts payable affiliates                           | 903                   | 834                 |
| Accrued taxes   | 13,983                | 5,933               |
| Accrued interest                                      | 8,244                 | 8,931               |
| Other liabilities                                     | 5,719                 | 6,594               |
| Fuel tracker liabilities                              | 2,455                 | 5,493               |
| Other   | 1,345                 | 2,160               |
| Total current liabilities                             | 34,653                | 35,660              |
| <b>Other Long-term Liabilities</b>                    | <b>6,160</b>          | <b>11,441</b>       |
| <b>Long-term Debt</b>                                 | <b>849,571</b>        | <b>849,534</b>      |

**Commitments and Contingencies**

**Members Equity**

|   |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Members equity                              | 766,668             | 781,487             |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income      | 15,478              | 16,776              |
| <b>Total members equity</b>                 | <b>782,146</b>      | <b>798,263</b>      |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Members Equity</b> | <b>\$ 1,672,530</b> | <b>\$ 1,694,898</b> |

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**Table of Contents****GULFSTREAM NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, L.L.C.****STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

|  | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |               |               |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | <b>2006</b>                     | <b>2005</b>   | <b>2004</b>   |
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b>           |               |               |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                                 |               |               |
| Net income   | \$ 68,422                       | \$ 67,800     | \$ 45,228     |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:        |                                 |               |               |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 31,099                          | 33,716        | 30,679        |
| Allowance for funds used during construction equity                                      | (241)                           | (1,113)       | (3,107)       |
| Gains on sales of assets   | (78)                            |               |               |
| Reclassification adjustments from accumulated other comprehensive income into net income | (1,298)                         | (234)         |               |
| <i>(Increase) decrease in</i>  |                                 |               |               |
| Accounts receivable  | 3,772                           | (9,698)       | 420           |
| Other current assets   | (545)                           | (143)         | 3,575         |
| Deferred charges   | 2,814                           | 402           | (642)         |
| <i>Increase (decrease) in</i>  |                                 |               |               |
| Account payable  | 994                             | (2,066)       | 102           |
| Accrued taxes  | 8,050                           | 4,861         | (1,264)       |
| Accrued interest   | (687)                           | 6,709         | 1,573         |
| Accrued liabilities  | (875)                           | 5,830         | (172)         |
| Fuel tracker liabilities   | (2,260)                         | 2,962         |               |
| Other current liabilities  | 3,197                           | 2,940         | 223           |
| Long-term liabilities  | (5,281)                         | (108)         | 2             |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 107,083                         | 111,858       | 76,617        |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                                 |               |               |
| Capital expenditures   | (21,654)                        | (62,206)      | (124,057)     |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | (21,654)                        | (62,206)      | (124,057)     |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                                 |               |               |
| Members distributions  | (83,000)                        | (741,990)     | (56,000)      |
| Proceeds from the settlement of hedge instruments  |                                 | 17,010        |               |
| Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt   |                                 | 892,069       | 128,257       |
| Payments for the redemption of long-term debt  |                                 | (217,680)     |               |
| Payments for debt issuance costs   | (258)                           | (8,399)       |               |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities                                      | (83,258)                        | (58,990)      | 72,257        |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents  | 2,171                           | (9,338)       | 24,817        |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>                                    | <b>27,255</b>                   | <b>36,593</b> | <b>11,776</b> |



|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>       | \$ 29,426 | \$ 27,255 | \$ 36,593 |
| <b>Supplemental Disclosures</b>                       |           |           |           |
| Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized    | \$ 49,423 | \$ 15,794 | \$ 6,349  |
| Significant non-cash transactions:                    |           |           |           |
| Property, plant and equipment accruals                | 2,204     |           |           |
| Gas imbalances payable                                | 778       | 2,531     | 492       |
| Allowance for funds used during construction-gross up | (241)     | 274       | 1,431     |
| Contribution in aid of construction                   |           | 16,685    |           |
| Hurricane insurance receivable                        |           |           | (4,783)   |

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|  | <b>Spectra<br/>Energy<br/>Capital,<br/>LLC</b> | <b>The Williams<br/>Companies<br/>(In thousands)</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--|--|--|--------------|
| Balance January 1, 2004                              | \$ 732,372                                     | \$ 732,372   | \$ 1,464,744 |
| Members distributions                                | (28,000)                                       | (28,000)   | (56,000)     |
| Attributed deferred tax benefit                      | 715  | 716  | 1,431        |
| Net income   | 22,614   | 22,614   | 45,228       |
| Balance December 31, 2004                            | \$ 727,701                                     | \$ 727,702   | \$ 1,455,403 |
| Members distributions                                | (370,995)                                      | (370,995)  | (741,990)    |
| Attributed deferred tax benefit                      | 137  | 137  | 274          |
| Other comprehensive income                           | 8,505  | 8,505  | 17,010       |
| Reclassification into earnings from cash flow hedges | (117)  | (117)  | (234)        |
| Net income   | 33,900   | 33,900   | 67,800       |
| Balance December 31, 2005                            | \$ 399,131                                     | \$ 399,132   | \$ 798,263   |
| Members distributions                                | (41,500)                                       | (41,500)   | (83,000)     |
| Attributed deferred tax benefit                      | (120)  | (121)  | (241)        |
| Reclassification into earnings from cash flow hedges | (649)  | (649)  | (1,298)      |
| Net income   | 34,211   | 34,211   | 68,422       |
| Balance December 31, 2006                            | \$ 391,073                                     | \$ 391,073   | \$ 782,146   |

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Table of Contents**GULFSTREAM NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, L.L.C.****STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

|   | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |                  |                  |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | <b>2006</b>                     | <b>2005</b>      | <b>2004</b>      |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b>           |                  |                  |
| <b>Net Income</b>                         | \$ 68,422                       | \$ 67,800        | \$ 45,228        |
| <b>Other comprehensive income</b>         |                                 |                  |                  |
| Net unrealized gain on cash flow hedges   | 16,776                          | 17,010           |                  |
| Reclassification adjustment into earnings | (1,298)                         | (234)            |                  |
| Total other comprehensive income          | 15,478                          | 16,776           |                  |
| <b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>         | <b>\$ 83,900</b>                | <b>\$ 84,576</b> | <b>\$ 45,228</b> |

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**GULFSTREAM NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, L.L.C.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the Years Ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004**

**1. Nature of Operations**

In June 2006, the Board of Directors of Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy) authorized management to pursue a plan to create two separate publicly traded companies by spinning off Duke Energy's natural gas business to Duke Energy shareholders. The spin-off was completed on January 2, 2007 creating Spectra Energy Corp (Spectra Energy), which primarily owns the Natural Gas Transmission and Field Services segments of Spectra Energy Capital LLC (Spectra Energy Capital), formerly Duke Capital LLC. Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C. (the Company) is 50% owned by Spectra Energy.

The Company was formed on May 17, 1999 as a Delaware limited liability company.

The Company is an interstate natural gas pipeline system owned 50% by a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy) and 50% by a subsidiary of The Williams Companies, Inc. (Williams). The Company is under the joint management of Duke Energy, which provides the business functions, and of Williams, which provides the technical functions.

In May 2002, the Company placed the Phase I facilities in service which consists of 582 miles of pipeline which originates near Pascagoula, Mississippi and Mobile, Alabama, extends in a southeasterly direction across the Gulf of Mexico into southern Tampa Bay, Florida, continues east across central Florida, turns north through Polk County and terminates in Osceola County, Florida. In February 2005, the Company placed the Phase II facilities in service, which extends the pipeline system an additional 109 miles across to eastern Florida and into Martin County, Florida.

The Company can transport up to 1.1 billion cubic feet of natural gas each day from natural gas reserves in the Mobile Bay area of the Gulf of Mexico to a variety of customers, including electric utilities, local distribution companies and municipal users in gas markets in south and central Florida. The pipeline has seven supply connection points in Mississippi and Alabama. The Company's interstate natural gas transmission operations are subject to the rules and regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Presentation.*** The financial statements reflect the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows of the Company. The financial statements do not include any of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenses of the members.

***Use of Estimates.*** To conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Financial Statements and Notes. Although these estimates are based on management's best available knowledge at the time, actual results could differ.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents.*** All liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less at date of purchase are considered cash equivalents.

***Accounting for Hedges.*** The Company entered into derivative transactions that are hedges of the future cash flows of forecasted transactions (cash flow hedges). These derivatives are recorded on the Balance Sheets at their fair value as Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income. Cash outflows and inflows related to derivative instruments are a

component of operating and financing cash flows in the accompanying Statements of Cash Flows.

Qualifying non-trading derivatives may be designated as either a hedge of a forecasted transaction or future cash flows (cash flow hedge). For all hedge contracts, the Company provides formal documentation of the hedge in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 133,

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Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. In addition, at inception and on a monthly basis the Company formally assesses whether the hedge contract is highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows. The Company documents hedging activity by transaction type (i.e. swaps) and risk management strategy (i.e. interest rate risk).

*Cash Flow Hedges.* Changes in the fair value of a derivative designated and qualified as a cash flow hedge, to the extent effective, are included in Statements of Members' Equity and Comprehensive Income as Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI) until earnings are affected by the hedged transaction. The Company discontinues hedge accounting prospectively when it has determined that a derivative no longer qualifies as an effective hedge, or when it is no longer probable that the hedged forecasted transaction will occur. When hedge accounting is discontinued because the derivative no longer qualifies as an effective hedge, the derivative is subject to the Mark-to-Market Model of Accounting (MTM Model) prospectively. Gains and losses related to discontinued hedges that were previously accumulated in AOCI will remain in AOCI until the underlying contract is reflected in earnings; unless it is probable that the hedged forecasted transaction will not occur at which time associated deferred amounts in AOCI are immediately recognized in current earnings.

*Valuation.* When available, quoted market prices or prices obtained through external sources are used to measure a contract's fair value. For contracts with a delivery location or duration for which quoted market prices are not available, fair value is determined based on internally developed valuation techniques or models.

*Property, Plant and Equipment.* Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. The Company capitalizes all construction-related direct labor and material costs, as well as indirect construction costs. Indirect costs include administrative and general costs and the cost of funds used during construction. The cost of renewals and betterments that extend the useful life of property, plant and equipment is also capitalized. The cost of repairs, replacements and major maintenance projects, which do not extend the useful life or increase the expected output of property, plant and equipment, is expensed as it is incurred. Depreciation is generally computed over the asset's estimated useful life using the straight-line method. The composite weighted-average depreciation rates were 1.8% for 2006, 1.9% for 2005 and 1.7% for 2004.

When the Company retires its regulated property, plant and equipment, it charges the original cost plus the cost of retirement, less salvage value, to accumulated depreciation and amortization. When it sells entire regulated operating units, or retires or sells non-regulated properties, the cost is removed from the property account and the related accumulated depreciation and amortization accounts are reduced. Any gain or loss is recorded as income, unless otherwise required by the FERC.

In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 143, SFAS No. 143, Accounting For Asset Retirement Obligations (SFAS No. 143) which was adopted by the Company on January 1, 2003 and addresses financial accounting and reporting for legal obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and the related asset retirement costs. The standard applies to legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development and/or normal use of the asset. SFAS No. 143 requires that the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation be recognized in the period in which it is incurred, if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The fair value of the liability is added to the carrying amount of the associated asset. This additional carrying amount is then depreciated over the life of the asset. The liability increases due to the passage of time based on the time value of money until the obligation is settled. Subsequent to the initial recognition, the liability is adjusted for any revisions to the expected value of the retirement obligation (with corresponding

adjustments to property, plant, and equipment), and for accretion of the liability due to the passage of time. Additional depreciation expense is recorded prospectively for any property, plant and equipment increases.

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Asset retirement obligations of the Company relate primarily to right-of-way agreements, asbestos removal and contractual leases for land use. In accordance with SFAS No. 143, the Company identified certain assets that have an indeterminate life, and thus the fair value of the retirement obligation is not reasonably estimable. These assets included on-shore pipelines. A liability for these asset retirement obligations will be recorded when a fair value is determinable.

In March 2005, the FASB issued Financial Interpretation No. 47, *Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations* (FIN 47). The adoption of FIN 47 had no impact on the income of the regulated gas pipeline operations. Any effects would be offset by the establishment of regulatory assets and liabilities pursuant to SFAS No. 71.

***Unamortized Debt Expense.*** Debt expenses incurred with the issuance of outstanding long-term debt are amortized over the terms of the debt issues. Any call premiums or unamortized expenses associated with refinancing higher-cost debt obligations to finance regulated assets and operations are amortized consistent with regulatory treatment of those items, where appropriate. The unamortized amount was \$7,878 thousand and \$8,278 thousand at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, and is classified in Deferred Charges in the accompanying Balance Sheets.

***Cost-Based Regulation.*** The Company accounts for certain of its regulated operations under the provisions of SFAS No. 71, *Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation* (SFAS No. 71). The economic effects of regulation can result in a regulated company recording assets for costs that have been or are expected to be approved for recovery from customers or recording liabilities for amounts that are expected to be returned to customers in the rate-setting process in a period different from the period in which the amounts would be recorded by an unregulated enterprise. Accordingly, the Company records assets and liabilities that result from the regulated ratemaking process that would not be recorded under GAAP for non-regulated entities. Management continually assesses whether regulatory assets are probable of future recovery by considering factors such as applicable regulatory changes, recent rate orders applicable to other regulated entities, and the status of any pending or potential deregulation legislation. Based on this continual assessment, management believes the existing regulatory assets are probable of recovery. These regulatory assets are primarily classified in the Balance Sheets as Deferred Charges. The Company periodically evaluates the applicability of SFAS No. 71, and considers factors such as regulatory changes and the impact of competition. If cost-based regulation ends or competition increases, the Company may have to reduce its asset balances to reflect a market basis less than cost and write-off their associated regulatory assets and liabilities.

***Revenue Recognition.*** Revenues on natural gas transportation are recognized when the service is provided. From time to time, certain revenues may be subject to refund pending the outcome of rate matters before the FERC, and reserves are established where required. There were no pending rate cases and no related reserves were recorded as of December 31, 2006, or 2005. The allowances for doubtful accounts were \$54 thousand, and \$0 as of December 31, 2006, and December 31, 2005, respectively.



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Customer billings that are equal to or greater than 10% of revenues during the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 are as follows:

*Customer*

|                                 | <b>December 31,</b> |             |             |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                 | <b>2006</b>         | <b>2005</b> | <b>2004</b> |
| Florida Power & Light Company   | 51%                 | 41%         | 23%         |
| Florida Power Corporation       | 22%                 | 23%         | 29%         |
| TECO Energy and subsidiaries    | 10%                 | 13%         | (1)         |
| Calpine Energy and subsidiaries | (1)                 | (1)         | 15%         |

(1) Percentage below 10%

**Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC).** AFUDC, which represents the estimated debt and equity costs of capital funds necessary to finance the construction of new regulated facilities, consists of two components, an equity component and an interest component. The equity component is a non-cash item. AFUDC is capitalized as a component of Property, Plant and Equipment cost, with offsetting credits to the Statements of Operations. After construction is completed, the Company is permitted to recover these costs through inclusion in the rate base and in the depreciation provision. The total amount of AFUDC included in the Statements of Operations for 2006 was \$365 thousand, which consisted of an equity component of \$241 thousand and an interest expense component of \$124 thousand. The total amount of AFUDC included in the Statements of Operations for 2005 was \$2,602 thousand, which consisted of an equity component of \$1,113 thousand and an interest expense component of \$1,489 thousand. The total amount of AFUDC included in the Statements of Operations for 2004 was \$7,263 thousand, which consisted of an equity component of \$3,107 thousand and an interest expense component of \$4,156 thousand.

**Income Taxes.** The Company is not subject to income tax, but rather the taxable income or loss of the Company is reported on the respective income tax returns of its members. Accordingly, there is no federal tax provision in these financial statements. Since the Company is not responsible for the attributed income taxes, amounts related to the gross-up of AFUDC-Equity are carried in the individual capital accounts of the members. Deferred charges at December 31, 2006, and 2005, reflect the deferred income tax effect of the AFUDC equity gross up of \$22,490 thousand and \$22,731 thousand, respectively.

**New Accounting Standards.** The following new accounting standard has been issued, but has not yet been adopted by the Company as of December 31, 2006:

*SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS No. 157).* In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 does not require any new fair value measurements. However, in some cases,

the application of SFAS No. 157 may change the Company's current practice for measuring and disclosing fair values under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. For the Company, SFAS No. 157 is effective as of January 2008 and must be applied prospectively except in certain cases. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 157, and cannot currently estimate the impact of SFAS No. 157 on its consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

**3. Regulatory Matters**

In September 2005, FERC approved Gulfstream's Cost and Revenue study that was required to be filled as a condition in its Phase I and Phase II expansion projects. Gulfstream is not anticipated to have

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further filing requirements until three years after its recently announced Phase III expansion facilities are placed into service, currently expected in 2008.

**FERC Accounting Order.** In June 2005, FERC issued an Order on Accounting for Pipeline Assessment Costs that requires most pipeline inspection and integrity assessment activities to be recognized as expenses, as incurred. In the Order, FERC confirmed that pipeline betterments and replacements, including those resulting from integrity inspections, will continue to be capitalized when appropriate. This FERC Order is effective for pipeline inspection and for integrity assessment costs incurred on or subsequent to January 1, 2006, and increased annual expenses for the Company by an immaterial amount for 2006. Pipeline inspection and integrity assessment costs capitalized prior to the effective date of the rule are not impacted.

**4. Related Party Transactions***Statements of Operations*

|                                    | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |             |             |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                    | <b>2006</b>                     | <b>2005</b> | <b>2004</b> |
|                                    | <b>(In thousands)</b>           |             |             |
| Operation and maintenance expenses | \$ 7,992                        | \$ 7,755    | \$ 7,705    |

*Balance Sheets*

|                                  | <b>December 31,</b>   |             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|                                  | <b>2006</b>           | <b>2005</b> |
|                                  | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Property, plant and equipment(a) | \$ 2,995              | \$ 12,066   |
| Accounts payable                 | 903                   | 834         |

(a) Reflects amounts billed in the annual period.

In 2005, approximately \$9,622 thousand of this amount consisted of a construction fee to Gulfstream Management & Operating Services, L.L.C. (GMOS) related to the successful completion of Phase II pipeline construction. In 2006, there was not a construction fee.

GMOS, 50%-owned by an affiliate of Duke Energy and 50%-owned by an affiliate of Williams, provides management, construction and operating services pursuant to agreements entered into with the Company and with affiliates of Duke Energy and Williams. GMOS bills the Company for services rendered including labor and benefit costs, employee expenses, overhead costs and in some cases, third party costs. Such amounts are reflected in the

Statements of Operations for the year as Operation and Maintenance Expenses or in the Balance Sheets as Property, Plant and Equipment, as appropriate.

## **5. Gas Imbalances**

The Balance Sheets include in-kind balances as a result of differences in gas volumes received and delivered for customers. Since the settlement of imbalances is in-kind, changes in the balances do not have an impact on the Company's Statements of Cash Flows. Accounts Receivable include \$1,712 thousand and \$1,802 thousand as of both December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, and Other Current Liabilities include \$1,345 thousand and \$2,161 thousand, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, related to gas imbalances. Natural gas volumes owed to (by) the Company are valued at natural gas market index prices as of the balance sheet dates.

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|   | <b>Estimated<br/>Useful Life</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2006                      2005<br/>(In thousands)</b> |              |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Land                                    | N/A                              | \$ 18,013   | \$ 18,208    |
| Natural gas transmission                | 60 years                         | 1,642,926   | 1,634,239    |
| Equipment                               | 5-7 years                        | 1,257   | 1,231        |
| Vehicles                                | 5 years                          | 417   | 417          |
| Construction in process                 | N/A                              | 12,193  | 10,114       |
| Other                                   | 5-20 years                       | 44,310  | 44,227       |
| Total property, plant and equipment     |                                  | 1,719,116   | 1,708,436    |
| Total accumulated depreciation          |                                  | (123,866)   | (93,524)     |
| Total net property, plant and equipment |                                  | \$ 1,595,250  | \$ 1,614,912 |

**7. Hedging Activities, Financial Instruments and Credit Risk**

**Interest Rate Cash Flow Hedges.** The Company was exposed to the impact of market fluctuations in interest rates. To protect the Company from increasing interest rates and the resulting higher cost of the debt that was issued in 2005, the Company made a decision to lock in existing interest rates by using financial derivatives (swaps) for hedge strategies. The total amount of the debt issued was \$850,000 thousand of which \$500,000 thousand was hedged. As of September 30, 2005, the Company entered into interest rate swaps totaling \$500,000 thousand, all of which were terminated on October 12, 2005, prior to the issuance of the related debt. These derivatives were initially recorded on the Balance Sheets at their fair value as Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI). Changes in the fair value of a derivative designated and qualified as a cash flow hedge, to the extent effective, are included in Statements of Members' Equity and Comprehensive Income as Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income until earnings are affected by the hedged transaction. Subsequent to the termination of the interest rate hedges, deferred gains of \$15,478 thousand in AOCI as of December 31, 2006 will continue to be amortized to interest expense over the term of the new debt issued through November 1, 2015.

**Financial Instruments.** The Company's financial instruments include \$850,000 thousand of long-term debt with an approximate fair value of \$852,492 thousand and \$857,584 thousand as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Judgment is required in interpreting market data to develop the estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates determined as of December 31, 2006, and 2005, are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company could have realized in current markets.

**Credit Risk.** The Company's principal customers for natural gas transportation are utilities located throughout the state of Florida. The Company has concentrations of receivables from utilities throughout Florida. These concentrations of

customers may affect the Company's overall credit risk in that risk factors can negatively impact the credit quality of the entire sector. Where exposed to credit risk, the Company analyzes the counterparties' financial condition prior to entering into an agreement, establishes credit limits and monitors the appropriateness of those limits on an ongoing basis. The Company also obtains cash, letters of credit or other acceptable forms of security from customers, where appropriate, based on its financial analysis of the customer and the regulatory or contractual terms and conditions applicable to each transaction.

**Long-term Debt.** In October 2005, the Company entered into two fixed rate senior notes. \$500,000 thousand mature on November 1, 2015, and \$350,000 thousand mature on November 1, 2025. Proceeds

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from the debt issuance were used to repay the existing indebtedness and the remaining proceeds were distributed to the Company's members.

**Debt**

|                           | <b>December 31,</b>   |             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|                           | <b>2006</b>           | <b>2005</b> |
|                           | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Note payable, 5.56%       | \$ 500,000            | \$ 500,000  |
| Note payable, 6.19%       | 350,000               | 350,000     |
| Unamortized debt discount | (429)                 | (466)       |
| Total debt                | \$ 849,571            | \$ 849,534  |
| Less current maturity     |                       |             |
| Total Long-term portion   | \$ 849,571            | \$ 849,534  |

**8. Commitments and Contingencies**

**General Insurance.** The Company carries, through Williams, insurance consistent with companies engaged in similar commercial operations with similar type properties. The Company's insurance coverage includes (1) excess liability insurance for liabilities arising to third parties for bodily injury and property damage resulting from the Company's operations; and (2) automobile liability insurance for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles covering liabilities to third parties for bodily injury and property damage. Each owner insures their 50% ownership of the Company's property with insurance covering the replacement value of all real and personal property damage, including damages arising from machinery breakdowns, earthquake, and flood damage. The Company has onshore business interruption/extra expense insurance. All coverages are subject to certain deductibles, terms and conditions common for companies with similar types of operations.

Each owner of the Company also maintains excess liability insurance coverage for their ownership interest excess of the limits for excess liability insurance maintained by the Company. Limits, terms, conditions and deductibles are comparable to those carried by other energy companies of similar size.

The cost of the Company's general insurance coverages continued to fluctuate over the past year reflecting the changing conditions of the insurance markets.

**Environmental.** The Company is subject to federal, state and local regulations regarding air and water quality, hazardous and solid waste disposal and other environmental matters. Management believes that there are no matters that will have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

**Litigation.** The Company is involved in legal, tax and regulatory proceedings in various forums, regarding performance, contracts and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business, some of which involve substantial amounts. Management believes that the final disposition of these proceedings will have no material adverse effect on consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

**Contractual Obligations.** The Company enters into contracts that require payment of cash at certain specified periods, based on certain specified minimum quantities and prices. The following table summarizes the Company's contractual cash obligations for each of the periods presented. The table below excludes all amounts classified as current liabilities on the Balance Sheets, other than current maturities of long-term

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debt. It is expected that the majority of current liabilities on the Balance Sheets will be paid in cash in 2006.

*Payment Due By Period*

|                                    | <b>Total</b> | <b>Less<br/>than<br/>1 Year<br/>(2007)</b> | <b>2-3 Years<br/>(2008 &amp;<br/>2009)</b> | <b>4-5 Years<br/>(2010 &amp;<br/>2011)</b> | <b>More than<br/>5 Years<br/>(Beyond<br/>2011)</b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
|                                    |              |  |  |  |  |
|                                    |              |  | <b>(In thousands)</b>                      |  |  |
| Long-term debt                     | \$ 850,000   | \$   | \$   | \$   | \$ 850,000   |
| Operating leases                   | 811          | 419  | 284  | 108  |  |
| Material/Capital purchases(1)      | 12,000       | 6,000                                      | 6,000                                      |  |  |
| Total contractual cash obligations | \$ 862,811   | \$ 6,419                                   | \$ 6,284                                   | \$ 108                                     | \$ 850,000   |

- (1) The Company entered into a contract in which it will provide a \$28,000 thousand contribution in aid of construction ( CIAC ), under the provisions of its FERC gas tariff, to a customer in six unequal installments through December 31, 2008. In return for the \$28,000 thousand payment, the customer will construct a lateral that will connect to the Company's mainline. The customer agreed to execute two consecutive Firm Transportation Service ( FTS ) contracts that will be used on the Company's mainline system. These contracts combined began on June 1, 2005, and will extend through December 31, 2028. The Company has recorded an asset of \$26,100 thousand which is included within Property, Plant and Equipment and a corresponding liability which is included in Other Current Liabilities and Long-term Liabilities on the Company's Balance Sheets. Through December 31, 2006, the Company has paid \$16,000 thousand to the customer pursuant to the contract.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors  
Market Hub Partners Holding, LLC  
Houston, Texas

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Market Hub Partners Holding, LLC and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the related consolidated statements of operations, member's equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Market Hub Partners Holding, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2006, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Houston, Texas  
March 27, 2007

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|   | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |             |             |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2006</b>                     | <b>2005</b> | <b>2004</b> |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b>           |             |             |
| <b>Operating Revenues</b>                           |                                 |             |             |
| Salt cavern storage revenues                        | \$ 75,645                       | \$ 64,667   | \$ 56,261   |
| Salt cavern storage revenues affiliates             | 308                             | 3,564       | 6,787       |
| Other   | 2,851                           | 9,698       | 2,795       |
| Total operating revenues                            | 78,804                          | 77,929      | 65,843      |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                           |                                 |             |             |
| Operation and maintenance                           | 14,130                          | 3,635       | 5,801       |
| Operation and maintenance affiliates                | 12,133                          | 5,832       | 2,997       |
| Depreciation and amortization                       | 7,815                           | 6,938       | 6,788       |
| Property and other taxes                            | 3,970                           | 3,358       | 2,991       |
| Total operating expenses                            | 38,048                          | 19,763      | 18,577      |
| <b>Gain on Sale of Other Assets, and Other, net</b> | 10,553                          | 1,136       | 1,539       |
| <b>Operating Income</b>                             | 51,309                          | 59,302      | 48,805      |
| <b>Other Income</b>                                 |                                 | 10          | (6)         |
| <b>Interest Income</b>                              | 11                              | 41          | 30          |
| <b>Interest Expense</b>                             | (2,636)                         |             |             |
| <b>Net Income</b>                                   | \$ 48,684                       | \$ 59,353   | \$ 48,829   |

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**December 31,**  
**2006                      2005**  
**(In thousands)**

**ASSETS****Current Assets**

|   |               |                |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts | \$ 12,058     | \$ 27,791      |
| Accounts receivable affiliates                              |               | 132            |
| Inventory   | 906           | 6,013          |
| Natural gas imbalance receivables                           | 5,957         | 29,073         |
| Natural gas imbalance receivables affiliates                | 39,316        | 79,107         |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                                 | <b>58,237</b> | <b>142,116</b> |

**Other Assets**

|   |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Advances receivable affiliates            | 94,177         |                |
| Goodwill, net of accumulated amortization | 200,497        | 200,497        |
| Other assets                              | 67             | 1,211          |
| <b>Total other assets</b>                 | <b>294,741</b> | <b>201,708</b> |

**Property, Plant and Equipment**

|  |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Cost   | 370,721        | 315,141        |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | 62,523         | 56,331         |
| <b>Net property, plant and equipment</b>       | <b>308,198</b> | <b>258,810</b> |

|                     |                   |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Assets</b> | <b>\$ 661,176</b> | <b>\$ 602,634</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBER S EQUITY****Current Liabilities**

|   |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Accounts payable                          | \$ 6,034       | \$ 714         |
| Accounts payable affiliates               |                | 516            |
| Accrued taxes                             | 1,309          | 930            |
| Natural gas imbalance payables            | 43,794         | 108,180        |
| Natural gas imbalance payables affiliates | 2,485          |                |
| Collateral liabilities                    | 3,631          | 2,290          |
| Collateral liabilities affiliates         | 55,000         |                |
| Other accrued liabilities                 | 8,019          | 2,272          |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>          | <b>120,272</b> | <b>114,902</b> |

**Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities**

|  |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| Advances payable affiliates                  |        | 20,511 |
| Other  | 3      | 4      |
| Other affiliates                             | 25,000 |        |
| Total deferred credits and other liabilities | 25,003 | 20,515 |

**Commitments & Contingencies**

|                        |         |         |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid-in capital        | 290,258 | 276,382 |
| Retained earnings      | 225,643 | 190,835 |
| <b>Member s Equity</b> | 515,901 | 467,217 |

|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| <b>Total Liabilities and Member s Equity</b> | \$ 661,176 | \$ 602,634 |
|--|------------|------------|

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|   | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |             |             |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2006</b>                     | <b>2005</b> | <b>2004</b> |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b>           |             |             |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                                       |                                 |             |             |
| Net Income  | \$ 48,684                       | \$ 59,353   | \$ 48,829   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                                 |             |             |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 7,815                           | 6,938       | 6,788       |
| Gain on sale of other assets  | (10,553)                        | (1,136)     | (1,539)     |
| (Increase) decrease in:   |                                 |             |             |
| Accounts receivable   | 5,812                           | 15,728      | (36,810)    |
| Accounts receivable affiliates  | 132                             | 578         | 128         |
| Inventory   | 6,113                           | (3,137)     | (808)       |
| Other current assets  |                                 |             | 260         |
| Other assets  | 21,608                          | (1,085)     | 330         |
| Increase (decrease) in:   |                                 |             |             |
| Accounts payable  | 5,320                           | (879)       | 1,593       |
| Accounts payable affiliates   | (516)                           | 516         |             |
| Accrued taxes   | 379                             | (506)       | (214)       |
| Collateral liabilities  | 1,341                           | 491         | 1,799       |
| Collateral liabilities affiliates   | 55,000                          |             |             |
| Other accrued liabilities   | 2,638                           | (14,587)    | 22,852      |
| Deferred credits and other liabilities  | (2)                             | 4           | (304)       |
| Deferred credits and other liabilities affiliates                                 | 25,000                          |             |             |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 168,771                         | 62,278      | 42,904      |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                                       |                                 |             |             |
| Capital expenditures  | (54,083)                        | (37,987)    | (17,000)    |
| Net increase in advances receivable affiliates                                    | (94,177)                        |             |             |
| Net decrease in advances payable affiliates                                       | (20,511)                        | (24,291)    | (28,294)    |
| Proceeds on sale of other assets  |                                 |             | 2,390       |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | (168,771)                       | (62,278)    | (42,904)    |
| <b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>                                    |                                 |             |             |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>                             |                                 |             |             |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>                                   | <b>\$</b>                       | <b>\$</b>   | <b>\$</b>   |
| <b>Supplemental Disclosures</b>   |                                 |             |             |
| Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized                                | \$ 43                           | \$          | \$          |
| Significant non-cash transactions:  |                                 |             |             |

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|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Gas imbalances   | 62,907 | 61,274 | 1,349  |
| Property, plant and equipment accruals                         | 4,853  | 1,771  | 1,757  |
| Property, plant and equipment retirements                      | 3,348  | 978    | 7,445  |
| Interaccount property, plant and equipment transfers/reclasses |        | 2,001  | 11,287 |
| Intercompany property, plant and equipment transfers           |        |        | 6,132  |

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|                                  | <b>Total<br/>(In thousands)</b> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Balance January 1, 2004</b>   | \$ 359,035                      |
| Net income                       | 48,829                          |
| <b>Balance December 31, 2004</b> | \$ 407,864                      |
| Net income                       | 59,353                          |
| <b>Balance December 31, 2005</b> | \$ 467,217                      |
| Net income                       | 48,684                          |
| <b>Balance December 31, 2006</b> | \$ 515,901                      |

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the Years Ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004**

**1. Nature of Operations**

In June 2006, the Board of Directors of Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy) authorized management to pursue a plan to create two separate publicly traded companies by spinning off Duke Energy's natural gas business to Duke Energy shareholders. The spin-off was completed on January 2, 2007 at which time Spectra Energy Corp (Spectra Energy) became a separate publicly-traded entity. Spectra Energy primarily owns the Natural Gas Transmission and Field Services segments of Spectra Energy Capital LLC (Spectra Energy Capital), formerly Duke Capital LLC. Market Hub Partners Holding, LLC (the Company) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Spectra Energy.

The Company was converted from a Delaware limited partnership to a Delaware limited liability company on December 31, 2003. The Company was wholly owned by indirect subsidiaries of Duke Energy. The Company owns and operates two natural gas storage facilities: Moss Bluff, located near Houston, Texas and Egan, located in Acadia Parish, Louisiana. These facilities provide producers, end-users, local distribution companies, pipelines and energy marketers with high deliverability storage services, as well as hub services, such as park and loan services, wheeling and title transfer. The Company's Egan facilities are subject to the rules and regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Moss Bluff, as a Hinshaw pipeline, must also comply with some requirements under FERC regulations.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Presentation.** The financial statements reflect the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows of the Company. The financial statements do not include any of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenses of the members.

**Consolidation.** These Consolidated Financial Statements include, after eliminating intercompany transactions and balances, the accounts of the Company and all majority-owned subsidiaries.

**Use of Estimates.** To conform with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes. Although these estimates are based on management's best available knowledge at the time, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Inventory.** Inventory primarily consists of natural gas held in storage and is recorded at the lower of cost or market value, primarily determined using the average cost method. An adjustment to inventory was recorded in 2006 as a result of a reconciliation between the physical and book balances of natural gas held in storage. This adjustment was recognized by reducing recorded inventory by \$1,984 thousand, increasing natural gas imbalance payables by \$1,006 thousand and charging a like amount to operation and maintenance.

**Goodwill.** The Company evaluates the impairment of goodwill related to the purchase of the Company under the guidance of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. Under this provision, goodwill is subject to an annual test for impairment. The Company has designated August 31 as the date it performs the annual review for goodwill impairment. Impairment testing of goodwill consists of a two-step process. The first step involves a comparison of the fair value of the Company with its carrying amount. If the carrying amount of the company exceeds its fair value, the second step of the process involves a comparison of the

fair value and the carrying value of the goodwill of the Company. If the carrying value of the goodwill of the Company exceeds the fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to the excess. Additional impairment tests are performed between the annual reviews; if events or changes in circumstances make it more likely than not that the fair value of the company is below its carrying amount.

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The Company uses a discounted cash flow analysis to determine fair value. Key assumptions in the determination of fair value include the use of an appropriate discount rate and estimated future cash flows. In estimating cash flows, the Company incorporates current market information, historical factors, and other factors into its forecasted revenue and expenses and other cash flow impacts.

**Property, Plant and Equipment.** Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The Company capitalizes all construction-related direct labor and material costs, as well as indirect construction costs. Indirect costs include general engineering, taxes and the cost of funds used during construction. The cost of renewals and betterments that extend the useful life of property, plant and equipment is also capitalized. The cost of repairs, replacements and major maintenance projects, which do not extend the useful life or increase the expected output of property, plant and equipment, is expensed as it is incurred. Depreciation is generally computed over the asset's estimated useful life using the straight-line method. The composite weighted-average depreciation rates were 3.00% for 2006, 3.01% for 2005 and 3.11% for 2004.

When the Company retires its regulated property, plant and equipment, it charges the original cost plus the cost of retirement, less salvage, to accumulated depreciation and amortization. When it sells entire regulated operating units, or retires or sells non-regulated properties, the cost is removed from the property account and the related accumulated depreciation and amortization accounts are reduced. Any gain or loss is recorded as income.

In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 143, *Accounting For Asset Retirement Obligations* (SFAS No. 143) which was adopted by the Company on January 1, 2003 and addresses financial accounting and reporting for legal obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and the related asset retirement costs. The standard applies to legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development and/or normal use of the asset. SFAS No. 143 requires that the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation be recognized in the period in which it is incurred, if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The fair value of the liability is added to the carrying amount of the associated asset. This additional carrying amount is then depreciated over the life of the asset. The liability increases due to the passage of time based on the time value of money until the obligation is settled. Subsequent to the initial recognition, the liability is adjusted for any revisions to the expected value of the retirement obligation (with corresponding adjustments to property, plant, and equipment), and for accretion of the liability due to the passage of time. Additional depreciation expense is recorded prospectively for any property, plant and equipment increases.

Asset retirement obligations of the Company relate primarily to right-of-way agreements, asbestos removal and contractual leases for land use. In accordance with SFAS No. 143, the Company identified certain assets that have an indeterminate life, and thus the fair value of the retirement obligation is not reasonably estimable. These assets included on-shore pipelines. A liability for these asset retirement obligations will be recorded when a fair value is determinable.

In March 2005, the FASB issued Financial Interpretation No. 47, *Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations* (FIN 47). The adoption of FIN 47 had no impact on the income of the regulated gas pipeline operations. Any effects would be offset by the establishment of regulatory assets and liabilities pursuant to SFAS No. 71.

**Environmental Expenditures.** The Company expenses environmental expenditures related to conditions caused by past operations that do not generate current or future revenues. Environmental expenditures related to operations that

generate current or future revenues are expensed or capitalized, as appropriate. Liabilities are recorded when the necessity for environmental remediation becomes probable and the costs can be reasonably estimated, or when other potential environmental liabilities are reasonably estimable and probable.

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**Revenue Recognition.** Revenues on natural gas storage are recognized when the service is provided. There were no pending rate cases and no related reserves were recorded as of December 31, 2006 and 2005. The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$0 as of both December 31, 2006, and 2005.

Customer billings that exceeded 10% of revenues during the years ended 2006, 2005 and 2004 are as follows:

| Customer                           | % of Consolidated Revenues<br>Years Ended December 31, |       |       |
|------------------------------------|--|-------|-------|
|                                    | 2006   | 2005  | 2004  |
| Northern Indiana Public Service Co | 10.6%  | 11.2% | 16.2% |

**New Accounting Standards.** The following new accounting standards have been issued, but have not yet been adopted by the Company as of December 31, 2006.

**SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS No. 157).** In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 does not require any new fair value measurements. However, in some cases, the application of SFAS No. 157 may change the Company's current practice for measuring and disclosing fair values under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. For the Company, SFAS No. 157 is effective as of January 1, 2008 and must be applied prospectively except in certain cases. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 157, and cannot currently estimate the impact of SFAS No. 157 on its consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

**3. Related Party Transactions****Consolidated Statements of Operations**

|   | Years Ended December 31, |          |          |
|---|--------------------------|----------|----------|
|   | 2006                     | 2005     | 2004     |
|   | (In thousands)           |          |          |
| Storage of natural gas and other services (1) | \$ 308                   | \$ 3,564 | \$ 6,787 |
| Operation and maintenance expenses (2)        | 12,133                   | 5,832    | 2,997    |

- (1) In the normal course of business, the Company provides natural gas storage and other services to affiliates.
- (2) Includes reimbursement of costs incurred by affiliates on behalf of the Company and allocations from Spectra Capital affiliates for various services and other costs. Affiliates charge such expenses based on the cost of actual services provided or using various allocation methodologies based on the Company's percentage of assets, employees, earnings, or other measures, as compared to other affiliates.

*Consolidated Balance Sheets*

|                                   | <b>December 31,</b>   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|                                   | <b>2006</b>           | <b>2005</b> |
|                                   | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Accounts receivable               | \$                    | \$ 132      |
| Natural gas imbalance receivables | 39,316                | 79,107      |
| Accounts payable                  |                       | 516         |
| Natural gas imbalance payables    | 2,485                 |             |
| Collateral liabilities            | 55,000                |             |
| Other                             | 25,000                |             |

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Advances receivable and payable-affiliates do not bear interest. Advances are carried as unsecured, open accounts and are not segregated between current and non-current amounts. Increases and decreases in advances generally result from the movement of funds to provide for operations and capital expenditures of the Company.

During 2006 in accordance with the Company's credit policies, the Company received an \$80,000 thousand security deposit from an affiliate, associated with natural gas imbalance receivables from the affiliate. The Company is required to pay a market rate of interest on the security deposit. Of the \$80,000 thousand balance, \$55,000 thousand is classified as a current liability with \$25,000 thousand classified as long term since it relates to a contract position that is not expected to be repaid until April 2008.

**4. Gas Imbalances**

The Consolidated Balance Sheets include in-kind balances as a result of differences in gas volumes received and delivered for customers. Since the settlement of imbalances is in-kind, changes in the balances do not have an impact on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. Natural gas volumes owed to (by) the Company are valued at natural gas market index prices as of the balance sheet dates.

**5. Property, Plant and Equipment***Net Property, Plant and Equipment*

|   | <b>Estimated<br/>Useful Life</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2006                      2005</b> |            |
|---|----------------------------------|--|------------|
|   |                                  | <b>(In thousands)</b>                                  |            |
| Land                                    | N/A                              | \$ 12,415  | \$ 12,415  |
| Salt Cavern Storage facilities          | 15-40 years                      | 312,787  | 272,082    |
| Equipment                               | 10-40 years                      | 221  | 217        |
| Vehicles                                | 5 years                          | 115  | 133        |
| Constructions in process                | N/A                              | 42,583   | 28,179     |
| Other                                   | 5 years                          | 2,600  | 2,115      |
| Total property, plant and equipment     |                                  | 370,721  | 315,141    |
| Total accumulated depreciation          |                                  | (62,523)   | (56,331)   |
| Total net property, plant and equipment |                                  | \$ 308,198   | \$ 258,810 |

**6. Credit Risk**

**Credit Risk.** The Company markets high deliverability natural gas storage services and hub services to pipelines, local distribution companies, producers, end-users, power generators, and energy marketers. The Company has concentrations of receivables from these industries throughout these regions. These concentrations of customers may affect the Company's overall credit risk in that risk factors can negatively impact the credit quality of the entire sector.

Where exposed to credit risk, the Company analyzes the counterparties' financial condition prior to entering into an agreement, establishes credit limits and monitors the appropriateness of those limits on an ongoing basis. The Company also obtains cash, letters of credit or other acceptable forms of security from customers, where appropriate, based on its financial analysis of the customer and the regulatory or contractual terms and conditions applicable to each transaction.

## **7. Commitments and Contingencies**

**General Insurance.** The Company carries, through a Duke Energy Affiliate, insurance and reinsurance coverages consistent with companies engaged in similar commercial operations with similar type properties.

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The Company's insurance coverage includes (1) commercial general public liability insurance for liabilities arising to third parties for bodily injury and property damage resulting from the Company's operations; (2) workers compensation liability coverage to required statutory limits; (3) automobile liability insurance for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles covering liabilities to third parties for bodily injury and property damage, (4) financial services insurance policies in support of the indemnification provisions of the Company's by-laws and (5) property insurance covering the replacement value of all real and personal property damage, including damages arising from machinery breakdowns, earthquake, flood damage and business interruption/extra expense. All coverages are subject to certain deductibles, terms and conditions common for companies with similar types of operations.

The Company also maintains, through an affiliate, excess liability insurance coverage above the established primary limits for commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance. Limits, terms, conditions and deductibles are comparable to those carried by other energy companies of similar size. The cost of the Company's general insurance coverages continued to fluctuate over the past year reflecting the changing conditions of the insurance markets.

***Environmental.*** The Company is subject to federal, state and local regulations regarding air and water quality, hazardous and solid waste disposal and other environmental matters. Management believes there are no matters that will have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, cash flows, or financial position.

***Litigation.*** The Company is involved in legal, tax and regulatory proceedings in various forums regarding performance, contracts and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business, some of which involve substantial amounts. Management believes that the final disposition of these proceedings will have no material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

***Leases.*** The Company leases assets in several areas of operations. Rental expense for these leases, including amounts allocated from Duke Energy affiliates, was \$377 thousand for 2006, \$311 thousand for 2005 and \$35 thousand for 2004.

**FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED  
AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
OF  
SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP**

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PARTNERSHIP OF SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP**

THIS FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP dated as of July 2, 2007, is entered into by and between Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, as the General Partner, and Spectra Energy Transmission, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the *Organizational Limited Partner*), together with any other Persons who become Partners in the Partnership or parties hereto as provided herein. In consideration of the covenants, conditions and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 *Definitions.*

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

*Acquisition* means any transaction in which any Group Member acquires (through an asset acquisition, merger, stock acquisition or other form of investment) control over all or a portion of the assets, properties or business of another Person for the purpose of increasing the long-term operating capacity or asset base of the Partnership Group from the operating capacity or asset base of the Partnership Group existing immediately prior to such transaction.

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

(a) Any negative adjustment made to the Carrying Value of an Adjusted Property as a result of either a Book-Down Event or a Book-Up Event shall first be deemed to offset or decrease that portion of the Carrying Value of such Adjusted Property that is attributable to any prior positive adjustments made thereto pursuant to a Book-Up Event or Book-Down Event.

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

*Additional Book Basis Derivative Items* means any Book Basis Derivative Items that are computed with reference to Additional Book Basis. To the extent that the Additional Book Basis attributable to all of the Partnership's Adjusted Property as of the beginning of any taxable period exceeds the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of the beginning of such period (the *Excess Additional Book Basis*), the Additional Book Basis Derivative Items for such period shall be reduced by the amount that bears the same ratio to the amount of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items determined without regard to this sentence as the Excess Additional Book Basis bears to the Additional Book Basis as of the beginning of such period.

*Additional Limited Partner* means a Person admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner pursuant to Section 10.4 and who is shown as such on the books and records of the Partnership.

*Adjusted Capital Account* means the Capital Account maintained for each Partner as of the end of each fiscal year of the Partnership, (a) increased by any amounts that such Partner is obligated to restore

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

*Adjusted Operating Surplus* means, with respect to any period, Operating Surplus generated with respect to such period (a) less any net decrease in cash reserves for Operating Expenditures with respect to such period not relating to an Operating Expenditure made with respect to such period, and (b) plus (i) any net decrease made in subsequent periods in cash reserves for Operating Expenditures initially established with respect to such period to the extent such decrease results in a reduction in Adjusted Operating Surplus in subsequent periods pursuant to clause (a) above and (ii) any net increase in cash reserves for Operating Expenditures with respect to such period required by any debt instrument for the repayment of principal, interest or premium. Adjusted Operating Surplus does not include that portion of Operating Surplus included in clause (a)(i) of the definition of Operating Surplus.

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

*Affiliate* means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Person in question. As used herein, the term control means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

*Aggregate Quantity of Class B Units* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.11.

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

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

*Agreed Value* of any Contributed Property means the fair market value of such property or other consideration at the time of contribution as determined by the General Partner. The General Partner shall use such method as it determines to be appropriate to allocate the aggregate Agreed Value of Contributed Properties contributed to the Partnership in a single or integrated transaction among each separate property on a basis proportional to the fair market value of each Contributed Property.

*Agreement* means this First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Spectra Energy Partners, LP, as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

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*Assignee* means a Person to whom one or more Limited Partner Interests have been transferred in a manner permitted under this Agreement and who has executed and delivered a Transfer Application, including a Taxation Certification, as required by this Agreement, but who has not been admitted as a Substituted Limited Partner.

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

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

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

(b) the amount of any cash reserves (or the Partnership's proportionate share of cash reserves in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) established by the General Partner to (i) provide for the proper conduct of the business of the Partnership Group (including reserves for future capital expenditures, for anticipated future credit needs of the Partnership Group and for refunds of collected rates reasonably likely to be refunded as a result of a settlement or hearing relating to FERC rate proceedings) subsequent to such Quarter, (ii) comply with applicable law or any loan agreement, security agreement, mortgage, debt instrument or other agreement or obligation to which any Group Member is a party or by which it is bound or its assets are subject or (iii) provide funds for distributions under Section 6.4 or 6.5 in respect of any one or more of the next four Quarters; provided, however, that the General Partner may not establish cash reserves pursuant to (iii) above if the effect of such reserves would be that the Partnership is unable to distribute the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all Common Units, plus any Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage on all Common Units, with respect to such Quarter; and, provided further, that disbursements made by a Group Member or cash reserves established, increased or reduced after the end of such Quarter but on or before the date of determination of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter shall be deemed to have been made, established, increased or reduced, for purposes of determining Available Cash, within such Quarter if the General Partner so determines.

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

*Board of Directors* means the board of directors or managers of a corporation or limited liability company or the board of directors or board of managers of the general partner of a limited partnership, as applicable.

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

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

*Book-Tax Disparity* means with respect to any item of Contributed Property or Adjusted Property, as of the date of any determination, the difference between the Carrying Value of such Contributed Property or Adjusted Property and the adjusted basis thereof for federal income tax purposes as of such date. A Partner's share of the Partnership's Book-Tax Disparities in all of its Contributed Property and

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Adjusted Property will be reflected by the difference between such Partner's Capital Account balance as maintained pursuant to Section 5.5 and the hypothetical balance of such Partner's Capital Account computed as if it had been maintained strictly in accordance with federal income tax accounting principles.

*Book-Up Event* means an event that triggers a positive adjustment to the Capital Accounts of the Partners pursuant to Section 5.5(d).

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

*Capital Account* means the capital account maintained for a Partner pursuant to Section 5.5. The Capital Account of a Partner in respect of a General Partner Unit, a Common Unit, a Subordinated Unit, a Class B Unit, an Incentive Distribution Right or any other Partnership Interest shall be the amount that such Capital Account would be if such General Partner Unit, Common Unit, Subordinated Unit, Class B Unit, Incentive Distribution Right or other Partnership Interest were the only interest in the Partnership held by such Partner from and after the date on which such General Partner Unit, Common Unit, Class B Unit, Subordinated Unit, Incentive Distribution Right or other Partnership Interest was first issued.

*Capital Contribution* means any cash, cash equivalents or the Net Agreed Value of Contributed Property that a Partner contributes to the Partnership.

*Capital Improvement* means any (a) addition or improvement to the capital assets owned by any Group Member, (b) the construction of new capital assets or (c) capital contributions by a Group Member to a Person that is not a Subsidiary in which a Group Member has an equity interest to fund such Group Member's Pro Rata share of the cost of the construction of new capital assets by such Person, in each case if such addition, improvement, acquisition or construction is made to increase the long-term operating capacity, asset base or income of the Partnership Group, in the case of clauses (a) and (b), or such Person, in the case of clause (c), from the operating capacity, asset base or income of the Partnership Group or such Person, as the case may be, existing immediately prior to such addition, improvement, acquisition or construction.

*Capital Surplus* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.3(a).

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

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

*Certificate* means (a) a certificate (i) substantially in the form of Exhibit A to this Agreement, (ii) issued in global form in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Depository or (iii) in such other form as may be adopted by the General Partner, issued by the Partnership evidencing ownership of one or more Common Units or (b) a certificate, in such form as may be adopted by the General Partner, issued by the Partnership evidencing ownership of one or more other Partnership Securities.

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

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*Citizenship Certification* means a properly completed certificate in such form as may be specified by the General Partner by which an Assignee or a Limited Partner certifies that he (and if he is a nominee holding for the account of another Person, that to the best of his knowledge such other Person) is an Eligible Citizen.

*claim* (as used in Section 7.12(d)) has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.12(d).

*Class B Unit* means a Partnership Security representing a fractional part of the Partnership Interests of all Limited Partners, and having the rights and obligations specified with respect to Class B Units in this Agreement.

*Closing Date* means the first date on which Common Units are issued and sold by the Partnership to the Underwriters pursuant to the provisions of the Underwriting Agreement.

*Closing Price* means, in respect of any class of Limited Partner Interests, as of the date of determination, the last sale price on such day, regular way, or in case no such sale takes place on such day, the average of the closing bid and asked prices on such day, regular way, as reported in the principal consolidated transaction reporting system with respect to securities listed on the principal National Securities Exchange (other than the Nasdaq National Market) on which the respective Limited Partner Interests are listed or admitted to trading or, if such Limited Partner Interests are not listed or admitted to trading on any National Securities Exchange (other than the Nasdaq National Market), the last quoted price on such day or, if not so quoted, the average of the high bid and low asked prices on such day in the over-the-counter market, as reported by the Nasdaq National Market or such other system then in use, or, if on any such day such Limited Partner Interests of such class are not quoted by any such organization, the average of the closing bid and asked prices on such day as furnished by a professional market maker making a market in such Limited Partner Interests of such class selected by the General Partner, or if on any such day no market maker is making a market in such Limited Partner Interests of such class, the fair value of such Limited Partner Interests on such day as determined by the General Partner.

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

*Combined Interest* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 11.3(a).

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

*Commodity Hedge Contract* means any commodity exchange, swap, forward, cap, floor, collar or other similar agreement or arrangement entered into for the purpose of hedging the Partnership Group's exposure to fluctuations in the price of hydrocarbons in their operations and not for speculative purposes.

*Common Unit* means a Partnership Security representing a fractional part of the Partnership Interests of all Limited Partners and Assignees, and having the rights and obligations specified with respect to Common Units in this Agreement. The term *Common Unit* does not include a Subordinated Unit or Class B Unit prior to its conversion into a Common Unit pursuant to the terms hereof.

*Common Unit Arrearage* means, with respect to any Common Unit, whenever issued, as to any Quarter within the Subordination Period, the excess, if any, of (a) the Minimum Quarterly Distribution with respect to a Common Unit in respect of such Quarter over (b) the sum of all Available Cash distributed with respect to a Common Unit in respect of such Quarter pursuant to Section 6.4(a)(i).

*Conflicts Committee* means a committee of the Board of Directors of the General Partner composed entirely of two or more directors, each of whom (a) is not a security holder, officer or employee of the General Partner, (b) is not an officer, director or employee of any Affiliate of the General Partner, (c) is not a holder of any ownership interest in the Partnership Group other than Common Units and (d) meets the independence standards required of directors who serve on an audit committee of a board of directors established by the Securities Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and by the National Securities Exchange on which the Common Units are listed or admitted to trading.



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

*Contribution Agreement* means that certain Contribution and Conveyance Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the General Partner, the Partnership, the Operating Partnership and certain other parties, together with the additional conveyance documents and instruments contemplated or referenced thereunder, as such may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

*Converted Common Units* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.1(d)(x)(B).

*Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage* means, with respect to any Common Unit, whenever issued, and as of the end of any Quarter, the excess, if any, of (a) the sum resulting from adding together the Common Unit Arrearage as to an Initial Common Unit for each of the Quarters within the Subordination Period ending on or before the last day of such Quarter over (b) the sum of any distributions theretofore made pursuant to Section 6.4(a)(ii) and the second sentence of Section 6.5 with respect to an Initial Common Unit (including any distributions to be made in respect of the last of such Quarters).

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

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

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

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

*Depository* means, with respect to any Units issued in global form, The Depository Trust Company and its successors and permitted assigns.

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

*Eligible Citizen* means a Person qualified to own interests in real property in jurisdictions in which any Group Member does business or proposes to do business from time to time, and whose status as a Limited Partner or Assignee the General Partner determines does not or would not subject such Group Member to a significant risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any of its properties or any interest therein.

*Eligible Holder* means a Person either (a) subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership or (b) not subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership, but all of whose beneficial owners are subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership. Schedule I to the Transfer Application provides examples of Persons that are and Persons that are not Eligible Holders.

*Estimated Incremental Quarterly Tax Amount* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.9.

*Event of Withdrawal* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 11.1(a).

*Expansion Capital Expenditures* means cash expenditures for Acquisitions or Capital Improvements, and shall not include Maintenance Capital Expenditures.

*FERC* means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

*Final Subordinated Units* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.1(d)(x).

*First Liquidation Target Amount* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.1(c)(i)(E).

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*First Target Distribution* means \$0.345 per Unit per Quarter (or, with respect to the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on September 30, 2007, it means the product of \$0.345 multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of days in such period, and of which the denominator is 92), subject to adjustment in accordance with Sections 5.11, 6.6 and 6.9.

*Fully Diluted Basis* means, when calculating the number of Outstanding Units for any period, a basis that includes, in addition to the Outstanding Units, all Partnership Securities and options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to an equity interest in the Partnership (a) that are convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Units that are senior to or pari passu with the Subordinated Units, (b) whose conversion, exercise or exchange price is less than the Current Market Price on the date of such calculation, (c) that may be converted into or exercised or exchanged for such Units prior to or during the Quarter immediately following the end of the period for which the calculation is being made without the satisfaction of any contingency beyond the control of the holder other than the payment of consideration and the compliance with administrative mechanics applicable to such conversion, exercise or exchange and (d) that were not converted into or exercised or exchanged for such Units during the period for which the calculation is being made; provided, however, that for purposes of determining the number of Outstanding Units on a Fully Diluted Basis when calculating whether the Subordination Period has ended or Subordinated Units are entitled to convert into Common Units pursuant to Section 5.7, such Partnership Securities, options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights shall be deemed to have been Outstanding Units only for the four Quarters that comprise the last four Quarters of the measurement period; provided, further, that if consideration will be paid to any Group Member in connection with such conversion, exercise or exchange, the number of Units to be included in such calculation shall be that number equal to the difference between (i) the number of Units issuable upon such conversion, exercise or exchange and (ii) the number of Units that such consideration would purchase at the Current Market Price.

*General Partner* means Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and its successors and permitted assigns that are admitted to the Partnership as general partner of the Partnership, in its capacity as general partner of the Partnership (except as the context otherwise requires).

*General Partner Interest* means the ownership interest of the General Partner in the Partnership (in its capacity as a general partner without reference to any Limited Partner Interest held by it), which is evidenced by General Partner Units, and includes any and all benefits to which the General Partner is entitled as provided in this Agreement, together with all obligations of the General Partner to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

*General Partner Unit* means a fractional part of the General Partner Interest having the rights and obligations specified with respect to the General Partner Interest. A General Partner Unit is not a Unit.

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

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

*Group Member Agreement* means the partnership agreement of any Group Member, other than the Partnership, that is a limited or general partnership, the limited liability company agreement of any Group Member that is a limited liability company, the certificate of incorporation and bylaws or similar organizational documents of any Group Member that is a corporation, the joint venture agreement or similar governing document of any Group Member that

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

*Holder* as used in Section 7.12, has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.12(a).

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*IDR Reset Election* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.11(a).

*Incentive Distribution Right* means a non-voting Limited Partner Interest issued to the General Partner, which Limited Partner Interest will confer upon the holder thereof only the rights and obligations specifically provided in this Agreement with respect to Incentive Distribution Rights (and no other rights otherwise available to or other obligations of a holder of a Partnership Interest). Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the holder of an Incentive Distribution Right shall not be entitled to vote such Incentive Distribution Right on any Partnership matter except as may otherwise be required by law.

*Incentive Distributions* means any amount of cash distributed to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights pursuant to Sections 6.4(a)(v), (vi) and (vii) and 6.4(b)(iii), (iv) and (v).

*Incremental Income Taxes* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.9.

*Indemnified Persons* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.12(d).

*Indemnitee* means (a) the General Partner, (b) any Departing General Partner, (c) any Person who is or was an Affiliate of the General Partner or any Departing General Partner, (d) any Person who is or was a member, partner, director, officer, fiduciary or trustee of any Group Member (other than any Person who is or was a Limited Partner of the Partnership in such Person's capacity as such), the General Partner or any Departing General Partner or any Affiliate of any Group Member, the General Partner or any Departing General Partner, (e) any Person who is or was serving at the request of the General Partner or any Departing General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner or any Departing General Partner as an officer, director, member, partner, fiduciary or trustee of another Person; provided that a Person shall not be an Indemnitee by reason of providing, on a fee-for-services basis, trustee, fiduciary or custodial services, and (f) any Person the General Partner designates as an Indemnitee for purposes of this Agreement.

*Ineligible Holder* means a Person whom the General Partner has determined is not an Eligible Holder.

*Initial Common Units* means the Common Units sold in the Initial Offering.

*Initial Limited Partners* means the Organizational Limited Partner, Spectra Energy Southeast Pipeline Corp. and the General Partner (with respect to the Common Units, Subordinated Units and Incentive Distribution Rights received by them pursuant to Section 5.2) and the Underwriters, in each case upon being admitted to the Partnership in accordance with Section 10.1.

*Initial Offering* means the initial offering and sale of Common Units to the public, as described in the Registration Statement.

*Initial Unit Price* means (a) with respect to the Common Units and the Subordinated Units, the initial public offering price per Common Unit at which the Underwriters offered the Common Units to the public for sale as set forth on the cover page of the prospectus included as part of the Registration Statement and first issued at or after the time the Registration Statement first became effective or (b) with respect to any other class or series of Units, the price per Unit at which such class or series of Units is initially sold by the Partnership, as determined by the General Partner, in each case adjusted as the General Partner determines to be appropriate to give effect to any distribution, subdivision or combination of Units.

*Interest Rate Hedge Contract* means any interest rate exchange, swap, forward, cap, floor collar or other similar agreement or arrangement entered into for the purpose of reducing the exposure of the Partnership Group to fluctuations in interest rates in their financing activities and not for speculative purposes.

*Interim Capital Transactions* means the following transactions if they occur prior to the Liquidation Date: (a) borrowings, refinancings or refundings of indebtedness (other than for items purchased on open account in the ordinary course of business) by any Group Member and sales of debt securities of any Group Member; (b) sales of equity interests of any Group Member (including the Common Units sold to the Underwriters pursuant to the exercise of the Over-Allotment Option); (c) sales or other voluntary or involuntary dispositions of any assets of any Group Member other than (i) sales or other dispositions of inventory, accounts receivable and other assets in the ordinary course of business, and (ii) sales or other dispositions of assets as part of normal retirements or replacements; (d) the termination of Interest Rate

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Hedge Contracts or Commodity Hedge Contracts prior to the termination date specified therein; (e) capital contributions received; or (f) corporate reorganizations or restructurings.

*Issue Price* means the price at which a Unit is purchased from the Partnership, net of any sales commission or underwriting discount charged to the Partnership.

*Limited Partner* means, unless the context otherwise requires, (a) the Organizational Limited Partner prior to its withdrawal from the Partnership, each Initial Limited Partner, each Substituted Limited Partner, each Additional Limited Partner and any Departing General Partner upon the change of its status from General Partner to Limited Partner pursuant to Section 11.3, in each case, in such Person's capacity as limited partner of the Partnership or (b) solely for purposes of Articles V, VI, VII, IX and XII, each Assignee; provided, however, that when the term Limited Partner is used herein in the context of any vote or other approval, including Articles XIII and XIV, such term shall not, solely for such purpose, include any holder of an Incentive Distribution Right (solely with respect to its Incentive Distribution Rights and not with respect to any other Limited Partner Interest held by such Person) except as may be required by law.

*Limited Partner Interest* means the ownership interest of a Limited Partner or Assignee in the Partnership, which may be evidenced by Common Units, Class B Units, Subordinated Units, Incentive Distribution Rights or other Partnership Securities or a combination thereof or interest therein, and includes any and all benefits to which such Limited Partner or Assignee is entitled as provided in this Agreement, together with all obligations of such Limited Partner or Assignee to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement; provided, however, that when the term Limited Partner Interest is used herein in the context of any vote or other approval, including Articles XIII and XIV, such term shall not, solely for such purpose, include any Incentive Distribution Right except as may be required by law.

*Limited Partner Unit* means each of the Common Units, Class B Units, Subordinated Units and other Units representing fractional parts of the Partnership Interests of all Limited Partners and Assignees.

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

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

*Maintenance Capital Expenditures* means cash expenditures (including expenditures for the addition or improvement to the capital assets owned by any Group Member or for the acquisition of existing, or the construction of new, capital assets) if such expenditures are made to maintain, including over the long term, the operating capacity, asset base or income of the Partnership Group.

*Merger Agreement* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 14.1.

*Minimum Quarterly Distribution* means \$0.30 per Unit per Quarter (or with respect to the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on September 30, 2007, it means the product of \$0.30 multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of days in such period and of which the denominator is 92), subject to adjustment in accordance with Sections 5.11, 6.6 and 6.9.

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

*Net Agreed Value* means, (a) in the case of any Contributed Property, the Agreed Value of such property reduced by any liabilities either assumed by the Partnership upon such contribution or to which such property is subject when contributed, and (b) in the case of any property distributed to a Partner or Assignee by the Partnership, the Partnership's Carrying Value of such property (as adjusted pursuant to Section 5.5(d)(ii)) at the time such property is distributed, reduced by any indebtedness either assumed by such Partner or Assignee upon such distribution or to which such property is subject at the time of



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distribution, in either case, as determined under Section 752 of the Code, and (c) in the case of a contribution of Common Units by the General Partner to the Partnership as a Capital Contribution pursuant to Section 5.2(b), an amount per Common Unit contributed equal to the Current Market Price per Common Unit as of the date of the contribution.

*Net Income* means, for any taxable year, the excess, if any, of the Partnership's items of income and gain (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable year over the Partnership's items of loss and deduction (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable year. The items included in the calculation of Net Income shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items specially allocated under Section 6.1(d); provided, that the determination of the items that have been specially allocated under Section 6.1(d) shall be made as if Section 6.1(d)(xii) were not in this Agreement.

*Net Loss* means, for any taxable year, the excess, if any, of the Partnership's items of loss and deduction (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable year over the Partnership's items of income and gain (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable year. The items included in the calculation of Net Loss shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items specially allocated under Section 6.1(d); provided, that the determination of the items that have been specially allocated under Section 6.1(d) shall be made as if Section 6.1(d)(xii) were not in this Agreement.

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

*Net Termination Gain* means, for any taxable year, the sum, if positive, of all items of income, gain, loss or deduction recognized by the Partnership after the Liquidation Date. The items included in the determination of Net Termination Gain shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items of income, gain or loss specially allocated under Section 6.1(d).

*Net Termination Loss* means, for any taxable year, the sum, if negative, of all items of income, gain, loss or deduction recognized by the Partnership after the Liquidation Date. The items included in the determination of Net Termination Loss shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items of income, gain or loss specially allocated under Section 6.1(d).

*Non-citizen Assignee* means a Person whom the General Partner has determined does not constitute an Eligible Citizen and as to whose Partnership Interest the General Partner has become the Substituted Limited Partner, pursuant to Section 4.9.

*Nonrecourse Built-in Gain* means with respect to any Contributed Properties or Adjusted Properties that are subject to a mortgage or pledge securing a Nonrecourse Liability, the amount of any taxable gain that would be allocated to the Partners pursuant to Sections 6.2(b)(i)(A), 6.2(b)(ii)(A) and 6.2(b)(iii) if such properties were disposed of in a taxable transaction in full satisfaction of such liabilities and for no other consideration.

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

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

*Notice of Election to Purchase* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 15.1(b).

*Omnibus Agreement* means that certain Omnibus Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among Spectra Energy Corp., the General Partner and the Partnership, as such agreement may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

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*Operating Expenditures* means all Partnership Group cash expenditures (or the Partnership's proportionate share of expenditures in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned), including, but not limited to, taxes, reimbursements of the General Partner, interest payments, payments made in the ordinary course of business under Interest Rate Hedge Contracts and Commodity Hedge Contracts, Maintenance Capital Expenditures, non-Pro Rata repurchases of Units (other than those made with the proceeds of an Interim Capital Transaction), subject to the following:

(a) payments (including prepayments and prepayment penalties) of principal of and premium on indebtedness shall not constitute Operating Expenditures; and

(b) Operating Expenditures shall not include (i) Expansion Capital Expenditures, (ii) payment of transaction expenses (including taxes) relating to Interim Capital Transactions or (iii) distributions to Partners. Where capital expenditures consist of both Maintenance Capital Expenditures and Expansion Capital Expenditures, the General Partner, with the concurrence of the Conflicts Committee, shall determine the allocation between the portion consisting of Maintenance Capital Expenditures and the portion consisting of Expansion Capital Expenditures.

*Operating Partnership* means Spectra Energy Partners OLP, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and any successors thereto.

*Operating Surplus* means, with respect to any period ending prior to the Liquidation Date, on a cumulative basis and without duplication,

(a) the sum of

(i) an amount equal to the sum of (A) two times the amount needed for any one Quarter for the Partnership to pay the minimum quarterly distribution on all Units (including the General Partner Units) and (B) two times the amount in excess of the minimum quarterly distribution for any quarter to pay a distribution on all Common Units at the same per unit amount as was distributed on the Common Units in excess of the minimum quarterly distribution in the immediately preceding quarter, provided the amount in (B) will be deemed to be Operating Surplus only to the extent that the distribution paid in respect of such amounts is paid on Common Units (or with respect to the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on September 30, 2007, it means the product of (x) \$0.60 multiplied by (C) a fraction of which the numerator is the number of days in such period and the denominator is 92 multiplied by (D) the number of Units and General Partner Units Outstanding on the Record Date with respect to such period), and

(ii) all cash receipts of the Partnership Group (or the Partnership's proportionate share of cash receipts in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) for the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending on the last day of such period, but excluding cash receipts from Interim Capital Transactions (except to the extent specified in Section 6.5 and provided that cash receipts from the termination of a Commodity Hedge Contract or an Interest Rate Hedge Contract prior to its specified termination date shall be included in Operating Surplus in equal quarterly installments over the remaining scheduled life of such Commodity Hedge Contract or Interest Rate Hedge Contract), less

(b) the sum of (i) Operating Expenditures for the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending on the last day of such period and (ii) the amount of cash reserves (or the Partnership's proportionate share of cash reserves in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) established by the General Partner to provide funds for future Operating Expenditures; provided, however, that disbursements made (including contributions to a Group Member or disbursements on behalf of a Group Member) or cash reserves established, increased or reduced after the end of such period but on or before the date of determination of Available Cash with respect to such period shall be deemed to

have been made, established, increased or reduced, for purposes of determining Operating Surplus, within such period if the General Partner so determines.

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

*Opinion of Counsel* means a written opinion of counsel (who may be regular counsel to the Partnership or the General Partner or any of its Affiliates) acceptable to the General Partner.

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*Option Closing Date* means the date or dates on which any Common Units are sold by the Partnership to the Underwriters upon exercise of the Over-Allotment Option.

*Organizational Limited Partner* means Spectra Energy Transmission, LLC in its capacity as the organizational limited partner of the Partnership pursuant to this Agreement.

*Outstanding* means, with respect to Partnership Securities, all Partnership Securities that are issued by the Partnership and reflected as outstanding on the Partnership's books and records as of the date of determination; provided, however, that if at any time any Person or Group (other than the General Partner or its Affiliates) beneficially owns 20% or more of the Outstanding Partnership Securities of any class then Outstanding, all Partnership Securities owned by such Person or Group shall not be voted on any matter and shall not be considered to be Outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of Limited Partners to vote on any matter (unless otherwise required by law), calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes under this Agreement, except that Units so owned shall be considered to be Outstanding for purposes of Section 11.1(b)(iv) (such Units shall not, however, be treated as a separate class of Partnership Securities for purposes of this Agreement); provided, further, that the foregoing limitation shall not apply to (i) any Person or Group who acquired 20% or more of the Outstanding Partnership Securities of any class then Outstanding directly from the General Partner or its Affiliates, (ii) any Person or Group who acquired 20% or more of the Outstanding Partnership Securities of any class then Outstanding directly or indirectly from a Person or Group described in clause (i) provided that the General Partner shall have notified such Person or Group in writing that such limitation shall not apply, or (iii) any Person or Group who acquired 20% or more of any Partnership Securities issued by the Partnership with the prior approval of the Board of Directors of the General Partner.

*Over-Allotment Option* means the over-allotment option granted to the Underwriters by the Partnership pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement.

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

*Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain* has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(2).

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

*Partners* means the General Partner and the Limited Partners.

*Partnership* means Spectra Energy Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership.

*Partnership Group* means the Partnership and its Subsidiaries treated as a single consolidated entity.

*Partnership Interest* means an interest in the Partnership, which shall include the General Partner Interest and Limited Partner Interests.

*Partnership Minimum Gain* means that amount determined in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(d).

*Partnership Security* means any class or series of equity interest in the Partnership (but excluding any options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to an equity interest in the Partnership), including Common Units,

Class B Units, Subordinated Units, General Partner Units and Incentive Distribution Rights.

*Per Unit Capital Amount* means, as of any date of determination, the Capital Account, stated on a per Unit basis, underlying any Unit held by a Person other than the General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner who holds Units.

*Percentage Interest* means as of any date of determination (a) as to the General Partner with respect to General Partner Units and as to any Unitholder or Assignee holding Units, the product obtained by multiplying (i) 100% less the percentage applicable to clause (b) below by (ii) the quotient obtained by

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dividing (A) the number of General Partner Units held by the General Partner or the number of Units held by such Unitholder or Assignee, as the case may be, by (B) the total number of all Outstanding Units and General Partner Units, and (b) as to the holders of other Partnership Securities issued by the Partnership in accordance with Section 5.6, the percentage established as a part of such issuance. The Percentage Interest with respect to an Incentive Distribution Right shall at all times be zero.

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

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

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

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

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

*Record Date* means the date established by the General Partner or otherwise in accordance with this Agreement for determining (a) the identity of the Record Holders entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any meeting of Limited Partners or entitled to vote by ballot or give approval of Partnership action in writing without a meeting or entitled to exercise rights in respect of any lawful action of Limited Partners or (b) the identity of Record Holders entitled to receive any report or distribution or to participate in any offer.

*Record Holder* means the Person in whose name a Common Unit is registered on the books of the Transfer Agent as of the opening of business on a particular Business Day, or with respect to other Partnership Interests, the Person in whose name any such other Partnership Interest is registered on the books that the General Partner has caused to be kept as of the opening of business on such Business Day.

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

*Registration Statement* means the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-141687) as it has been or as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, filed by the Partnership with the Commission under the Securities Act to register the offering and sale of the Common Units in the Initial Offering.

*Remaining Net Positive Adjustments* means as of the end of any taxable period, (i) with respect to the Unitholders holding Common Units, Class B Units or Subordinated Units, the excess of (a) the Net Positive Adjustments of the

Unitholders holding Common Units, Class B Units or Subordinated Units as of the end of such period over (b) the sum of those Partners' Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items for each prior taxable period, (ii) with respect to the General Partner (as holder of the General Partner Units), the excess of (a) the Net Positive Adjustments of the General Partner as of the end of such period over (b) the sum of the General Partner's Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items with respect to the General Partner Units for each prior taxable period, and (iii) with respect to the holders of Incentive

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Distribution Rights, the excess of (a) the Net Positive Adjustments of the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights as of the end of such period over (b) the sum of the Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items of the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights for each prior taxable period.

*Required Allocations* means (a) any limitation imposed on any allocation of Net Losses or Net Termination Losses under Section 6.1(b) or Section 6.1(c)(ii) and (b) any allocation of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(i), Section 6.1(d)(ii), Section 6.1(d)(iv), Section 6.1(d)(vii) or Section 6.1(d)(ix).

*Residual Gain* or *Residual Loss* means any item of gain or loss, as the case may be, of the Partnership recognized for federal income tax purposes resulting from a sale, exchange or other disposition of a Contributed Property or Adjusted Property, to the extent such item of gain or loss is not allocated pursuant to Section 6.2(b)(i)(A) or Section 6.2(b)(ii)(A), respectively, to eliminate Book-Tax Disparities.

*Reset MQD* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.11(e).

*Reset Notice* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.11(b).

*Retained Converted Subordinated Unit* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.5(c)(ii).

*Second Liquidation Target Amount* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.1(c)(i)(F).

*Second Target Distribution* means \$0.375 per Unit per Quarter (or, with respect to the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on September 30, 2007, it means the product of \$0.375 multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is equal to the number of days in such period and of which the denominator is 92), subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 5.11, Section 6.6 and Section 6.9.

*Securities Act* means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time and any successor to such statute.

*Securities Exchange Act* means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time and any successor to such statute.

*Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items* means in connection with any allocation of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items for any taxable period, (i) with respect to the Unitholders holding Common Units, Class B Units or Subordinated Units, the amount that bears the same ratio to such Additional Book Basis Derivative Items as the Unitholders Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of the end of such period bears to the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of that time, (ii) with respect to the General Partner (as holder of the General Partner Units), the amount that bears the same ratio to such Additional Book Basis Derivative Items as the General Partner's Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of the end of such period bears to the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustment as of that time, and (iii) with respect to the Partners holding Incentive Distribution Rights, the amount that bears the same ratio to such Additional Book Basis Derivative Items as the Remaining Net Positive Adjustments of the Partners holding the Incentive Distribution Rights as of the end of such period bears to the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of that time.

*Special Approval* means approval by a majority of the members of the Conflicts Committee.

*Subordinated Unit* means a Partnership Security representing a fractional part of the Partnership Interests of all Limited Partners and Assignees and having the rights and obligations specified with respect to Subordinated Units in this Agreement. The term Subordinated Unit does not include a Common Unit or Class B Unit. A Subordinated Unit

that is convertible into a Common Unit shall not constitute a Common Unit until such conversion occurs.

*Subordination Period* means the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on the first to occur of:

(a) the first date on which there are no longer outstanding any Subordinated Units due to the conversion of Subordinated Units into Common Units pursuant to Section 5.7 or otherwise; and

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(b) the date on which the General Partner is removed as general partner of the Partnership upon the requisite vote by holders of Outstanding Units under circumstances where Cause does not exist and Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates are not voted in favor of such removal.

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

*Substituted Limited Partner* means a Person who is admitted as a Limited Partner to the Partnership pursuant to Section 10.2 in place of and with all the rights of a Limited Partner and who is shown as a Limited Partner on the books and records of the Partnership.

*Surviving Business Entity* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 14.2(b).

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

*Taxation Certification* means a properly completed certificate in such form or forms as may be specified by the General Partner by which a Limited Partner or Assignee certifies that he (and if he is a nominee holding for the account of another Person, that to the best of his knowledge such other Person) is an Eligible Holder and includes a Transfer Application containing such a certification.

*Third Liquidation Target Amount* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.1(c)(i)(G).

*Third Target Distribution* means \$0.45 per Unit per Quarter (or, with respect to the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on September 30, 2007, it means the product of \$0.45 multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is equal to the number of days in such period and of which the denominator is 92), subject to adjustment in accordance with Sections 5.11, 6.6 and 6.9.

*Trading Day* means, for the purpose of determining the Current Market Price of any class of Limited Partner Interests, a day on which the principal National Securities Exchange on which such class of Limited Partner Interests are listed is open for the transaction of business or, if Limited Partner Interests of a class are not listed on any National Securities Exchange, a day on which banking institutions in New York City generally are open.

*transfer* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 4.4(a).

*Transfer Agent* means such bank, trust company or other Person (including the General Partner or one of its Affiliates) as shall be appointed from time to time by the General Partner to act as registrar and transfer agent for the Common Units; provided, that if no Transfer Agent is specifically designated for any other Partnership Securities, the General Partner shall act in such capacity.

*Transfer Application* means an application and agreement for transfer of Units in the form set forth on the back of a Certificate or in a form substantially to the same effect in a separate instrument.

*Underwriter* means each Person named as an underwriter in Schedule I to the Underwriting Agreement who purchases Common Units pursuant thereto.

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*Underwriting Agreement* means that certain Underwriting Agreement dated as of June 26, 2007 among the Underwriters, the Partnership, the General Partner and the other parties thereto, providing for the purchase of Common Units by the Underwriters.

*Unit* means a Partnership Security that is designated as a Unit and shall include Common Units, Class B Units and Subordinated Units but shall not include (i) General Partner Units (or the General Partner Interest represented thereby) or (ii) Incentive Distribution Rights.

*Unit Majority* means (i) during the Subordination Period, at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units (excluding Common Units owned by the General Partner and its Affiliates), voting as a class, and at least a majority of the Outstanding Subordinated Units, voting as a class, and (ii) after the end of the Subordination Period, at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units and Class B Units, if any, voting as a single class.

*Unitholders* means the holders of Units.

*Unpaid MQD* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.1(c)(i)(B).

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

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

*Unrecovered Initial Unit Price* means at any time, with respect to a Unit, the Initial Unit Price less the sum of all distributions constituting Capital Surplus theretofore made in respect of an Initial Common Unit and any distributions of cash (or the Net Agreed Value of any distributions in kind) in connection with the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership theretofore made in respect of an Initial Common Unit, adjusted as the General Partner determines to be appropriate to give effect to any distribution, subdivision or combination of such Units.

*U.S. GAAP* means United States generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied.

*Withdrawal Opinion of Counsel* has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 11.1(b).

Section 1.2 *Construction.*

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

ARTICLE II

ORGANIZATION

Section 2.1 *Formation.*

The General Partner and the Organizational Limited Partner have previously formed the Partnership as a limited partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act and hereby amend and restate the original Agreement of Limited Partnership of Spectra Energy Partners, LP in its entirety. This amendment and

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restatement shall become effective on the date of this Agreement. Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement, the rights, duties (including fiduciary duties), liabilities and obligations of the Partners and the administration, dissolution and termination of the Partnership shall be governed by the Delaware Act. All Partnership Interests shall constitute personal property of the owner thereof for all purposes.

Section 2.2 *Name.*

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

Section 2.3 *Registered Office; Registered Agent; Principal Office; Other Offices*

Unless and until changed by the General Partner, the registered office of the Partnership in the State of Delaware shall be located at 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware 19801, and the registered agent for service of process on the Partnership in the State of Delaware at such registered office shall be The Corporation Trust Company. The principal office of the Partnership shall be located at 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056, or such other place as the General Partner may from time to time designate by notice to the Limited Partners. The Partnership may maintain offices at such other place or places within or outside the State of Delaware as the General Partner shall determine necessary or appropriate. The address of the General Partner shall be 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056, or such other place as the General Partner may from time to time designate by notice to the Limited Partners.

Section 2.4 *Purpose and Business.*

The purpose and nature of the business to be conducted by the Partnership shall be to (a) engage directly in, or enter into or form, hold and dispose of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other arrangement to engage indirectly in, any business activity that is approved by the General Partner and that lawfully may be conducted by a limited partnership organized pursuant to the Delaware Act and, in connection therewith, to exercise all of the rights and powers conferred upon the Partnership pursuant to the agreements relating to such business activity, and (b) do anything necessary or appropriate to the foregoing, including the making of capital contributions or loans to a Group Member; provided, however, that the General Partner shall not cause the Partnership to engage, directly or indirectly, in any business activity that the General Partner determines would cause the Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the General Partner shall have no duty or obligation to propose or approve, and may decline to propose or approve, the conduct by the Partnership of any business free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership, any Limited Partner or any Assignee and, in declining to so propose or approve, shall not be required to act in good faith or pursuant to any other standard imposed by this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity.

Section 2.5 *Powers.*

The Partnership shall be empowered to do any and all acts and things necessary or appropriate for the furtherance and accomplishment of the purposes and business described in Section 2.4 and for the protection and benefit of the Partnership.

Section 2.6 *Power of Attorney.*

(a) Each Limited Partner and each Assignee hereby constitutes and appoints the General Partner and, if a Liquidator shall have been selected pursuant to Section 12.3, the Liquidator (and any successor to the Liquidator by merger, transfer, assignment, election or otherwise) and each of their authorized officers and

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attorneys-in-fact, as the case may be, with full power of substitution, as his true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority in his name, place and stead, to:

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

(ii) execute, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file and record all ballots, consents, approvals, waivers, certificates, documents and other instruments that the General Partner or the Liquidator determines to be necessary or appropriate to (A) make, evidence, give, confirm or ratify any vote, consent, approval, agreement or other action that is made or given by the Partners hereunder or is consistent with the terms of this Agreement or (B) effectuate the terms or intent of this Agreement; provided, that when required by Section 13.3 or any other provision of this Agreement that establishes a percentage of the Limited Partners or of the Limited Partners of any class or series required to take any action, the General Partner and the Liquidator may exercise the power of attorney made in this Section 2.6(a)(ii) only after the necessary vote, consent or approval of the Limited Partners or of the Limited Partners of such class or series, as applicable.

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

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

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Section 2.7 *Term.*

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

Section 2.8 *Title to Partnership Assets.*

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

ARTICLE III

RIGHTS OF LIMITED PARTNERS

Section 3.1 *Limitation of Liability.*

The Limited Partners and the Assignees shall have no liability under this Agreement except as expressly provided in this Agreement or the Delaware Act.

Section 3.2 *Management of Business.*

No Limited Partner or Assignee, in its capacity as such, shall participate in the operation, management or control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership. Any action taken by any Affiliate of the General Partner or any officer, director, employee, manager, member, general partner, agent or trustee of the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, or any officer, director, employee, manager, member, general partner, agent or trustee of a Group Member, in its capacity as such, shall not be deemed to be participation in the control of the business of the Partnership by a limited partner of the Partnership (within the meaning of Section 17-303(a) of the Delaware Act) and shall not affect, impair or eliminate the limitations on the liability of the Limited Partners or Assignees under this Agreement.

Section 3.3 *Outside Activities of the Limited Partners.*

Subject to the provisions of Section 7.5, any Limited Partner or Assignee shall be entitled to and may have business interests and engage in business activities in addition to those relating to the Partnership, including business interests and activities in direct competition with the Partnership Group. Neither the Partnership nor any of the other Partners or Assignees shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement in any business ventures of any Limited Partner or Assignee.

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Section 3.4 *Rights of Limited Partners.*

(a) In addition to other rights provided by this Agreement or by applicable law, and except as limited by Section 3.4(b), each Limited Partner shall have the right, for a purpose reasonably related to such Limited Partner's interest as a Limited Partner in the Partnership, upon reasonable written demand stating the purpose of such demand, and at such Limited Partner's own expense:

(i) to obtain true and full information regarding the status of the business and financial condition of the Partnership;

(ii) promptly after its becoming available, to obtain a copy of the Partnership's federal, state and local income tax returns for each year;

(iii) to obtain a current list of the name and last known business, residence or mailing address of each Partner;

(iv) to obtain a copy of this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership and all amendments thereto, together with copies of the executed copies of all powers of attorney pursuant to which this Agreement, the Certificate of Limited Partnership and all amendments thereto have been executed;

(v) to obtain true and full information regarding the amount of cash and a description and statement of the Net Agreed Value of any other Capital Contribution by each Partner and that each Partner has agreed to contribute in the future, and the date on which each became a Partner; and

(vi) to obtain such other information regarding the affairs of the Partnership as is just and reasonable.

(b) The General Partner may keep confidential from the Limited Partners and Assignees, for such period of time as the General Partner deems reasonable, (i) any information that the General Partner reasonably believes to be in the nature of trade secrets or (ii) other information the disclosure of which the General Partner in good faith believes (A) is not in the best interests of the Partnership Group, (B) could damage the Partnership Group or its business or (C) that any Group Member is required by law or by agreement with any third party to keep confidential (other than agreements with Affiliates of the Partnership the primary purpose of which is to circumvent the obligations set forth in this Section 3.4).

ARTICLE IV

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

Section 4.1 *Certificates.*

Upon the Partnership's issuance of Common Units, Subordinated Units or Class B Units to any Person, the Partnership shall issue, upon the request of such Person, one or more Certificates in the name of such Person (or, if issued in global form, in the name of the Depositary or its nominee) evidencing the number of such Units being so issued. In addition, (a) upon the General Partner's request, the Partnership shall issue to it one or more Certificates in the name of the General Partner evidencing its General Partner Units and (b) upon the request of any Person owning Incentive Distribution Rights or any other Partnership Securities other than Common Units, Subordinated Units or Class B Units, the Partnership shall issue to such Person one or more certificates evidencing such Incentive Distribution Rights or other Partnership Securities other than Common Units, Subordinated Units or Class B Units. Certificates shall be executed on behalf of the Partnership by the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief

Financial Officer or any Vice President and the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or other authorized officer or director of the General Partner. No Common Unit Certificate shall be valid for any purpose until it has been countersigned by the Transfer Agent; provided, however, the Units may be certificated or uncertificated as provided in the Delaware Act; provided, further, that if the General Partner elects to issue Common Units in global form, the Common Unit Certificates shall be valid upon receipt of a certificate from the Transfer Agent certifying that

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the Common Units have been duly registered in accordance with the directions of the Partnership. Subject to the requirements of Section 6.7(b) and Section 6.7(c), the Partners holding Certificates evidencing Subordinated Units may exchange such Certificates for Certificates evidencing Common Units on or after the date on which such Subordinated Units are converted into Common Units pursuant to the terms of Section 5.7. Subject to the requirements of Section 6.7(e), the Partners holding Certificates evidencing Class B Units may exchange such Certificates for Certificates evidencing Common Units on or after the period set forth in Section 5.11(f) pursuant to the terms of Section 5.11.

### *Section 4.2 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Certificates.*

(a) If any mutilated Certificate is surrendered to the Transfer Agent (for Common Units) or the General Partner (for Partnership Securities other than Common Units), the appropriate officers of the General Partner on behalf of the Partnership shall execute, and the Transfer Agent (for Common Units) or the General Partner (for Partnership Securities other than Common Units) shall countersign and deliver in exchange therefor, a new Certificate evidencing the same number and type of Partnership Securities as the Certificate so surrendered.

(b) The appropriate officers of the General Partner on behalf of the Partnership shall execute and deliver, and the Transfer Agent (for Common Units) shall countersign, a new Certificate in place of any Certificate previously issued, or issue uncertificated Common Units, if the Record Holder of the Certificate:

(i) makes proof by affidavit, in form and substance satisfactory to the General Partner, that a previously issued Certificate has been lost, destroyed or stolen;

(ii) requests the issuance of a new Certificate or the issuance of uncertificated Units before the General Partner has notice that the Certificate has been acquired by a purchaser for value in good faith and without notice of an adverse claim;

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

(iv) satisfies any other reasonable requirements imposed by the General Partner.

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

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

### *Section 4.3 Record Holders.*

The Partnership shall be entitled to recognize the Record Holder as the Partner or Assignee with respect to any Partnership Interest and, accordingly, shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to, or interest in,

such Partnership Interest on the part of any other Person, regardless of whether the Partnership shall have actual or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by law or any applicable rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which such Partnership Interests are listed or admitted to trading. Without limiting the foregoing, when a Person (such as a broker, dealer, bank, trust company or clearing corporation or an agent of any of the foregoing) is acting as nominee, agent or in some other representative capacity for another Person in acquiring and/or holding

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Partnership Interests, as between the Partnership on the one hand, and such other Persons on the other, such representative Person (a) shall be the Partner or Assignee (as the case may be) of record and beneficially, and (b) shall be bound by this Agreement and shall have the rights and obligations of a Partner or Assignee (as the case may be) hereunder and as, and to the extent, provided for herein.

Section 4.4 *Transfer Generally.*

(a) The term transfer, when used in this Agreement with respect to a Partnership Interest, shall be deemed to refer to a transaction (i) by which the General Partner assigns its General Partner Units to another Person or by which a holder of Incentive Distribution Rights assigns its Incentive Distribution Rights to another Person, and includes a sale, assignment, gift, pledge, encumbrance, hypothecation, mortgage, exchange or any other disposition by law or otherwise or (ii) by which the holder of a Limited Partner Interest (other than an Incentive Distribution Right) assigns such Limited Partner Interest to another Person who is or becomes a Limited Partner or an Assignee, and includes a sale, assignment, gift, exchange or any other disposition by law or otherwise, excluding a pledge, encumbrance, hypothecation or mortgage but including any transfer upon foreclosure of any pledge, encumbrance, hypothecation or mortgage.

(b) No Partnership Interest shall be transferred, in whole or in part, except in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Article IV. Any transfer or purported transfer of a Partnership Interest not made in accordance with this Article IV shall be null and void.

(c) Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent a disposition by any stockholder, member, partner or other owner of the General Partner of any or all of the shares of stock, membership interests, partnership interests or other ownership interests in the General Partner.

Section 4.5 *Registration and Transfer of Limited Partner Interests.*

(a) The General Partner shall keep or cause to be kept on behalf of the Partnership a register in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe and subject to the provisions of Section 4.5(b), the Partnership will provide for the registration and transfer of Limited Partner Interests. The Transfer Agent is hereby appointed registrar and transfer agent for the purpose of registering Common Units and transfers of such Common Units as herein provided. The Partnership shall not recognize transfers of Certificates evidencing Limited Partner Interests unless such transfers are effected in the manner described in this Section 4.5. Upon surrender of a Certificate for registration of transfer of any Limited Partner Interests evidenced by a Certificate, and subject to the provisions of Section 4.5(b), the appropriate officers of the General Partner on behalf of the Partnership shall execute and deliver, and in the case of Common Units, the Transfer Agent shall countersign and deliver, in the name of the holder or the designated transferee or transferees, as required pursuant to the holder's instructions, one or more new Certificates evidencing the same aggregate number and type of Limited Partner Interests as was evidenced by the Certificate so surrendered.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in Section 4.9, the General Partner shall not recognize any transfer of Limited Partner Interests until the Certificates evidencing such Limited Partner Interests are surrendered for registration of transfer and such Certificates are accompanied by a Transfer Application, properly completed and including a Taxation Certification, duly executed by the transferee (or the transferee's attorney-in-fact duly authorized in writing). No charge shall be imposed by the General Partner for such transfer; provided, that as a condition to the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section 4.5, the General Partner may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed with respect thereto. No distributions or allocations will be made in respect of the Limited Partner Interests until a properly completed Transfer Application has been delivered with respect to such Limited Partner Interests.



(c) Upon the receipt of proper transfer instructions from the registered owner of uncertificated Common Units, such uncertificated Common Units shall be cancelled, issuance of new equivalent uncertificated Common Units or Certificates shall be made to the holder of Common Units entitled thereto and the transaction shall be recorded upon the books of the Partnership.

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(d) Limited Partner Interests may be transferred only in the manner described in this Section 4.5. The transfer of any Limited Partner Interests and the admission of any new Limited Partner shall not constitute an amendment to this Agreement.

(e) Until admitted as a Substituted Limited Partner pursuant to Section 10.2, the Record Holder of a Limited Partner Interest shall be an Assignee in respect of such Limited Partner Interest. Limited Partners may include custodians, nominees or any other individual or entity in its own or any representative capacity.

(f) A transferee of a Limited Partner Interest who has completed and delivered a Transfer Application shall be deemed to have (i) requested admission as a Substituted Limited Partner, (ii) agreed to comply with and be bound by and to have executed this Agreement, (iii) represented and warranted that such transferee has the right, power and authority and, if an individual, the capacity to enter into this Agreement, (iv) granted the powers of attorney set forth in this Agreement, and (v) given the consents and approvals and made the waivers contained in this Agreement.

(g) The General Partner and its Affiliates shall have the right at any time to transfer their Subordinated Units, Class B Units and Common Units (whether issued upon conversion of the Subordinated Units or otherwise) to one or more Persons.

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

(a) Subject to Section 4.6(c) below, prior to June 30, 2017, the General Partner shall not transfer all or any part of its General Partner Interest (represented by General Partner Units) to a Person unless such transfer (i) has been approved by the prior written consent or vote of the holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units (excluding Common Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates) or (ii) is of all, but not less than all, of its General Partner Interest to (A) an Affiliate of the General Partner (other than an individual) or (B) another Person (other than an individual) in connection with the merger or consolidation of the General Partner with or into such other Person or the transfer by the General Partner of all or substantially all of its assets to such other Person.

(b) Subject to Section 4.6(c) below, on or after June 30, 2017, the General Partner may transfer all or any of its General Partner Interest without Unitholder approval.

(c) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no transfer by the General Partner of all or any part of its General Partner Interest to another Person shall be permitted unless (i) the transferee agrees to assume the rights and duties of the General Partner under this Agreement and to be bound by the provisions of this Agreement, (ii) the Partnership receives an Opinion of Counsel that such transfer would not result in the loss of limited liability of any Limited Partner under the Delaware Act or cause the Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not already so treated or taxed) and (iii) such transferee also agrees to purchase all (or the appropriate portion thereof, if applicable) of the partnership or membership interest of the General Partner as the general partner or managing member, if any, of each other Group Member. In the case of a transfer pursuant to and in compliance with this Section 4.6, the transferee or successor (as the case may be) shall, subject to compliance with the terms of Section 10.3, be admitted to the Partnership as the General Partner immediately prior to the transfer of the General Partner Interest, and the business of the Partnership shall continue without dissolution.

*Section 4.7 Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights.*

Prior to June 30, 2017, a holder of Incentive Distribution Rights may transfer any or all of the Incentive Distribution Rights held by such holder without any consent of the Unitholders to (a) an Affiliate of such holder (other than an

individual) or (b) another Person (other than an individual) in connection with (i) the merger or consolidation of such holder of Incentive Distribution Rights with or into such other Person, (ii) the transfer by such holder of all or substantially all of its assets to such other Person or (iii) the sale of all the ownership interests in such holder. Any other transfer of the Incentive Distribution Rights prior to June 30, 2017 shall require the prior approval of holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units (excluding Common Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates). On

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or after June 30, 2017, the General Partner or any other holder of Incentive Distribution Rights may transfer any or all of its Incentive Distribution Rights without Unitholder approval. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the transfer of Class B Units issued pursuant to Section 5.11, or the transfer of Common Units issued upon conversion of the Class B Units, shall not be treated as a transfer of all or any part of the Incentive Distribution Rights and (ii) no transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights to another Person shall be permitted unless the transferee agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 4.8 *Restrictions on Transfers.*

(a) Except as provided in Section 4.8(e) below, and notwithstanding the other provisions of this Article IV, no transfer of any Partnership Interests shall be made if such transfer would (i) violate the then applicable federal or state securities laws or rules and regulations of the Commission, any state securities commission or any other governmental authority with jurisdiction over such transfer, (ii) terminate the existence or qualification of the Partnership under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, or (iii) cause the Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not already so treated or taxed).

(b) The General Partner may impose restrictions on the transfer of Partnership Interests if it receives an Opinion of Counsel that such restrictions are necessary to avoid a significant risk of the Partnership becoming taxable as a corporation or otherwise becoming taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes. The General Partner may impose such restrictions by amending this Agreement; provided, however, that any amendment that would result in the delisting or suspension of trading of any class of Limited Partner Interests on the principal National Securities Exchange on which such class of Limited Partner Interests is then listed or admitted to trading must be approved, prior to such amendment being effected, by the holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests of such class.

(c) The transfer of a Subordinated Unit that has converted into a Common Unit shall be subject to the restrictions imposed by Section 6.7(c).

(d) The transfer of a Class B Unit that has converted into a Common Unit shall be subject to the restrictions imposed by Section 6.7(e).

(e) Nothing contained in this Article IV, or elsewhere in this Agreement, shall preclude the settlement of any transactions involving Partnership Interests entered into through the facilities of any National Securities Exchange on which such Partnership Interests are listed or admitted to trading.

(f) Each certificate evidencing Partnership Interests shall bear a conspicuous legend in substantially the following form:

THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY ACKNOWLEDGES FOR THE BENEFIT OF SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP THAT THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE SOLD, OFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IF SUCH TRANSFER WOULD (A) VIOLATE THE THEN APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY WITH JURISDICTION OVER SUCH TRANSFER, (B) TERMINATE THE EXISTENCE OR QUALIFICATION OF SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, OR (C) CAUSE SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP TO BE TREATED AS AN ASSOCIATION TAXABLE AS A CORPORATION OR OTHERWISE TO BE TAXED AS AN ENTITY FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES (TO THE EXTENT NOT ALREADY SO TREATED OR TAXED). SPECTRA ENERGY

PARTNERS (DE) GP, LP, THE GENERAL PARTNER OF SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP, MAY IMPOSE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF THIS SECURITY IF IT RECEIVES AN OPINION OF COUNSEL THAT SUCH RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO AVOID A SIGNIFICANT RISK OF SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP BECOMING TAXABLE AS A CORPORATION OR OTHERWISE BECOMING TAXABLE AS AN ENTITY

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FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES. THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH ABOVE SHALL NOT PRECLUDE THE SETTLEMENT OF ANY TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THIS SECURITY ENTERED INTO THROUGH THE FACILITIES OF ANY NATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE ON WHICH THIS SECURITY IS LISTED OR ADMITTED TO TRADING.

Section 4.9 *Tax Certifications; Ineligible Holders; Citizenship Certificates; Non-citizen Assignees.*

(a) If a transferee of a Limited Partner Interest fails to furnish a properly completed Taxation Certification in a Transfer Application or if, upon receipt of such Taxation Certification or otherwise, the General Partner determines that such transferee is not an Eligible Holder, the Limited Partner Interests owned by such transferee shall be subject to redemption in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.10.

(b) The General Partner may request any Limited Partner or Assignee to furnish to the General Partner, within 30 days after receipt of such request, an executed Taxation Certification or such other information concerning his federal income tax status with respect to the income and loss generated by the Partnership (or, if the Limited Partner or Assignee is a nominee holding for the account of another Person, the federal income tax status of such Person) as the General Partner may request. If a Limited Partner or Assignee fails to furnish to the General Partner within the aforementioned 30-day period such Taxation Certification or other requested information or if upon receipt of such Taxation Certification or other requested information the General Partner determines that a Limited Partner or Assignee is not an Eligible Holder, the Limited Partner Interests owned by such Limited Partner or Assignee shall be subject to redemption in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.10. In addition, the General Partner may require that the status of any such Limited Partner or Assignee be changed to that of an Ineligible Holder and, thereupon, such Non-citizen Assignee shall cease to be a Partner and shall have no voting rights in respect of his Limited Partner Interests. The General Partner shall be substituted for such Ineligible Holder as the Limited Partner or Assignee in respect of the Ineligible Holder's Limited Partner Interests and shall vote such Limited Partner Interests in accordance with Section 4.9(b).

(c) If any Group Member is or becomes subject to any federal, state or local law or regulation that the General Partner determines would create a substantial risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any property in which the Group Member has an interest based on the nationality, citizenship or other related status of a Limited Partner or Assignee, the General Partner may request any Limited Partner or Assignee to furnish to the General Partner, within 30 days after receipt of such request, an executed Citizenship Certification or such other information concerning his nationality, citizenship or other related status (or, if the Limited Partner or Assignee is a nominee holding for the account of another Person, the nationality, citizenship or other related status of such Person) as the General Partner may request. If a Limited Partner or Assignee fails to furnish to the General Partner within the aforementioned 30-day period such Citizenship Certification or other requested information or if upon receipt of such Citizenship Certification or other requested information the General Partner determines that a Limited Partner or Assignee is not an Eligible Citizen, the Limited Partner Interests owned by such Limited Partner or Assignee shall be subject to redemption in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.10. In addition, the General Partner may require that the status of any such Limited Partner or Assignee be changed to that of a Non-citizen Assignee and, thereupon, the General Partner shall be substituted for such Non-citizen Assignee as the Limited Partner in respect of the Non-citizen Assignee's Limited Partner Interests.

(d) The General Partner shall, in exercising voting rights in respect of Limited Partner Interests held by it on behalf of Non-citizen Assignees or Ineligible Holders, distribute the votes in the same ratios as the votes of Partners (including the General Partner) in respect of Limited Partner Interests other than those of Non-citizen Assignees or Ineligible Holders are cast, either for, against or abstaining as to the matter.

(e) Upon dissolution of the Partnership, a Non-citizen Assignee or Ineligible Holder shall have no right to receive a distribution in kind pursuant to Section 12.4 but shall be entitled to the cash equivalent thereof, and the Partnership shall provide cash in exchange for an assignment of the Non-citizen Assignee's or Ineligible Holder's share of any distribution in kind. Such payment and assignment shall be treated for

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Partnership purposes as a purchase by the Partnership from the Non-citizen Assignee or Ineligible Holder of his Limited Partner Interest (representing his right to receive his share of such distribution in kind).

(f) At any time after an Ineligible Holder can and does certify that it has become an Eligible Holder, such Ineligible Holder may, upon application to the General Partner, request admission as a Substituted Limited Partner with respect to any Limited Partner Interests of such Ineligible Holder not redeemed pursuant to Section 4.10, and upon admission of such Ineligible Holder pursuant to Section 10.2, the General Partner shall cease to be deemed to be the Limited Partner in respect of such Ineligible Holder's Limited Partner Interests.

(g) At any time after he can and does certify that he has become an Eligible Citizen, a Non-citizen Assignee may, upon application to the General Partner, request admission as a Substituted Limited Partner with respect to any Limited Partner Interests of such Non-citizen Assignee not redeemed pursuant to Section 4.10, and upon admission of such Non-citizen Assignee pursuant to Section 10.2, the General Partner shall cease to be deemed to be the Limited Partner in respect of the Non-citizen Assignee's Limited Partner Interests.

*Section 4.10 Redemption of Partnership Interests of Non-citizen and Ineligible Holders.*

(a) If at any time a Limited Partner, Assignee or transferee fails to furnish a Citizenship Certification, Taxation Certification or other information requested within the 30-day period specified in Section 4.9(b) or 4.9(c) or in a Transfer Application, or if upon receipt of such Citizenship Certification, Taxation Certification, Transfer Application or other information the General Partner determines, with the advice of counsel, that a Limited Partner, Assignee or transferee is not an Eligible Citizen or Eligible Holder, as the case may be, the Partnership may, unless the Limited Partner, Assignee or transferee establishes to the satisfaction of the General Partner that such Limited Partner, Assignee or transferee is an Eligible Citizen or Eligible Holder, as the case may be, or has transferred his Partnership Interests to a Person who is an Eligible Citizen or Eligible Holder, as the case may be, and who furnishes a Citizenship Certification or Taxation Certificate, as the case may be, to the General Partner prior to the date fixed for redemption as provided below, redeem the Limited Partner Interest of such Limited Partner, Assignee or transferee as follows:

(i) The General Partner shall, not later than the 30th day before the date fixed for redemption, give notice of redemption to the Limited Partner, Assignee or transferee, at his last address designated on the records of the Partnership or the Transfer Agent, by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid. The notice shall be deemed to have been given when so mailed. The notice shall specify the Redeemable Interests or, if uncertificated, upon receipt of evidence satisfactory to the General Partner of the ownership of the Redeemable Interests, the date fixed for redemption, the place of payment, that payment of the redemption price will be made upon surrender of the Certificate evidencing the Redeemable Interests and that on and after the date fixed for redemption no further allocations or distributions to which such person would otherwise be entitled in respect of the Redeemable Interests will accrue or be made.

(ii) The aggregate redemption price for Redeemable Interests shall be an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the Current Market Price (the date of determination of which shall be the date fixed for redemption) of Limited Partner Interests of the class to be so redeemed and (ii) the price paid for such Limited Partner Interests by the Limited Partner, Assignee or transferee. The redemption price shall be paid, as determined by the General Partner, in cash or by delivery of a promissory note of the Partnership in the principal amount of the redemption price, bearing interest at the rate of 5% annually and payable in three equal annual installments of principal together with accrued interest, commencing one year after the redemption date.

(iii) Upon surrender by or on behalf of the Limited Partner, Assignee or transferee, at the place specified in the notice of redemption, of (x) if certificated, the Certificate evidencing the Redeemable Interests, duly endorsed in blank or accompanied by an assignment duly executed in blank, or (y) if uncertificated, upon receipt of evidence satisfactory to



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Redeemable Interests, the Limited Partner, Assignee or transferee or his duly authorized representative shall be entitled to receive the payment therefor.

(iv) After the redemption date, Redeemable Interests shall no longer constitute issued and Outstanding Limited Partner Interests.

(b) The provisions of this Section 4.10 shall also be applicable to Limited Partner Interests held by a Limited Partner or Assignee as nominee of a Person determined to be other than an Eligible Citizen or Eligible Holder, as the case may be.

(c) Nothing in this Section 4.10 shall prevent the recipient of a notice of redemption from transferring his Limited Partner Interest before the redemption date if such transfer is otherwise permitted under this Agreement. Upon receipt of notice of such a transfer, the General Partner shall withdraw the notice of redemption, provided the transferee of such Limited Partner Interest certifies to the satisfaction of the General Partner that he is an Eligible Citizen or Eligible Holder, as the case may be. If the transferee fails to make such certification, such redemption shall be effected from the transferee on the original redemption date.

ARTICLE V

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ISSUANCE OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS

Section 5.1 *Organizational Contributions.*

In connection with the formation of the Partnership under the Delaware Act, the General Partner made an initial Capital Contribution to the Partnership in the amount of \$60.00, for a 2% General Partner Interest in the Partnership and has been admitted as the General Partner of the Partnership, and the Organizational Limited Partner made an initial Capital Contribution to the Partnership in the amount of \$2,940.00 for a 98% Limited Partner Interest in the Partnership and has been admitted as a Limited Partner of the Partnership. As of the Closing Date, the interest of the Organizational Limited Partner, or its successor, shall be redeemed as provided in the Contribution Agreement; and the initial Capital Contribution of the Organizational Limited Partner, or its successor, shall thereupon be refunded. Ninety-eight percent of any interest or other profit that may have resulted from the investment or other use of such initial Capital Contribution shall be allocated and distributed to the Organizational Limited Partner, or its successor, and the balance thereof shall be allocated and distributed to the General Partner.

Section 5.2 *Contributions by the General Partner and its Affiliates.*

(a) On the Closing Date and pursuant to the Contribution Agreement: (i) the General Partner shall contribute to the Partnership, as a Capital Contribution, all of its interest in Spectra GP MHP Holding, LLC and Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C., in exchange for (A) 1,352,421 General Partner Units representing a continuation of its 2% General Partner Interest, subject to all of the rights, privileges and duties of the General Partner under this Agreement, (B) 1,500,000 Common Units, (C) the Incentive Distribution Rights, (D) the right to receive \$288.1 million sourced to new debt recourse to the General Partner, and (E) the right to receive \$0.3 million to reimburse it for certain capital expenditures; (ii) Spectra Energy Transmission, LLC shall contribute to the Partnership, as a Capital Contribution, all of its interest in Spectra Energy Partners MHP Holdings, LLC, in exchange for (A) 7,873,950 Common Units, (B) 5,142,858 Subordinated Units and (C) the right to receive \$25.7 million to reimburse it for certain capital expenditures; and (iii) Spectra Energy Southeast Pipeline Corp. shall contribute to the Partnership, as a Capital Contribution, a portion of its interest in Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C., as set forth in the Contribution Agreement, and all of its interest in East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC, in exchange for (A) 25,255,930 Common Units and (B) 16,495,872 Subordinated Units.

(b) Upon the issuance of any additional Limited Partner Interests by the Partnership (other than the Common Units issued in the Initial Offering, the Common Units issued pursuant to the Over-Allotment Option, the Common Units and Subordinated Units issued pursuant to Section 5.2(a), any Class B Units issued pursuant to Section 5.11 and any Common Units issued upon conversion of Class B Units), the

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General Partner may, in exchange for a proportionate number of General Partner Units, make additional Capital Contributions in an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying (i) the quotient determined by dividing (A) the General Partner's Percentage Interest immediately prior to the issuance of such additional Limited Partner Interests by the Partnership by (B) 100 less the General Partner's Percentage Interest immediately prior to the issuance of such additional Limited Partner Interests by the Partnership times (ii) the amount contributed to the Partnership by the Limited Partners in exchange for such additional Limited Partner Interests. Except as set forth in Article XII, the General Partner shall not be obligated to make any additional Capital Contributions to the Partnership.

### *Section 5.3 Contributions by Initial Limited Partners.*

(a) On the Closing Date and pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, each Underwriter shall contribute to the Partnership cash in an amount equal to the Issue Price per Initial Common Unit, multiplied by the number of Common Units specified in the Underwriting Agreement to be purchased by such Underwriter at the Closing Date. In exchange for such Capital Contributions by the Underwriters, the Partnership shall issue Common Units to each Underwriter on whose behalf such Capital Contribution is made in an amount equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the cash contribution to the Partnership by or on behalf of such Underwriter by (ii) the Issue Price per Initial Common Unit.

(b) Upon the exercise of the Over-Allotment Option, each Underwriter shall contribute to the Partnership cash in an amount equal to the Issue Price per Initial Common Unit, multiplied by the number of Common Units to be purchased by such Underwriter at the Option Closing Date. In exchange for such Capital Contributions by the Underwriters, the Partnership shall issue Common Units to each Underwriter on whose behalf such Capital Contribution is made in an amount equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the cash contributions to the Partnership by or on behalf of such Underwriter by (ii) the Issue Price per Initial Common Unit. Upon receipt by the Partnership of the Capital Contributions from the Underwriters as provided in this Section 5.3(b), the Partnership shall use such cash to purchase qualifying investment grade securities, which will be assigned as collateral to secure borrowings that are, in turn, used to redeem from the General Partner or its Affiliates that number of Common Units held by the General Partner or its Affiliates equal to the number of Common Units issued to the Underwriters as provided in this Section 5.3(b).

(c) No Limited Partner Interests will be issued or issuable as of or at the Closing Date other than (i) the Common Units issuable pursuant to subparagraph (a) hereof in aggregate number equal to 10,000,000, (ii) the *Option Units* as such term is used in the Underwriting Agreement in an aggregate number up to 1,500,000 issuable upon exercise of the Over-Allotment Option pursuant to subparagraph (b) hereof, (iii) the 34,629,880 Common Units and 21,638,730 Subordinated Units issuable pursuant to Section 5.2(a) hereof and (iv) the Incentive Distribution Rights.

### *Section 5.4 Interest and Withdrawal of Capital Contributions.*

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

### *Section 5.5 Capital Accounts.*

(a) The Partnership shall maintain for each Partner (or a beneficial owner of Partnership Interests held by a nominee in any case in which the nominee has furnished the identity of such owner to the Partnership in accordance with Section 6031(c) of the Code or any other method acceptable to the General Partner) owning a Partnership Interest a

separate Capital Account with respect to such Partnership Interest in accordance with the rules of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv). Such Capital Account

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shall be increased by (i) the amount of all Capital Contributions made to the Partnership with respect to such Partnership Interest and (ii) all items of Partnership income and gain (including income and gain exempt from tax) computed in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and allocated with respect to such Partnership Interest pursuant to Section 6.1, and decreased by (x) the amount of cash or Net Agreed Value of all actual and deemed distributions of cash or property made with respect to such Partnership Interest and (y) all items of Partnership deduction and loss computed in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and allocated with respect to such Partnership Interest pursuant to Section 6.1.

(b) For purposes of computing the amount of any item of income, gain, loss or deduction which is to be allocated pursuant to Article VI and is to be reflected in the Partners' Capital Accounts, the determination, recognition and classification of any such item shall be the same as its determination, recognition and classification for federal income tax purposes (including any method of depreciation, cost recovery or amortization used for that purpose), provided, that:

(i) Solely for purposes of this Section 5.5, the Partnership shall be treated as owning directly its proportionate share (as determined by the General Partner based upon the provisions of the applicable Group Member Agreement or governing, organizational or similar documents) of all property owned by any other Group Member that is classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes and (y) any other partnership, limited liability company, unincorporated business or other entity classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes of which a Group Member is, directly or indirectly, a partner.

(ii) All fees and other expenses incurred by the Partnership to promote the sale of (or to sell) a Partnership Interest that can neither be deducted nor amortized under Section 709 of the Code, if any, shall, for purposes of Capital Account maintenance, be treated as an item of deduction at the time such fees and other expenses are incurred and shall be allocated among the Partners pursuant to Section 6.1.

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

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

(v) In accordance with the requirements of Section 704(b) of the Code, any deductions for depreciation, cost recovery or amortization attributable to any Contributed Property shall be determined as if the adjusted basis of such property on the date it was acquired by the Partnership were equal to the Agreed Value of such property. Upon an adjustment pursuant to Section 5.5(d) to the Carrying Value of any Partnership property subject to depreciation, cost recovery or amortization, any further deductions for such depreciation, cost recovery or amortization attributable to such property shall be determined as if the adjusted basis of such property were equal to the Carrying Value of such property immediately following such adjustment.

(vi) If the Partnership's adjusted basis in a depreciable or cost recovery property is reduced for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 48(q)(1) or 48(q)(3) of the Code, the amount of such reduction shall, solely for purposes

hereof, be deemed to be an additional depreciation or cost recovery deduction in the year such property is placed in service and shall be allocated among the Partners pursuant to Section 6.1. Any restoration of such basis pursuant to Section 48(q)(2) of the

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Code shall, to the extent possible, be allocated in the same manner to the Partners to whom such deemed deduction was allocated.

(c) (i) A transferee of a Partnership Interest shall succeed to a Pro Rata portion of the Capital Account of the transferor relating to the Partnership Interest so transferred.

(ii) Subject to Section 6.7(c), immediately prior to the transfer of a Subordinated Unit or of a Subordinated Unit that has converted into a Common Unit pursuant to Section 5.7 by a holder thereof (other than a transfer to an Affiliate unless the General Partner elects to have this subparagraph 5.5(c)(ii) apply), the Capital Account maintained for such Person with respect to its Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units will (A) first, be allocated to the Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units to be transferred in an amount equal to the product of (x) the number of such Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units to be transferred and (y) the Per Unit Capital Amount for a Common Unit, and (B) second, any remaining balance in such Capital Account will be retained by the transferor, regardless of whether it has retained any Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units ( *Retained Converted Subordinated Units* ). Following any such allocation, the transferor's Capital Account, if any, maintained with respect to the retained Subordinated Units or Retained Converted Subordinated Units, if any, will have a balance equal to the amount allocated under clause (B) hereinabove, and the transferee's Capital Account established with respect to the transferred Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units will have a balance equal to the amount allocated under clause (A) hereinabove.

(d) (i) In accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(f), on an issuance of additional Partnership Interests for cash or Contributed Property, the issuance of Partnership Interests as consideration for the provision of services or the conversion of the General Partner's Combined Interest to Common Units pursuant to Section 11.3(b), the Capital Account of each Partner and the Carrying Value of each Partnership property immediately prior to such issuance shall be adjusted upward or downward to reflect any Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such Partnership property, as if such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss had been recognized on an actual sale of each such property immediately prior to such issuance and had been allocated to the Partners at such time pursuant to Section 6.1 in the same manner as any item of gain or loss actually recognized during such period would have been allocated. In determining such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss, the aggregate cash amount and fair market value of all Partnership assets (including cash or cash equivalents) immediately prior to the issuance of additional Partnership Interests shall be determined by the General Partner using such method of valuation as it may adopt; provided, however, that the General Partner, in arriving at such valuation, must take fully into account the fair market value of the Partnership Interests of all Partners at such time. The General Partner shall allocate such aggregate value among the assets of the Partnership (in such manner as it determines) to arrive at a fair market value for individual properties.

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





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*Section 5.6 Issuances of Additional Partnership Securities.*

(a) The Partnership may issue additional Partnership Securities and options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to the Partnership Securities for any Partnership purpose at any time and from time to time to such Persons for such consideration and on such terms and conditions as the General Partner shall determine, all without the approval of any Limited Partners.

(b) Each additional Partnership Security authorized to be issued by the Partnership pursuant to Section 5.6(a) may be issued in one or more classes, or one or more series of any such classes, with such designations, preferences, rights, powers and duties (which may be senior to existing classes and series of Partnership Securities), as shall be fixed by the General Partner, including (i) the right to share in Partnership profits and losses or items thereof; (ii) the right to share in Partnership distributions; (iii) the rights upon dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership; (iv) whether, and the terms and conditions upon which, the Partnership may or shall be required to redeem the Partnership Security; (v) whether such Partnership Security is issued with the privilege of conversion or exchange and, if so, the terms and conditions of such conversion or exchange; (vi) the terms and conditions upon which each Partnership Security will be issued, evidenced by certificates and assigned or transferred; (vii) the method for determining the Percentage Interest as to such Partnership Security; and (viii) the right, if any, of each such Partnership Security to vote on Partnership matters, including matters relating to the relative rights, preferences and privileges of such Partnership Security.

(c) The General Partner shall take all actions that it determines to be necessary or appropriate in connection with (i) each issuance of Partnership Securities and options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to Partnership Securities pursuant to this Section 5.6, (ii) the conversion of the General Partner Interest (represented by General Partner Units) or any Incentive Distribution Rights into Units pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, (iii) the issuance of Class B Units pursuant to Section 5.11 and the conversion of Class B Units into Common Units pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, (iv) the admission of Additional Limited Partners and (v) all additional issuances of Partnership Securities. The General Partner shall determine the relative rights, powers and duties of the holders of the Units or other Partnership Securities being so issued. The General Partner shall do all things necessary to comply with the Delaware Act and is authorized and directed to do all things that it determines to be necessary or appropriate in connection with any future issuance of Partnership Securities or in connection with the conversion of the General Partner Interest or any Incentive Distribution Rights into Units pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, including compliance with any statute, rule, regulation or guideline of any federal, state or other governmental agency or any National Securities Exchange on which the Units or other Partnership Securities are listed or admitted to trading.

(d) No fractional Units shall be issued by the Partnership.

*Section 5.7 Conversion of Subordinated Units.*

(a) All of the Subordinated Units shall convert into Common Units on a one-for-one basis on the first Business Day of any Quarter beginning after June 30, 2010 in respect of which:

(i) distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus on each of the Outstanding Common Units, Subordinated Units and General Partner Units and any other Outstanding Units that are senior or equal in right of distribution to the Subordinated Units with respect to each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-Quarter periods immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded the sum of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all Outstanding Common Units, Subordinated Units and General Partner Units and any other Outstanding Units that are senior or equal in right of distribution to the Subordinated Units during such periods;

(ii) the Adjusted Operating Surplus generated during each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-Quarter periods immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded the sum of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all of the Common Units, Subordinated Units and General Partner Units and any other Units that are senior or equal in right of distribution to the Subordinated Units that were Outstanding during such periods on a Fully Diluted Basis; and

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(iii) there are no Cumulative Common Unit Arrearages.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 5.7(a), the Subordination Period shall terminate and all Outstanding Subordinated Units shall convert into Common Units on a one-for-one basis on the first Business Day following the distribution of Available Cash to Partners pursuant to Section 6.3(a) in respect of any Quarter ending on or after June 30, 2008 in respect of which:

(i) distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus under Section 6.4(a) on each of the Outstanding Common Units, Subordinated Units and General Partner Units and any other Outstanding Units that are senior or equal in right of distribution to the Subordinated Units with respect to the four-Quarter period immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded the sum of the Third Target Distribution on all of the Outstanding Common Units, Subordinated Units and General Partner Units and any other Outstanding Units that are senior or equal in right of distribution to the Subordinated Units during such period;

(ii) the Adjusted Operating Surplus generated during the four-Quarter period immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded the sum of the Third Target Distribution on all of the Common Units, Subordinated Units and General Partner Units and any other Outstanding Units that are senior or equal in right of distribution to the Subordinated Units that were Outstanding during such period on a Fully Diluted Basis; and

(iii) there are no Cumulative Common Unit Arrearages.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, all the then Outstanding Subordinated Units will automatically convert into Common Units on a one-for-one basis as set forth in, and pursuant to the terms of, Section 11.4.

(d) A Subordinated Unit that has converted into a Common Unit shall be subject to the provisions of Section 6.7(b) and Section 6.7(c).

*Section 5.8 Limited Preemptive Right.*

Except as provided in this Section 5.8 and in Section 5.2, no Person shall have any preemptive, preferential or other similar right with respect to the issuance of any Partnership Security, whether unissued, held in the treasury or hereafter created. The General Partner shall have the right, which it may from time to time assign in whole or in part to any of its Affiliates, to purchase Partnership Securities from the Partnership whenever, and on the same terms that, the Partnership issues Partnership Securities to Persons other than the General Partner and its Affiliates, to the extent necessary to maintain the Percentage Interests of the General Partner and its Affiliates equal to any or all of those Percentage Interests that existed immediately prior to the issuance of such Partnership Securities.

*Section 5.9 Splits and Combinations.*

(a) Subject to Section 5.9(d), Section 6.6 and Section 6.9 (dealing with adjustments of distribution levels), the Partnership may make a Pro Rata distribution of Partnership Securities to all Record Holders or may effect a subdivision or combination of Partnership Securities so long as, after any such event, each Partner shall have the same Percentage Interest in the Partnership as before such event, and any amounts calculated on a per Unit basis (including any Common Unit Arrearage or Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage) or stated as a number of Units are proportionately adjusted.

(b) Whenever such a Pro Rata distribution or subdivision or combination of Partnership Securities is declared, the General Partner shall select a Record Date as of which the distribution, subdivision or combination shall be effective and shall send notice thereof at least 20 days prior to such Record Date to each Record Holder as of a date not less than 10 days prior to the date of such notice. The General Partner also may cause a firm of independent public accountants selected by it to calculate the number of Partnership Securities to be held by each Record Holder after giving effect to such distribution, subdivision or combination. The General Partner shall be entitled to rely on any certificate provided by such firm as conclusive evidence of the accuracy of such calculation.

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(c) Promptly following any such distribution, subdivision or combination, the Partnership may issue Certificates or uncertificated Partnership Securities to the Record Holders of Partnership Securities as of the applicable Record Date representing the new number of Partnership Securities held by such Record Holders, or the General Partner may adopt such other procedures that it determines to be necessary or appropriate to reflect such changes. If any such combination results in a smaller total number of Partnership Securities Outstanding, the Partnership shall require, as a condition to the delivery to a Record Holder of such new Certificate or uncertificated Partnership Securities, the surrender of any Certificate held by such Record Holder immediately prior to such Record Date.

(d) The Partnership shall not issue fractional Units upon any distribution, subdivision or combination of Units. If a distribution, subdivision or combination of Units would result in the issuance of fractional Units but for the provisions of this Section 5.9(d), each fractional Unit shall be rounded to the nearest whole Unit (and a 0.5 Unit shall be rounded to the next higher Unit).

*Section 5.10 Fully Paid and Non-Assessable Nature of Limited Partner Interests.*

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

*Section 5.11 Issuance of Class B Units in Connection with Reset of Incentive Distribution Rights.*

(a) Subject to the provisions of this Section 5.11, the holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights (or, if there is more than one holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights, the holders of a majority in interest of the Incentive Distribution Rights) shall have the right, at any time when there are no Subordinated Units outstanding and the Partnership has made a distribution pursuant to Section 6.4(b)(v) for each of the four most recently completed Quarters and the amount of each such distribution did not exceed Adjusted Operating Surplus for such Quarter, to make an election (the *IDR Reset Election*) to cause the Minimum Quarterly Distribution and the Target Distributions to be reset in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.11(e) and, in connection therewith, the holder or holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights will become entitled to receive their respective proportionate share of a number of Class B Units derived by dividing (i) the average amount of cash distributions made by the Partnership for the two full Quarters immediately preceding the giving of the Reset Notice (as defined in Section 5.11(b)) in respect of the Incentive Distribution Rights by (ii) the average of the cash distributions made by the Partnership in respect of each Common Unit for the two full Quarters immediately preceding the giving of the Reset Notice (the number of Class B Units determined by such quotient is referred to herein as the *Aggregate Quantity of Class B Units*). Upon the issuance of such Class B Units, the Partnership will issue to the General Partner that number of additional General Partner Units equal to the product of (x) the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the Percentage Interest of the General Partner immediately prior to such issuance by (B) a percentage equal to 100% less such Percentage Interest by (y) the number of such Class B Units, and the General Partner shall not be obligated to make any additional Capital Contribution to the Partnership in exchange for such issuance. The making of the IDR Reset Election in the manner specified in Section 5.11(b) shall cause the Minimum Quarterly Distribution and the Target Distributions to be reset in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.11(e) and, in connection therewith, the holder or holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights will become entitled to receive Class B Units and General Partner Units on the basis specified above, without any further approval required by the General Partner or the Unitholders, at the time specified in Section 5.11(c) unless the IDR Reset Election is rescinded pursuant to Section 5.11(d).

(b) To exercise the right specified in Section 5.11(a), the holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights (or, if there is more than one holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights, the holders of a majority in interest of the Incentive Distribution Rights) shall deliver a written notice (the *Reset Notice*) to the Partnership. Within 10 Business Days

after the receipt by the Partnership of such Reset Notice, as the case may be, the Partnership shall deliver a written notice to the holder or holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights of the Partnership's determination of the aggregate number of Class B Units that each holder of Incentive Distribution Rights will be entitled to receive.

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(c) The holder or holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights will be entitled to receive the Aggregate Quantity of Class B Units and related additional General Partner Units on the fifteenth Business Day after receipt by the Partnership of the Reset Notice, and the Partnership shall issue Certificates for the Class B Units to the holder or holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights; provided, however, that the issuance of Class B Units to the holder or holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights shall not occur prior to the approval of the listing or admission for trading of the Common Units into which the Class B Units are convertible pursuant to Section 5.11(f) by the principal National Securities Exchange upon which the Common Units are then listed or admitted for trading if any such approval is required pursuant to the rules and regulations of such National Securities Exchange.

(d) If the principal National Securities Exchange upon which the Common Units are then traded have not approved the listing or admission for trading of the Common Units into which the Class B Units are convertible pursuant to Section 5.11(f) on or before the 30th calendar day following the Partnership's receipt of the Reset Notice and such approval is required by the rules and regulations of such National Securities Exchange, then the holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights (or, if there is more than one holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights, the holders of a majority in interest of the Incentive Distribution Rights) shall have the right to either rescind the IDR Reset Election or elect to receive other Partnership Securities having such terms as the General Partner may approve, with the approval of the Conflicts Committee, that will provide (i) the same economic value, in the aggregate, as the Aggregate Quantity of Class B Units would have had at the time of the Partnership's receipt of the Reset Notice, as determined by the General Partner, and (ii) for the subsequent conversion (on terms acceptable to the National Securities Exchange upon which the Common Units are then traded) of such Partnership Securities into Common Units within not more than 12 months following the Partnership's receipt of the Reset Notice upon the satisfaction of one or more conditions that are reasonably acceptable to the holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights (or, if there is more than one holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights, the holders of a majority in interest of the Incentive Distribution Rights).

(e) The Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution, Second Target Distribution and Third Target Distribution shall be adjusted at the time of the issuance of Common Units or other Partnership Securities pursuant to this Section 5.11 such that (i) the Minimum Quarterly Distribution shall be reset to equal to the average cash distribution amount per Common Unit for the two Quarters immediately prior to the Partnership's receipt of the Reset Notice (the *Reset MQD*), (ii) the First Target Distribution shall be reset to equal 115% of the Reset MQD, (iii) the Second Target Distribution shall be reset to equal to 125% of the Reset MQD and (iv) the Third Target Distribution shall be reset to equal 150% of the Reset MQD.

(f) Any holder of Class B Units shall have the right to elect, by giving written notice to the General Partner, to convert all or a portion of the Class B Units held by such holder, at any time following the first anniversary of the issuance of such Class B Units, into Common Units on a one-for-one basis, such conversion to be effective on the second Business Day following the General Partner's receipt of such written notice.

ARTICLE VI

ALLOCATIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Section 6.1 *Allocations for Capital Account Purposes.*

For purposes of maintaining the Capital Accounts and in determining the rights of the Partners among themselves, the Partnership's items of income, gain, loss and deduction (computed in accordance with Section 5.5(b)) shall be allocated among the Partners in each taxable year (or portion thereof) as provided herein below.



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

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(i) First, 100% to the General Partner, in an amount equal to the aggregate Net Losses allocated to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(iii) for all previous taxable years until the aggregate Net Income allocated to the General Partner pursuant to this Section 6.1(a)(i) for the current taxable year and all previous taxable years is equal to the aggregate Net Losses allocated to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(iii) for all previous taxable years;

(ii) Second, 100% to the General Partner and the Unitholders, in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests, until the aggregate Net Income allocated to such Partners pursuant to this Section 6.1(a)(ii) for the current taxable year and all previous taxable years is equal to the aggregate Net Losses allocated to such Partners pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(ii) for all previous taxable years; and

(iii) Third, the balance, if any, 100% to the General Partner and the Unitholders, in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests.

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

(i) First, 100% to the General Partner and the Unitholders, in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests, until the aggregate Net Losses allocated pursuant to this Section 6.1(b)(i) for the current taxable year and all previous taxable years is equal to the aggregate Net Income allocated to such Partners pursuant to Section 6.1(a)(iii) for all previous taxable years, provided that the Net Losses shall not be allocated pursuant to this Section 6.1(b)(i) to the extent that such allocation would cause any Unitholder to have a deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account at the end of such taxable year (or increase any existing deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account);

(ii) Second, 100% to the General Partner and the Unitholders, in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests; provided, that Net Losses shall not be allocated pursuant to this Section 6.1(b)(ii) to the extent that such allocation would cause any Unitholder to have a deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account at the end of such taxable year (or increase any existing deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account); and

(iii) Third, the balance, if any, 100% to the General Partner.

(c) Net Termination Gains and Losses. After giving effect to the special allocations set forth in Section 6.1(d), all items of income, gain, loss and deduction taken into account in computing Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss for such taxable period shall be allocated in the same manner as such Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss is allocated hereunder. All allocations under this Section 6.1(c) shall be made after Capital Account balances have been adjusted by all other allocations provided under this Section 6.1 and after all distributions of Available Cash provided under Section 6.4 and Section 6.5 have been made; provided, however, that solely for purposes of this Section 6.1(c), Capital Accounts shall not be adjusted for distributions made pursuant to Section 12.4.

(i) If a Net Termination Gain is recognized (or deemed recognized pursuant to Section 5.5(d)), such Net Termination Gain shall be allocated among the Partners in the following manner (and the Capital Accounts of the Partners shall be increased by the amount so allocated in each of the following subclauses, in the order listed, before an allocation is made pursuant to the next succeeding subclause):

(A) First, to each Partner having a deficit balance in its Capital Account, in the proportion that such deficit balance bears to the total deficit balances in the Capital Accounts of all Partners, until each such Partner has been allocated Net Termination Gain equal to any such deficit balance in its Capital Account;

(B) Second, (x) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest and (y) to all Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the percentage applicable to subclause (x) of this clause (B), until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding is equal to the sum of (1) its Unrecovered Initial Unit Price, (2) the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for the Quarter during which the Liquidation Date occurs, reduced by any

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distribution pursuant to Section 6.4(a)(i) or Section 6.4(b)(i) with respect to such Common Unit for such Quarter (the amount determined pursuant to this clause (2) is hereinafter defined as the *Unpaid MQD* ) and (3) any then existing Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage;

(C) Third, if such Net Termination Gain is recognized (or is deemed to be recognized) prior to the conversion of the last Outstanding Class B Unit, (x) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest and (y) to all Unitholders holding Class B Units, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the percentage applicable to subclause (x) of this clause (C), until the Capital Account in respect of each Class B Unit then Outstanding equals the sum of (1) its Unrecovered Initial Unit Price, and (2) the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for the Quarter during which the Liquidation Date occurs, reduced by any distribution pursuant to Section 6.4(b)(i) with respect to such Class B Unit for such Quarter;

(D) Fourth, if such Net Termination Gain is recognized (or is deemed to be recognized) prior to the conversion of the last Outstanding Subordinated Unit, (x) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest and (y) to all Unitholders holding Subordinated Units, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the percentage applicable to subclause (x) of this clause (D), until the Capital Account in respect of each Subordinated Unit then Outstanding equals the sum of (1) its Unrecovered Initial Unit Price, determined for the taxable year (or portion thereof) to which this allocation of gain relates, and (2) the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for the Quarter during which the Liquidation Date occurs, reduced by any distribution pursuant to Section 6.4(a)(iii) with respect to such Subordinated Unit for such Quarter;

(E) Fifth, 100% to the General Partner and all Unitholders in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests, until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding is equal to the sum of (1) its Unrecovered Initial Unit Price, (2) the Unpaid MQD, (3) any then existing Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage, and (4) the excess of (aa) the First Target Distribution less the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for each Quarter of the Partnership's existence over (bb) the cumulative per Unit amount of any distributions of Available Cash that is deemed to be Operating Surplus made pursuant to Section 6.4(a)(iv) and Section 6.4(b)(ii) (the sum of (1), (2), (3) and (4) is hereinafter defined as the *First Liquidation Target Amount* );

(F) Sixth, (x) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest, (y) 13% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and (z) to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the sum of the percentages applicable to subclause (x) and (y) of this clause (F), until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding is equal to the sum of (1) the First Liquidation Target Amount, and (2) the excess of (aa) the Second Target Distribution less the First Target Distribution for each Quarter of the Partnership's existence over (bb) the cumulative per Unit amount of any distributions of Available Cash that is deemed to be Operating Surplus made pursuant to Section 6.4(a)(v) and Section 6.4(b)(iii) (the sum of (1) and (2) is hereinafter defined as the *Second Liquidation Target Amount* );

(G) Seventh, (x) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest, (y) 23% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and (z) to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the sum of the percentages applicable to subclause (x) and (y) of this clause (G), until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding is equal to the sum of (1) the Second Liquidation Target Amount, and (2) the excess of (aa) the Third Target Distribution less the Second Target Distribution for each Quarter of the Partnership's existence over (bb) the cumulative per Unit amount of any distributions of Available Cash that is deemed to be Operating Surplus made pursuant to Section 6.4(a)(vi) and Section 6.4(b)(iv) (the sum of (1) and (2) is hereinafter defined as the *Third Liquidation Target Amount* ); and

(H) Finally, (x) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest, (y) 48% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and (z) to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the sum

of the percentages applicable to subclause (x) and (y) of this clause (H).

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(ii) If a Net Termination Loss is recognized (or deemed recognized pursuant to Section 5.5(d)), such Net Termination Loss shall be allocated among the Partners in the following manner:

(A) First, if such Net Termination Loss is recognized (or is deemed to be recognized) prior to the conversion of the last Outstanding Subordinated Unit, (x) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest and (y) to all Unitholders holding Subordinated Units, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the percentage applicable to subclause (x) of this clause (A), until the Capital Account in respect of each Subordinated Unit then Outstanding has been reduced to zero;

(B) Second, (x) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest and (y) to the Class B Unitholders, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the percentage applicable to subclause (x) of this clause (B) until the Capital Account in respect of each Class B Unit then Outstanding has been reduced to zero;

(C) Third, (x) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest and (y) to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the percentage applicable to subclause (x) of this clause (B) until the Capital Account in respect of each Unit then Outstanding has been reduced to zero; and

(D) Fourth, the balance, if any, 100% to the General Partner.

(d) *Special Allocations.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, the following special allocations shall be made for such taxable period:

(i) *Partnership Minimum Gain Chargeback.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, if there is a net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during any Partnership taxable period, each Partner shall be allocated items of Partnership income and gain for such period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in the manner and amounts provided in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(f)(6), 1.704-2(g)(2) and 1.704-2(j)(2)(i), or any successor provision. For purposes of this Section 6.1(d), each Partner's Adjusted Capital Account balance shall be determined, and the allocation of income or gain required hereunder shall be effected, prior to the application of any other allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d) with respect to such taxable period (other than an allocation pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(vi) and Section 6.1(d)(vii)). This Section 6.1(d)(i) is intended to comply with the Partnership Minimum Gain chargeback requirement in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(f) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.

(ii) *Chargeback of Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain.* Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section 6.1 (other than Section 6.1(d)(i)), except as provided in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(4), if there is a net decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain during any Partnership taxable period, any Partner with a share of Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain at the beginning of such taxable period shall be allocated items of Partnership income and gain for such period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in the manner and amounts provided in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(i)(4) and 1.704-2(j)(2)(ii), or any successor provisions. For purposes of this Section 6.1(d), each Partner's Adjusted Capital Account balance shall be determined, and the allocation of income or gain required hereunder shall be effected, prior to the application of any other allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d), other than Section 6.1(d)(i) and other than an allocation pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(vi) and Section 6.1(d)(vii), with respect to such taxable period. This Section 6.1(d)(ii) is intended to comply with the chargeback of items of income and gain requirement in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(4) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.

(iii) *Priority Allocations.*

(A) If the amount of cash or the Net Agreed Value of any property distributed (except cash or property distributed pursuant to Section 12.4) to any Unitholder with respect to its Units for a taxable year is greater (on a per Unit basis) than the amount of cash or the Net Agreed Value of property distributed to the other Unitholders with respect to their Units (on a per Unit basis), then (1) there shall be allocated income and gain to each Unitholder receiving such greater cash

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or property distribution until the aggregate amount of such items allocated pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(iii)(A) for the current taxable year and all previous taxable years is equal to the product of (aa) the amount by which the distribution (on a per Unit basis) to such Unitholder exceeds the distribution (on a per Unit basis) to the Unitholders receiving the smallest distribution and (bb) the number of Units owned by the Unitholder receiving the greater distribution; and (2) the General Partner shall be allocated income and gain in an aggregate amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying (aa) the quotient determined by dividing (x) the General Partner's Percentage Interest at the time in which the greater cash or property distribution occurs by (y) the sum of 100 less the General Partner's Percentage Interest at the time in which the greater cash or property distribution occurs times (bb) the sum of the amounts allocated in clause (1) above.

(B) After the application of Section 6.1(d)(iii)(A), all or any portion of the remaining items of Partnership income or gain for the taxable period, if any, shall be allocated (1) to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, until the aggregate amount of such items allocated to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(iii)(B) for the current taxable year and all previous taxable years is equal to the cumulative amount of all Incentive Distributions made to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights from the Closing Date to a date 45 days after the end of the current taxable year; and (2) to the General Partner an amount equal to the product of (aa) an amount equal to the quotient determined by dividing (x) the General Partner's Percentage Interest by (y) the sum of 100 less the General Partner's Percentage Interest times (bb) the sum of the amounts allocated in clause (1) above.

(iv) *Qualified Income Offset.* In the event any Partner unexpectedly receives any adjustments, allocations or distributions described in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(5), or 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(6), items of Partnership income and gain shall be specially allocated to such Partner in an amount and manner sufficient to eliminate, to the extent required by the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) of the Code, the deficit balance, if any, in its Adjusted Capital Account created by such adjustments, allocations or distributions as quickly as possible unless such deficit balance is otherwise eliminated pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(i) or Section 6.1(d)(ii).

(v) *Gross Income Allocations.* In the event any Partner has a deficit balance in its Capital Account at the end of any Partnership taxable period in excess of the sum of (A) the amount such Partner is required to restore pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement and (B) the amount such Partner is deemed obligated to restore pursuant to Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5), such Partner shall be specially allocated items of Partnership income and gain in the amount of such excess as quickly as possible; provided, that an allocation pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(v) shall be made only if and to the extent that such Partner would have a deficit balance in its Capital Account as adjusted after all other allocations provided for in this Section 6.1 have been tentatively made as if this Section 6.1(d)(v) were not in this Agreement.

(vi) *Nonrecourse Deductions.* Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable period shall be allocated to the Partners in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests. If the General Partner determines that the Partnership's Nonrecourse Deductions should be allocated in a different ratio to satisfy the safe harbor requirements of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) of the Code, the General Partner is authorized, upon notice to the other Partners, to revise the prescribed ratio to the numerically closest ratio that does satisfy such requirements.

(vii) *Partner Nonrecourse Deductions.* Partner Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable period shall be allocated 100% to the Partner that bears the Economic Risk of Loss with respect to the Partner Nonrecourse Debt to which such Partner Nonrecourse Deductions are attributable in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i). If more than one Partner bears the Economic Risk of Loss with respect to a Partner Nonrecourse Debt, such Partner Nonrecourse Deductions





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attributable thereto shall be allocated between or among such Partners in accordance with the ratios in which they share such Economic Risk of Loss.

(viii) *Nonrecourse Liabilities.* For purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-3(a)(3), the Partners agree that Nonrecourse Liabilities of the Partnership in excess of the sum of (A) the amount of Partnership Minimum Gain and (B) the total amount of Nonrecourse Built-in Gain shall be allocated among the Partners in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests.

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

(x) *Economic Uniformity.*

(A) At the election of the General Partner with respect to any taxable period ending upon, or after, the termination of the Subordination Period, all or a portion of the remaining items of Partnership income or gain for such taxable period, after taking into account allocations pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(iii), shall be allocated 100% to each Partner holding Subordinated Units that are Outstanding as of the termination of the Subordination Period ( *Final Subordinated Units* ) in the proportion of the number of Final Subordinated Units held by such Partner to the total number of Final Subordinated Units then Outstanding, until each such Partner has been allocated an amount of income or gain that increases the Capital Account maintained with respect to such Final Subordinated Units to an amount equal to the product of (A) the number of Final Subordinated Units held by such Partner and (B) the Per Unit Capital Amount for a Common Unit. The purpose of this allocation is to establish uniformity between the Capital Accounts underlying Final Subordinated Units and the Capital Accounts underlying Common Units held by Persons other than the General Partner and its Affiliates immediately prior to the conversion of such Final Subordinated Units into Common Units. This allocation method for establishing such economic uniformity will be available to the General Partner only if the method for allocating the Capital Account maintained with respect to the Subordinated Units between the transferred and retained Subordinated Units pursuant to Section 5.5(c)(ii) does not otherwise provide such economic uniformity to the Final Subordinated Units.

(B) At the election of the General Partner with respect to any taxable period ending upon, or after, the conversion of the Class B Units pursuant to Section 5.11(f), all or a portion of the remaining items of Partnership income or gain for such taxable period, after taking into account allocations pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(iii) and Section 6.1(d)(x)(A), shall be allocated 100% to the holder or holders of the Common Units resulting from the conversion pursuant to Section 5.11(f) ( *Converted Common Units* ) in the proportion of the number of the Converted Common Units held by such holder or holders to the total number of Converted Common Units then Outstanding, until each such holder has been allocated an amount of income or gain that increases the Capital Account maintained with respect to such Converted Common Units to an amount equal to the product of (A) the number of Converted Common Units held by such holder and (B) the Per Unit Capital Amount for a Common Unit. The purpose of this allocation is to establish uniformity between the Capital Accounts underlying Converted Common Units and the Capital Accounts underlying Common Units held by Persons other than the General Partner and its Affiliates immediately prior to the receipt of Common Units pursuant to Section 5.11(f).

(xi) *Curative Allocation.*

(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, other than the Required Allocations, the Required Allocations shall be taken into account in making the Agreed

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Allocations so that, to the extent possible, the net amount of items of income, gain, loss and deduction allocated to each Partner pursuant to the Required Allocations and the Agreed Allocations, together, shall be equal to the net amount of such items that would have been allocated to each such Partner under the Agreed Allocations had the Required Allocations and the related Curative Allocation not otherwise been provided in this Section 6.1.

Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, Required Allocations relating to (1) Nonrecourse Deductions shall not be taken into account except to the extent that there has been a decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain and (2) Partner Nonrecourse Deductions shall not be taken into account except to the extent that there has been a decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain. Allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A) shall only be made with respect to Required Allocations to the extent the General Partner determines that such allocations will otherwise be inconsistent with the economic agreement among the Partners. Further, allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A) shall be deferred with respect to allocations pursuant to clauses (1) and (2) hereof to the extent the General Partner determines that such allocations are likely to be offset by subsequent Required Allocations.

(B) The General Partner shall, with respect to each taxable period, (1) apply the provisions of Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A) in whatever order is most likely to minimize the economic distortions that might otherwise result from the Required Allocations, and (2) divide all allocations pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A) among the Partners in a manner that is likely to minimize such economic distortions.

(xii) *Corrective Allocations.* In the event of any allocation of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items or any Book-Down Event or any recognition of a Net Termination Loss, the following rules shall apply:

(A) In the case of any allocation of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items (other than an allocation of Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss under Section 5.5(d) hereof), the General Partner shall allocate additional items of income and gain away from the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights to the Unitholders and the General Partner, or additional items of deduction and loss away from the Unitholders and the General Partner to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights, to the extent that the Additional Book Basis Derivative Items allocated to the Unitholders or the General Partner exceed their Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items. For this purpose, the Unitholders and the General Partner shall be treated as being allocated Additional Book Basis Derivative Items to the extent that such Additional Book Basis Derivative Items have reduced the amount of income that would otherwise have been allocated to the Unitholders or the General Partner under the Partnership Agreement (e.g., Additional Book Basis Derivative Items taken into account in computing cost of goods sold would reduce the amount of book income otherwise available for allocation among the Partners). Any allocation made pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(xii)(A) shall be made after all of the other Agreed Allocations have been made as if this Section 6.1(d)(xii) were not in this Agreement and, to the extent necessary, shall require the reallocation of items that have been allocated pursuant to such other Agreed Allocations.

(B) In the case of any negative adjustments to the Capital Accounts of the Partners resulting from a Book-Down Event or from the recognition of a Net Termination Loss, such negative adjustment (1) shall first be allocated, to the extent of the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments, in such a manner, as determined by the General Partner, that to the extent possible the aggregate Capital Accounts of the Partners will equal the amount that would have been the Capital Account balance of the Partners if no prior Book-Up Events had occurred, and (2) any negative adjustment in excess of the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments shall be allocated pursuant to Section 6.1(c) hereof.

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(C) In making the allocations required under this Section 6.1(d)(xii), the General Partner may apply whatever conventions or other methodology it determines will satisfy the purpose of this Section 6.1(d)(xii).

*Section 6.2 Allocations for Tax Purposes.*

(a) Except as otherwise provided herein, for federal income tax purposes, each item of income, gain, loss and deduction shall be allocated among the Partners in the same manner as its correlative item of book income, gain, loss or deduction is allocated pursuant to Section 6.1.

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

(i) (A) In the case of a Contributed Property, such items attributable thereto shall be allocated among the Partners in the manner provided under Section 704(c) of the Code that takes into account the variation between the Agreed Value of such property and its adjusted basis at the time of contribution; and (B) any item of Residual Gain or Residual Loss attributable to a Contributed Property shall be allocated among the Partners in the same manner as its correlative item of book gain or loss is allocated pursuant to Section 6.1.

(ii) (A) In the case of an Adjusted Property, such items shall (1) first, be allocated among the Partners in a manner consistent with the principles of Section 704(c) of the Code to take into account the Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such property and the allocations thereof pursuant to Section 5.5(d)(i) or Section 5.5(d)(ii), and (2) second, in the event such property was originally a Contributed Property, be allocated among the Partners in a manner consistent with Section 6.2(b)(i)(A); and (B) any item of Residual Gain or Residual Loss attributable to an Adjusted Property shall be allocated among the Partners in the same manner as its correlative item of book gain or loss is allocated pursuant to Section 6.1.

(iii) The General Partner shall apply the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-3(d) to eliminate Book-Tax Disparities.

(c) For the proper administration of the Partnership and for the preservation of uniformity of the Limited Partner Interests (or any class or classes thereof), the General Partner shall (i) adopt such conventions as it deems appropriate in determining the amount of depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions; (ii) make special allocations for federal income tax purposes of income (including gross income) or deductions; and (iii) amend the provisions of this Agreement as appropriate (x) to reflect the proposal or promulgation of Treasury Regulations under Section 704(b) or Section 704(c) of the Code or (y) otherwise to preserve or achieve uniformity of the Limited Partner Interests (or any class or classes thereof). The General Partner may adopt such conventions, make such allocations and make such amendments to this Agreement as provided in this Section 6.2(c) only if such conventions, allocations or amendments would not have a material adverse effect on the Partners, the holders of any class or classes of Limited Partner Interests issued and Outstanding or the Partnership, and if such allocations are consistent with the principles of Section 704 of the Code.

(d) The General Partner may determine to depreciate or amortize the portion of an adjustment under Section 743(b) of the Code attributable to unrealized appreciation in any Adjusted Property (to the extent of the unamortized Book-Tax Disparity) using a predetermined rate derived from the depreciation or amortization method and useful life applied to the Partnership's common basis of such property, despite any inconsistency of such approach with Treasury Regulation Section 1.167(c)-1(a)(6), Treasury Regulation Section 1.197-2(g)(3), the legislative history to Section 743 or any successor regulations thereto. If the General Partner determines that such reporting position cannot reasonably

be taken, the General Partner may adopt depreciation and amortization conventions under which all purchasers acquiring Limited Partner Interests in the same month would receive depreciation and amortization deductions, based upon the same applicable rate as if they had purchased a direct interest in the Partnership's property. If the General Partner chooses not to utilize such aggregate method, the General Partner may use any other depreciation

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and amortization conventions to preserve the uniformity of the intrinsic tax characteristics of any Limited Partner Interests, so long as such conventions would not have a material adverse effect on the Limited Partners or the Record Holders of any class or classes of Limited Partner Interests.

(e) In accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.1245-1(e), any gain allocated to the Partners upon the sale or other taxable disposition of any Partnership asset shall, to the extent possible, after taking into account other required allocations of gain pursuant to this Section 6.2, be characterized as Recapture Income in the same proportions and to the same extent as such Partners (or their predecessors in interest) have been allocated any deductions directly or indirectly giving rise to the treatment of such gains as Recapture Income.

(f) All items of income, gain, loss, deduction and credit recognized by the Partnership for federal income tax purposes and allocated to the Partners in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be determined without regard to any election under Section 754 of the Code that may be made by the Partnership; provided, however, that such allocations, once made, shall be adjusted (in the manner determined by the General Partner) to take into account those adjustments permitted or required by Sections 734 and 743 of the Code.

(g) Each item of Partnership income, gain, loss and deduction, for federal income tax purposes, shall be determined on an annual basis and prorated on a monthly basis and shall be allocated to the Partners as of the opening of the National Securities Exchange on which the Common Units may then be listed or admitted to trading on the first Business Day of each month; provided, however, such items for the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending on the last day of the month in which the Option Closing Date or the expiration of the Over-Allotment Option occurs shall be allocated to the Partners as of the opening of the National Securities Exchange on which the Common Units may then be listed or admitted to trading on the first Business Day of the next succeeding month; and provided, further, that gain or loss on a sale or other disposition of any assets of the Partnership or any other extraordinary item of income or loss realized and recognized other than in the ordinary course of business, as determined by the General Partner, shall be allocated to the Partners as of the opening of the National Securities Exchange on which the Common Units may then be listed or admitted to trading on the first Business Day of the month in which such gain or loss is recognized for federal income tax purposes. The General Partner may revise, alter or otherwise modify such methods of allocation to the extent permitted or required by Section 706 of the Code and the regulations or rulings promulgated thereunder.

(h) Allocations that would otherwise be made to a Limited Partner under the provisions of this Article VI shall instead be made to the beneficial owner of Limited Partner Interests held by a nominee in any case in which the nominee has furnished the identity of such owner to the Partnership in accordance with Section 6031(c) of the Code or any other method determined by the General Partner.

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

(a) Within 45 days following the end of each Quarter commencing with the Quarter ending on September 30, 2007, an amount equal to 100% of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter shall, subject to Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act, be distributed in accordance with this Article VI by the Partnership to the Partners as of the Record Date selected by the General Partner. All amounts of Available Cash distributed by the Partnership on any date from any source shall be deemed to be Operating Surplus until the sum of all amounts of Available Cash theretofore distributed by the Partnership to the Partners pursuant to Section 6.4 equals the Operating Surplus from the Closing Date through the close of the immediately preceding Quarter. Any remaining amounts of Available Cash distributed by the Partnership on such date shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 6.5, be deemed to be *Capital Surplus*. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Partnership shall not make a distribution to any Partner on account of its interest in the Partnership if such distribution would violate the Delaware Act or any other applicable law.





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(b) Notwithstanding Section 6.3(a), in the event of the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership, all receipts received during or after the Quarter in which the Liquidation Date occurs shall be applied and distributed solely in accordance with, and subject to the terms and conditions of, Section 12.4.

(c) The General Partner may treat taxes paid by the Partnership on behalf of, or amounts withheld with respect to, all or less than all of the Partners, as a distribution of Available Cash to such Partners.

(d) Each distribution in respect of a Partnership Interest shall be paid by the Partnership, directly or through the Transfer Agent or through any other Person or agent, only to the Record Holder of such Partnership Interest as of the Record Date set for such distribution. Such payment shall constitute full payment and satisfaction of the Partnership's liability in respect of such payment, regardless of any claim of any Person who may have an interest in such payment by reason of an assignment or otherwise.

Section 6.4 *Distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus.*

(a) *During Subordination Period.* Available Cash with respect to any Quarter within the Subordination Period that is deemed to be Operating Surplus pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.3 or 6.5 shall, subject to Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act, be distributed as follows, except as otherwise contemplated by Section 5.6 in respect of other Partnership Securities issued pursuant thereto:

(i) First, (x) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest and (y) to the Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the General Partner's Percentage Interest until there has been distributed in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;

(ii) Second, (x) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest and (y) to the Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the General Partner's Percentage Interest until there has been distributed in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage existing with respect to such Quarter;

(iii) Third, (x) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest and (y) to the Unitholders holding Subordinated Units, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the General Partner's Percentage Interest until there has been distributed in respect of each Subordinated Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;

(iv) Fourth, to the General Partner and all Unitholders, in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests, until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the First Target Distribution over the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;

(v) Fifth, (A) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest; (B) 13% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata; and (C) to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the sum of the percentages applicable to subclauses (A) and (B) of this clause (v) until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the Second Target Distribution over the First Target Distribution for such Quarter;

(vi) Sixth, (A) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest, (B) 23% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata; and (C) to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the sum of the percentages applicable to subclauses (A) and (B) of this subclause (vi), until there has been distributed in

respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the Third Target Distribution over the Second Target Distribution for such Quarter; and

(vii) Thereafter, (A) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest; (B) 48% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata; and (C) to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the sum of the percentages applicable to subclauses (A) and (B) of this clause (vii);

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provided, however, if the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, the First Target Distribution, the Second Target Distribution and the Third Target Distribution have been reduced to zero pursuant to the second sentence of Section 6.6(a), the distribution of Available Cash that is deemed to be Operating Surplus with respect to any Quarter will be made solely in accordance with Section 6.4(a)(vii).

(b) *After Subordination Period.* Available Cash with respect to any Quarter after the Subordination Period that is deemed to be Operating Surplus pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.3 or Section 6.5, subject to Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act, shall be distributed as follows, except as otherwise required by Section 5.6(b) in respect of additional Partnership Securities issued pursuant thereto:

(i) First, 100% to the General Partner and the Unitholders in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests, until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;

(ii) Second, 100% to the General Partner and the Unitholders in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests, until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the First Target Distribution over the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;

(iii) Third, (A) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest; (B) 13% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata; and (C) to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the sum of the percentages applicable to subclauses (A) and (B) of this clause (iii), until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the Second Target Distribution over the First Target Distribution for such Quarter;

(iv) Fourth, (A) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest; (B) 23% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata; and (C) to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the sum of the percentages applicable to subclause (A) and (B) of this clause (iv), until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the Third Target Distribution over the Second Target Distribution for such Quarter; and

(v) Thereafter, (A) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest; (B) 48% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata; and (C) to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the sum of the percentages applicable to subclauses (A) and (B) of this clause (v);

provided, however, if the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, the First Target Distribution, the Second Target Distribution and the Third Target Distribution have been reduced to zero pursuant to the second sentence of Section 6.6(a), the distribution of Available Cash that is deemed to be Operating Surplus with respect to any Quarter will be made solely in accordance with Section 6.4(b)(v).

*Section 6.5 Distributions of Available Cash from Capital Surplus.*

Available Cash that is deemed to be Capital Surplus pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.3(a) shall, subject to Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act, be distributed, unless the provisions of Section 6.3 require otherwise, 100% to the General Partner and the Unitholders in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests, until a hypothetical holder of a Common Unit acquired in the Initial Offering has received with respect to such Common Unit, during the period since the Closing Date through such date, distributions of Available Cash that are deemed to be Capital Surplus in an aggregate amount equal to the Initial Unit Price. Available Cash that is deemed to be Capital Surplus shall then be distributed (A) to the General Partner in accordance with its Percentage Interest and (B) to all Unitholders holding

Common Units, Pro Rata, a percentage equal to 100% less the General Partner's Percentage Interest until there has been distributed in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage. Thereafter, all Available Cash shall be distributed as if it were Operating Surplus and shall be distributed in accordance with Section 6.4.

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*Section 6.6 Adjustment of Minimum Quarterly Distribution and Target Distribution Levels.*

(a) The Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution, Second Target Distribution, Third Target Distribution, Common Unit Arrearages and Cumulative Common Unit Arrearages shall be proportionately adjusted in the event of any distribution, combination or subdivision (whether effected by a distribution payable in Units or otherwise) of Units or other Partnership Securities in accordance with Section 5.9. In the event of a distribution of Available Cash that is deemed to be from Capital Surplus, the then applicable Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution, Second Target Distribution and Third Target Distribution, shall be adjusted proportionately downward to equal the product obtained by multiplying the otherwise applicable Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution, Second Target Distribution and Third Target Distribution, as the case may be, by a fraction of which the numerator is the Unrecovered Initial Unit Price of the Common Units immediately after giving effect to such distribution and of which the denominator is the Unrecovered Initial Unit Price of the Common Units immediately prior to giving effect to such distribution.

(b) The Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution, Second Target Distribution and Third Target Distribution, shall also be subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 5.11 and Section 6.9.

*Section 6.7 Special Provisions Relating to the Holders of Subordinated Units and Class B Units.*

(a) Except with respect to the right to vote on or approve matters requiring the vote or approval of a percentage of the holders of Outstanding Common Units and the right to participate in allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction and distributions made with respect to Common Units, the holder of a Subordinated Unit shall have all of the rights and obligations of a Unitholder holding Common Units hereunder; provided, however, that immediately upon the conversion of Subordinated Units into Common Units pursuant to Section 5.7, the Unitholder holding a Subordinated Unit shall possess all of the rights and obligations of a Unitholder holding Common Units hereunder, including the right to vote as a Common Unitholder and the right to participate in allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction and distributions made with respect to Common Units; provided, however, that such converted Subordinated Units shall remain subject to the provisions of Sections 5.5(c)(ii), 6.1(d)(x)(A), 6.7(b) and 6.7(c).

(b) A Unitholder shall not be permitted to transfer a Subordinated Unit or a Subordinated Unit that has converted into a Common Unit pursuant to Section 5.7 (other than a transfer to an Affiliate) if the remaining balance in the transferring Unitholder's Capital Account with respect to the retained Subordinated Units or Retained Converted Subordinated Units would be negative after giving effect to the allocation under Section 5.5(c)(ii)(B).

(c) The Unitholder holding a Common Unit that has resulted from the conversion of a Subordinated Unit pursuant to Section 5.7 shall not be issued a Common Unit Certificate pursuant to Section 4.1, and shall not be permitted to transfer such Common Unit to a Person that is not an Affiliate of the holder until such time as the General Partner determines, based on advice of counsel, that each such Common Unit should have, as a substantive matter, like intrinsic economic and federal income tax characteristics, in all material respects, to the intrinsic economic and federal income tax characteristics of an Initial Common Unit. In connection with the condition imposed by this Section 6.7(c), the General Partner may take whatever steps are required to provide economic uniformity to such Common Units in preparation for a transfer of such Common Units, including the application of Sections 5.5(c)(ii), 6.1(d)(x) and 6.7(b); provided, however, that no such steps may be taken that would have a material adverse effect on the Unitholders holding Common Units represented by Common Unit Certificates.

(d) Except with respect to the right to vote on or approve matters requiring the vote or approval of a percentage of the holders of Outstanding Common Units and the right to participate in allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction and distributions made with respect to Common Units, the holders of Class B Units shall have all the rights and

obligations of a Unitholder holding Common Units; provided, however, that immediately upon the conversion of Class B Units into Common Units pursuant to Section 5.11, the Unitholders holding a Class B Unit shall possess all the rights and obligations of a Unitholder holding Common Units hereunder, including the right to vote as a Common Unitholder and the

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right to participate in allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction and distributions made with respect to Common Units; provided, however, that such converted Class B Units shall remain subject to the provisions of Sections 6.1(d)(x)(B) and 6.7(e).

(e) The holder or holders of Common Units resulting from the conversion pursuant to Section 5.11(f) of any Class B Units pursuant to Section 5.11 shall not be issued a Common Unit Certificate pursuant to Section 4.1, and shall not be permitted to transfer such Common Units until such time as the General Partner determines, based on advice of counsel, that each such Common Unit should have, as a substantive matter, like intrinsic economic and federal income tax characteristics, in all material respects, to the intrinsic economic and federal income tax characteristics of an Initial Common Unit. In connection with the condition imposed by this Section 6.7(d), the General Partner may take whatever steps are required to provide economic uniformity to such Common Units, including the application of Section 6.1(d)(x)(B); provided, however, that no such steps may be taken that would have a material adverse effect on the Unitholders holding Common Units represented by Common Unit Certificates.

Section 6.8 *Special Provisions Relating to the Holders of Incentive Distribution Rights.*

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights (a) shall (i) possess the rights and obligations provided in this Agreement with respect to a Limited Partner pursuant to Article III and Article VII and (ii) have a Capital Account as a Partner pursuant to Section 5.5 and all other provisions related thereto and (b) shall not (i) be entitled to vote on any matters requiring the approval or vote of the holders of Outstanding Units, except as provided by law, (ii) be entitled to any distributions other than as provided in Sections 6.4(a)(v), (vi) and (vii), Section 6.4(b)(iii), (iv) and (v), and Section 12.4 or (iii) be allocated items of income, gain, loss or deduction other than as specified in this Article VI.

Section 6.9 *Entity-Level Taxation.*

If legislation is enacted or the interpretation of existing language is modified by a governmental authority so that a Group Member is treated as an association taxable as a corporation or is otherwise subject to an entity-level tax for federal, state or local income tax purposes, then the General Partner may reduce the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, the First Target Distribution, the Second Target Distribution and the Third Target Distribution by the amount of income taxes that are payable by reason of any such new legislation or interpretation (the *Incremental Income Taxes*), or any portion thereof selected by the General Partner, in the manner provided in this Section 6.9. If the General Partner elects to reduce the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, the First Target Distribution, the Second Target Distribution and the Third Target Distribution for any Quarter with respect to all or a portion of any Incremental Income Taxes, the General Partner shall estimate for such Quarter the Partnership Group's aggregate liability (the *Estimated Incremental Quarterly Tax Amount*) for all (or the relevant portion of) such Incremental Income Taxes; provided that any difference between such estimate and the actual tax liability for Incremental Income Taxes (or the relevant portion thereof) for such Quarter may, to the extent determined by the General Partner be taken into account in determining the Estimated Incremental Quarterly Tax Amount with respect to each Quarter in which any such difference can be determined. For each such Quarter, the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution, Second Target Distribution and Third Target Distribution, shall be the product obtained by multiplying (a) the amounts therefor that are set out herein prior to the application of this Section 6.9 times (b) the quotient obtained by dividing (i) Available Cash with respect to such Quarter by (ii) the sum of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter and the Estimated Incremental Quarterly Tax Amount for such Quarter, as determined by the General Partner. For purposes of the foregoing, Available Cash with respect to a Quarter will be deemed reduced by the Estimated Incremental Quarterly Tax Amount for that Quarter.

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ARTICLE VII

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF BUSINESS

Section 7.1 *Management.*

(a) The General Partner shall conduct, direct and manage all activities of the Partnership. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all management powers over the business and affairs of the Partnership shall be exclusively vested in the General Partner, and no Limited Partner or Assignee shall have any management power over the business and affairs of the Partnership. In addition to the powers now or hereafter granted a general partner of a limited partnership under applicable law or that are granted to the General Partner under any other provision of this Agreement, the General Partner, subject to Section 7.3, shall have full power and authority to do all things and on such terms as it determines to be necessary or appropriate to conduct the business of the Partnership, to exercise all powers set forth in Section 2.5 and to effectuate the purposes set forth in Section 2.4, including the following:

(i) the making of any expenditures, the lending or borrowing of money, the assumption or guarantee of, or other contracting for, indebtedness and other liabilities, the issuance of evidences of indebtedness, including indebtedness that is convertible into Partnership Securities, and the incurring of any other obligations;

(ii) the making of tax, regulatory and other filings, or rendering of periodic or other reports to governmental or other agencies having jurisdiction over the business or assets of the Partnership;

(iii) the acquisition, disposition, mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, hypothecation or exchange of any or all of the assets of the Partnership or the merger or other combination of the Partnership with or into another Person (the matters described in this clause (iii) being subject, however, to any prior approval that may be required by Section 7.3 and Article XIV);

(iv) the use of the assets of the Partnership (including cash on hand) for any purpose consistent with the terms of this Agreement, including the financing of the conduct of the operations of the Partnership Group; subject to Section 7.6(a), the lending of funds to other Persons (including other Group Members); the repayment or guarantee of obligations of any Group Member; and the making of capital contributions to any Group Member;

(v) the negotiation, execution and performance of any contracts, conveyances or other instruments (including instruments that limit the liability of the Partnership under contractual arrangements to all or particular assets of the Partnership, with the other party to the contract to have no recourse against the General Partner or its assets other than its interest in the Partnership, even if same results in the terms of the transaction being less favorable to the Partnership than would otherwise be the case);

(vi) the distribution of Partnership cash;

(vii) the selection and dismissal of employees (including employees having titles such as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer ) and agents, outside attorneys, accountants, consultants and contractors and the determination of their compensation and other terms of employment or hiring;

(viii) the maintenance of insurance for the benefit of the Partnership Group, the Partners and Indemnitees;

(ix) the formation of, or acquisition of an interest in, and the contribution of property and the making of loans to, any further limited or general partnerships, joint ventures, corporations, limited liability companies or other relationships



(including the acquisition of interests in, and the contributions of property to, any Group Member from time to time) subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 2.4;

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(x) the control of any matters affecting the rights and obligations of the Partnership, including the bringing and defending of actions at law or in equity and otherwise engaging in the conduct of litigation, arbitration or mediation and the incurring of legal expense and the settlement of claims and litigation;

(xi) the indemnification of any Person against liabilities and contingencies to the extent permitted by law;

(xii) the entering into of listing agreements with any National Securities Exchange and the delisting of some or all of the Limited Partner Interests from, or requesting that trading be suspended on, any such exchange (subject to any prior approval that may be required under Section 4.8);

(xiii) the purchase, sale or other acquisition or disposition of Partnership Securities, or the issuance of options, rights, warrants, appreciation rights and tracking and phantom interests relating to Partnership Securities;

(xiv) the undertaking of any action in connection with the Partnership's participation in any Group Member; and

(xv) the entering into of agreements with any of its Affiliates to render services to a Group Member or to itself in the discharge of its duties as General Partner of the Partnership.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, the Delaware Act or any applicable law, rule or regulation, each of the Partners and the Assignees and each other Person who may acquire an interest in Partnership Securities hereby (i) approves, ratifies and confirms the execution, delivery and performance by the parties thereto of this Agreement and the Group Member Agreement of each other Group Member, the Underwriting Agreement, the Omnibus Agreement, the Contribution Agreement and the other agreements described in or filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement that are related to the transactions contemplated by the Registration Statement; (ii) agrees that the General Partner (on its own or through any officer of the Partnership) is authorized to execute, deliver and perform the agreements referred to in clause (i) of this sentence and the other agreements, acts, transactions and matters described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement on behalf of the Partnership without any further act, approval or vote of the Partners or the Assignees or the other Persons who may acquire an interest in Partnership Securities; and (iii) agrees that the execution, delivery or performance by the General Partner, any Group Member or any Affiliate of any of them of this Agreement or any agreement authorized or permitted under this Agreement (including the exercise by the General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner of the rights accorded pursuant to Article XV) shall not constitute a breach by the General Partner of any duty that the General Partner may owe the Partnership or the Limited Partners or any other Persons under this Agreement (or any other agreements) or of any duty stated or implied by law or equity.

*Section 7.2 Certificate of Limited Partnership.*

The General Partner has caused the Certificate of Limited Partnership to be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as required by the Delaware Act. The General Partner shall use all reasonable efforts to cause to be filed such other certificates or documents that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate for the formation, continuation, qualification and operation of a limited partnership (or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability) in the State of Delaware or any other state in which the Partnership may elect to do business or own property. To the extent the General Partner determines such action to be necessary or appropriate, the General Partner shall file amendments to and restatements of the Certificate of Limited Partnership and do all things to maintain the Partnership as a limited partnership (or a partnership or other entity in which the limited partners have limited liability) under the laws of the State of Delaware or of any other state in which the Partnership may elect to do business or own property. Subject to the terms of Section 3.4(a), the General Partner shall not be required, before or after filing, to deliver or mail a copy of the Certificate of Limited Partnership, any qualification document or any

amendment thereto to any Limited Partner.

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*Section 7.3 Restrictions on the General Partner's Authority.*

Except as provided in Article XII and Article XIV, the General Partner may not sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership Group, taken as a whole, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions (including by way of merger, consolidation, other combination or sale of ownership interests of the Partnership's Subsidiaries) without the approval of holders of a Unit Majority; provided, however, that this provision shall not preclude or limit the General Partner's ability to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership Group and shall not apply to any forced sale of any or all of the assets of the Partnership Group pursuant to the foreclosure of, or other realization upon, any such encumbrance. Without the approval of holders of a Unit Majority, the General Partner shall not, on behalf of the Partnership, except as permitted under Section 4.6, 11.1 and Section 11.2, elect or cause the Partnership to elect a successor general partner of the Partnership.

*Section 7.4 Reimbursement of the General Partner.*

(a) Except as provided in this Section 7.4 and elsewhere in this Agreement, the General Partner shall not be compensated for its services as a general partner or managing member of any Group Member.

(b) Subject to the provisions of the Omnibus Agreement, the General Partner shall be reimbursed on a monthly basis, or such other basis as the General Partner may determine, for (i) all direct and indirect expenses it incurs or payments it makes on behalf of the Partnership Group (including salary, bonus, incentive compensation and other amounts paid to any Person, including Affiliates of the General Partner to perform services for the Partnership Group or for the General Partner in the discharge of its duties to the Partnership Group and including certain expenses allocated to the Partnership by Affiliates of the General Partner), and (ii) all other expenses allocable to the Partnership Group or otherwise incurred by the General Partner in connection with operating the Partnership Group's business (including expenses allocated to the General Partner by its Affiliates). The General Partner shall determine the expenses that are allocable to the Partnership Group. Reimbursements pursuant to this Section 7.4 shall be in addition to any reimbursement to the General Partner as a result of indemnification pursuant to Section 7.7. Any allocation of expenses to the Partnership by Affiliates of the General Partner in a manner consistent with then-applicable accounting and allocation methodologies generally permitted by FERC for rate-making purposes (or in the absence of then-applicable methodologies permitted by FERC, consistent with the most-recently applicable methodologies) and past business practices shall be deemed to be fair and reasonable to the Partnership.

(c) The General Partner, without the approval of the Limited Partners (who shall have no right to vote in respect thereof), may propose and adopt on behalf of the Partnership employee benefit plans, employee programs and employee practices (including plans, programs and practices involving the issuance of Partnership Securities or options to purchase or rights, warrants or appreciation rights or phantom or tracking interests relating to Partnership Securities), or cause the Partnership to issue Partnership Securities in connection with, or pursuant to, any employee benefit plan, employee program or employee practice maintained or sponsored by the General Partner, Group Member or any Affiliates in each case for the benefit of employees and directors of the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, in respect of services performed, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of the Partnership Group. The Partnership agrees to issue and sell to the General Partner or any of its Affiliates any Partnership Securities that the General Partner or such Affiliates are obligated to provide to any employees and directors pursuant to any such employee benefit plans, employee programs or employee practices. Expenses incurred by the General Partner in connection with any such plans, programs and practices (including the net cost to the General Partner or such Affiliates of Partnership Securities purchased by the General Partner or such Affiliates from the Partnership to fulfill options or awards under such plans, programs and practices) shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 7.4(b). Any and all obligations of the General Partner under any employee benefit plans, employee programs or employee practices adopted by the General Partner

as permitted by this Section 7.4(c) shall constitute obligations of the General Partner hereunder and shall be assumed by any successor General Partner approved pursuant to Section 11.1 or Section 11.2 or the transferee of or

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successor to all of the General Partner's General Partner Interest (represented by General Partner Units) pursuant to Section 4.6.

*Section 7.5 Outside Activities.*

(a) After the Closing Date, the General Partner, for so long as it is the General Partner of the Partnership (i) agrees that its sole business will be to act as a general partner or managing member, as the case may be, of the Partnership and any other partnership or limited liability company of which the Partnership is, directly or indirectly, a partner or member and to undertake activities that are ancillary or related thereto (including being a limited partner in the Partnership) and (ii) shall not engage in any business or activity or incur any debts or liabilities except in connection with or incidental to (A) its performance as general partner or managing member, if any, of one or more Group Members or as described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement or (B) the acquiring, owning or disposing of debt or equity securities in any Group Member.

(b) Each Indemnitee (other than the General Partner) shall have the right to engage in businesses of every type and description and other activities for profit and to engage in and possess an interest in other business ventures of any and every type or description, whether in businesses engaged in or anticipated to be engaged in by any Group Member, independently or with others, including business interests and activities in direct competition with the business and activities of any Group Member, and none of the same shall constitute a breach of this Agreement or any duty expressed or implied by law or equity to any Group Member or any Partner or Assignee. None of any Group Member, any Limited Partner or any other Person shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, or the partnership relationship established hereby in any business ventures of any Indemnitee. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or any duty existing at law, in equity or otherwise, but subject to the proviso set forth in the last sentence of this Section 7.5(b), (i) the engaging in competitive activities by any Indemnitees (other than the General Partner) in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.5 is hereby approved by the Partnership and all Partners, (ii) it shall be deemed not to be a breach of any fiduciary duty or any other obligation of any type whatsoever of any Indemnitee for the Indemnitees (other than the General Partner) to engage in such business interests and activities in preference to or to the exclusion of the Partnership and (iii) the Indemnitees shall have no obligation hereunder or as a result of any duty expressed or implied by law to present business opportunities to the Partnership. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the doctrine of corporate opportunity, or any analogous doctrine, shall not apply to any Indemnitee (including the General Partner). No Indemnitee (including the General Partner) who acquires knowledge of a potential transaction, agreement, arrangement or other matter that may be an opportunity for the Partnership, shall have any duty to communicate or offer such opportunity to the Partnership, and such Indemnitee (including the General Partner) shall not be liable to the Partnership, to any Limited Partner or any other Person for breach of any fiduciary or other duty by reason of the fact that such Indemnitee (including the General Partner) pursues or acquires for itself, directs such opportunity to another Person or does not communicate such opportunity or information to the Partnership; provided such Indemnitee does not engage in such business or activity as a result of or using confidential or proprietary information provided by or on behalf of the Partnership to such Indemnitee.

(c) The General Partner and each of its Affiliates may acquire Units or other Partnership Securities in addition to those acquired on the Closing Date and, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, shall be entitled to exercise, at their option, all rights relating to all Units or other Partnership Securities acquired by them. The term *Affiliates* when used in this Section 7.5(c) with respect to the General Partner shall not include any Group Member.

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

(a) The General Partner or any of its Affiliates may lend to any Group Member, and any Group Member may borrow from the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, funds needed or desired by the Group Member for such periods of

time and in such amounts as the General Partner may determine; provided, however, that in any such case the lending party may not charge the borrowing party interest at a

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rate greater than the rate that would be charged the borrowing party or impose terms less favorable to the borrowing party than would be charged or imposed on the borrowing party by unrelated lenders on comparable loans made on an arm's-length basis (without reference to the lending party's financial abilities or guarantees), all as determined by the General Partner. The borrowing party shall reimburse the lending party for any costs (other than any additional interest costs) incurred by the lending party in connection with the borrowing of such funds. For purposes of this Section 7.6(a) and Section 7.6(b), the term *Group Member* shall include any Affiliate of a Group Member that is controlled by the Group Member.

(b) The Partnership may lend or contribute to any Group Member, and any Group Member may borrow from the Partnership, funds on terms and conditions determined by the General Partner. No Group Member may lend funds to the General Partner or any of its Affiliates (other than another Group Member).

(c) No borrowing by any Group Member or the approval thereof by the General Partner shall be deemed to constitute a breach of any duty, expressed or implied, of the General Partner or its Affiliates to the Partnership or the Limited Partners existing hereunder, or existing at law, in equity or otherwise by reason of the fact that the purpose or effect of such borrowing is directly or indirectly to (i) enable distributions to the General Partner or its Affiliates (including in their capacities as Limited Partners) to exceed the General Partner's Percentage Interest of the total amount distributed to all partners or (ii) hasten the expiration of the Subordination Period or the conversion of any Subordinated Units into Common Units.

*Section 7.7 Indemnification.*

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

(b) To the fullest extent permitted by law, expenses (including legal fees and expenses) incurred by an Indemnitee who is indemnified pursuant to Section 7.7(a) in defending any claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding shall, from time to time, be advanced by the Partnership prior to a determination that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified upon receipt by the Partnership of any undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall be determined that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified as authorized in this Section 7.7.

(c) The indemnification provided by this Section 7.7 shall be in addition to any other rights to which an Indemnitee may be entitled under any agreement, pursuant to any vote of the holders of Outstanding Limited Partner Interests, as a matter of law or otherwise, both as to actions in the Indemnitee's capacity as an Indemnitee and as to actions in any other capacity (including any capacity under the Underwriting Agreement), and shall continue as to an Indemnitee



who has ceased to serve in such capacity and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors, assigns and administrators of the Indemnitee.

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

(e) For purposes of this Section 7.7, the Partnership shall be deemed to have requested an Indemnitee to serve as fiduciary of an employee benefit plan whenever the performance by it of its duties to the Partnership also imposes duties on, or otherwise involves services by, it to the plan or participants or beneficiaries of the plan; excise taxes assessed on an Indemnitee with respect to an employee benefit plan pursuant to applicable law shall constitute fines within the meaning of Section 7.7(a); and action taken or omitted by it with respect to any employee benefit plan in the performance of its duties for a purpose reasonably believed by it to be in the best interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan shall be deemed to be for a purpose that is in the best interests of the Partnership.

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

(g) An Indemnitee shall not be denied indemnification in whole or in part under this Section 7.7 because the Indemnitee had an interest in the transaction with respect to which the indemnification applies if the transaction was otherwise permitted by the terms of this Agreement.

(h) The provisions of this Section 7.7 are for the benefit of the Indemnitees, their heirs, successors, assigns and administrators and shall not be deemed to create any rights for the benefit of any other Persons.

(i) No amendment, modification or repeal of this Section 7.7 or any provision hereof shall in any manner terminate, reduce or impair the right of any past, present or future Indemnitee to be indemnified by the Partnership, nor the obligations of the Partnership to indemnify any such Indemnitee under and in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.7 as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.

*Section 7.8 Liability of Indemnitees.*

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

(b) Subject to its obligations and duties as General Partner set forth in Section 7.1(a), the General Partner may exercise any of the powers granted to it by this Agreement and perform any of the duties imposed upon it hereunder either directly or by or through its agents, and the General Partner shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any such agent appointed by the General Partner in good faith.

(c) To the extent that, at law or in equity, an Indemnitee has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Partnership or to the Partners, the General Partner and any other Indemnitee acting in connection with

the Partnership's business or affairs shall not be liable to the Partnership or to any Partner for its good faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement.

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(d) Any amendment, modification or repeal of this Section 7.8 or any provision hereof shall be prospective only and shall not in any way affect the limitations on the liability of the Indemnitees under this Section 7.8 as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.

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

(a) Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or any Group Member Agreement, whenever a potential conflict of interest exists or arises between the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Partnership, any Group Member, any Partner or any Assignee, on the other, any resolution or course of action by the General Partner or its Affiliates in respect of such conflict of interest shall be permitted and deemed approved by all Partners, and shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement, of any Group Member Agreement, of any agreement contemplated herein or therein, or of any duty stated or implied by law or equity, if the resolution or course of action in respect of such conflict of interest is (i) approved by Special Approval, (ii) approved by the vote of a majority of the Outstanding Common Units (excluding Common Units owned by the General Partner and its Affiliates), (iii) on terms no less favorable to the Partnership than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or (iv) fair and reasonable to the Partnership, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved (including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to the Partnership). The General Partner shall be authorized but not required in connection with its resolution of such conflict of interest to seek Special Approval of such resolution, and the General Partner may also adopt a resolution or course of action that has not received Special Approval. If Special Approval is sought, then it shall be presumed that, in making its decision, the Conflicts Committee acted in good faith, and if Special Approval is not sought and the Board of Directors of the General Partner determines that the resolution or course of action taken with respect to a conflict of interest satisfies either of the standards set forth in clauses (iii) or (iv) above, then it shall be presumed that, in making its decision, the Board of Directors of the General Partner acted in good faith, and in either case, in any proceeding brought by any Limited Partner or Assignee or by or on behalf of such Limited Partner or Assignee or any other Limited Partner or Assignee or the Partnership challenging such approval, the Person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding shall have the burden of overcoming such presumption. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or any duty otherwise existing at law or equity, the existence of the conflicts of interest described in the Registration Statement are hereby approved by all Partners and shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

(b) Whenever the General Partner makes a determination or takes or declines to take any other action, or any of its Affiliates causes it to do so, in its capacity as the general partner of the Partnership as opposed to in its individual capacity, whether under this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement or any other agreement contemplated hereby or otherwise, then, unless another express standard is provided for in this Agreement, the General Partner, or such Affiliates causing it to do so, shall make such determination or take or decline to take such other action in good faith and shall not be subject to any other or different standards imposed by this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity. Whenever the Conflicts Committee makes a determination or takes or declines to take any other action, it shall make such determination or take or decline to take such other action in good faith and shall not be subject to any other or different standards imposed by this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity. In order for a determination or other action to be in good faith for purposes of this Agreement, the Person or Persons making such determination or taking or declining to take such other action must believe that the determination or other action is in the best interests of the Partnership.

(c) Whenever the General Partner makes a determination or takes or declines to take any other action, or any of its Affiliates causes it to do so, in its individual capacity as opposed to in its capacity as the general partner of the Partnership, whether under this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement or any other agreement contemplated hereby or otherwise, then the General Partner, or such Affiliates causing

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it to do so, are entitled to make such determination or to take or decline to take such other action free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership, any Limited Partner or Assignee, and the General Partner, or such Affiliates causing it to do so, shall not be required to act in good faith or pursuant to any other standard imposed by this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity. By way of illustration and not of limitation, whenever the phrase, at the option of the General Partner, or some variation of that phrase, is used in this Agreement, it indicates that the General Partner is acting in its individual capacity. For the avoidance of doubt, but subject to Sections 4.6 and 4.7, whenever the General Partner votes or transfers its Partnership Interests, or refrains from voting or transferring its Partnership Interests, it shall be acting in its individual capacity. The General Partner's organizational documents may provide that determinations to take or decline to take any action in its individual, rather than representative, capacity may or shall be determined by its members, if the General Partner is a limited liability company, stockholders, if the General Partner is a corporation, or the members or stockholders of the General Partner's general partner, if the General Partner is a partnership.

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the General Partner and its Affiliates shall have no duty or obligation, express or implied, to (i) sell or otherwise dispose of any asset of the Partnership Group other than in the ordinary course of business or (ii) permit any Group Member to use any facilities or assets of the General Partner and its Affiliates, except as may be provided in contracts entered into from time to time specifically dealing with such use. Any determination by the General Partner or any of its Affiliates to enter into such contracts shall be at its option.

(e) Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, neither the General Partner nor any other Indemnitee shall have any duties or liabilities, including fiduciary duties, to the Partnership or any Limited Partner or Assignee and the provisions of this Agreement, to the extent that they restrict, eliminate or otherwise modify the duties and liabilities, including fiduciary duties, of the General Partner or any other Indemnitee otherwise existing at law or in equity, are agreed by the Partners to replace such other duties and liabilities of the General Partner or such other Indemnitee.

(f) The Unitholders hereby authorize the General Partner, on behalf of the Partnership as a partner or member of a Group Member, to approve of actions by the general partner or managing member of such Group Member similar to those actions permitted to be taken by the General Partner pursuant to this Section 7.9.

*Section 7.10 Other Matters Concerning the General Partner.*

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

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

(c) The General Partner shall have the right, in respect of any of its powers or obligations hereunder, to act through any of its duly authorized officers, a duly appointed attorney or attorneys-in-fact or the duly authorized officers of the Partnership or any Group Member.

*Section 7.11 Purchase or Sale of Partnership Securities.*

The General Partner may cause the Partnership to purchase or otherwise acquire Partnership Securities; provided that, except as permitted pursuant to Section 4.10, the General Partner may not cause any Group Member to purchase Subordinated Units during the Subordination Period. Such Partnership

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Securities shall be held by the Partnership as treasury securities unless they are expressly cancelled by action of an appropriate officer of the General Partner. As long as Partnership Securities are held by any Group Member, such Partnership Securities shall not be considered Outstanding for any purpose, except as otherwise provided herein. The General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner may also purchase or otherwise acquire and sell or otherwise dispose of Partnership Securities for its own account, subject to the provisions of Articles IV and X.

*Section 7.12 Registration Rights of the General Partner and its Affiliates.*

(a) If (i) the General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner (including for purposes of this Section 7.12, any Person that is an Affiliate of the General Partner at the date hereof notwithstanding that it may later cease to be an Affiliate of the General Partner) holds Partnership Securities that it desires to sell and (ii) Rule 144 of the Securities Act (or any successor rule or regulation to Rule 144) or another exemption from registration is not available to enable such holder of Partnership Securities (the *Holder*) to dispose of the number of Partnership Securities it desires to sell at the time it desires to do so without registration under the Securities Act, then at the option and upon the request of the Holder, the Partnership shall file with the Commission as promptly as practicable after receiving such request, and use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to become effective and remain effective for a period of not less than six months following its effective date or such shorter period as shall terminate when all Partnership Securities covered by such registration statement have been sold, a registration statement under the Securities Act registering the offering and sale of the number of Partnership Securities specified by the Holder; provided, however, that the Partnership shall not be required to effect more than three registrations pursuant to this Section 7.12(a) and Section 7.12(b); and provided further, however, that if the Conflicts Committee determines in good faith that the requested registration would be materially detrimental to the Partnership and its Partners because such registration would (x) materially interfere with a significant acquisition, reorganization or other similar transaction involving the Partnership, (y) require premature disclosure of material information that the Partnership has a bona fide business purpose for preserving as confidential or (z) render the Partnership unable to comply with requirements under applicable securities laws, then the Partnership shall have the right to postpone such requested registration for a period of not more than six months after receipt of the Holder's request, such right pursuant to this Section 7.12(a) or Section 7.12(b) not to be utilized more than once in any twelve-month period. In connection with any registration pursuant to the first sentence of this Section 7.12(a), the Partnership shall (i) promptly prepare and file (A) such documents as may be necessary to register or qualify the securities subject to such registration under the securities laws of such states as the Holder shall reasonably request; provided, however, that no such qualification shall be required in any jurisdiction where, as a result thereof, the Partnership would become subject to general service of process or to taxation or qualification to do business as a foreign corporation or partnership doing business in such jurisdiction solely as a result of such registration, and (B) such documents as may be necessary to apply for listing or to list the Partnership Securities subject to such registration on such National Securities Exchange as the Holder shall reasonably request, and (ii) do any and all other acts and things that may be necessary or appropriate to enable the Holder to consummate a public sale of such Partnership Securities in such states. Except as set forth in Section 7.12(d), all costs and expenses of any such registration and offering (other than the underwriting discounts and commissions) shall be paid by the Partnership, without reimbursement by the Holder.

(b) If any Holder holds Partnership Securities that it desires to sell and Rule 144 of the Securities Act (or any successor rule or regulation to Rule 144) or another exemption from registration is not available to enable such Holder to dispose of the number of Partnership Securities it desires to sell at the time it desires to do so without registration under the Securities Act, then at the option and upon the request of the Holder, the Partnership shall file with the Commission as promptly as practicable after receiving such request, and use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to become effective and remain effective for a period of not less than six months following its effective date or such shorter period as shall terminate when all Partnership Securities covered by such shelf registration statement have been sold, a shelf registration statement covering the Partnership Securities specified by the Holder on an appropriate form under Rule 415 under the Securities Act, or any similar rule that may be adopted by the Commission;





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provided, however, that the Partnership shall not be required to effect more than three registrations pursuant to Section 7.12(a) and this Section 7.12(b); and provided further, however, that if the Conflicts Committee determines in good faith that any offering under, or the use of any prospectus forming a part of, the shelf registration statement would be materially detrimental to the Partnership and its Partners because such offering or use would (x) materially interfere with a significant acquisition, reorganization or other similar transaction involving the Partnership, (y) require premature disclosure of material information that the Partnership has a bona fide business purpose for preserving as confidential or (z) render the Partnership unable to comply with requirements under applicable securities laws, then the Partnership shall have the right to suspend such offering or use for a period of not more than six months after receipt of the Holder's request, such right pursuant to Section 7.12(a) or this Section 7.12(b) not to be utilized more than once in any twelve-month period. In connection with any shelf registration pursuant to this Section 7.12(b), the Partnership shall (i) promptly prepare and file (A) such documents as may be necessary to register or qualify the securities subject to such shelf registration under the securities laws of such states as the Holder shall reasonably request; provided, however, that no such qualification shall be required in any jurisdiction where, as a result thereof, the Partnership would become subject to general service of process or to taxation or qualification to do business as a foreign corporation or partnership doing business in such jurisdiction solely as a result of such shelf registration, and (B) such documents as may be necessary to apply for listing or to list the Partnership Securities subject to such shelf registration on such National Securities Exchange as the Holder shall reasonably request, and (ii) do any and all other acts and things that may be necessary or appropriate to enable the Holder to consummate a public sale of such Partnership Securities in such states. Except as set forth in Section 7.12(d), all costs and expenses of any such shelf registration and offering (other than the underwriting discounts and commissions) shall be paid by the Partnership, without reimbursement by the Holder.

(c) If the Partnership shall at any time propose to file a registration statement under the Securities Act for an offering of equity securities of the Partnership for cash (other than an offering relating solely to an employee benefit plan), the Partnership shall notify all Holders of such proposal and use all reasonable efforts to include such number or amount of securities held by the Holder in such registration statement as the Holder shall request; provided, that the Partnership is not required to make any effort or take any action to so include the securities of the Holder once the registration statement is declared effective by the Commission or otherwise becomes effective, including any registration statement providing for the offering from time to time of securities pursuant to Rule 415 of the Securities Act. If the proposed offering pursuant to this Section 7.12(c) shall be an underwritten offering, then, in the event that the managing underwriter or managing underwriters of such offering advise the Partnership and the Holder in writing that in their opinion the inclusion of all or some of the Holder's Partnership Securities would adversely and materially affect the success of the offering, the Partnership shall include in such offering only that number or amount, if any, of securities held by the Holder that, in the opinion of the managing underwriter or managing underwriters, will not so adversely and materially affect the offering. Except as set forth in Section 7.12(d), all costs and expenses of any such registration and offering (other than the underwriting discounts and commissions) shall be paid by the Partnership, without reimbursement by the Holder.

(d) If underwriters are engaged in connection with any registration referred to in this Section 7.12, the Partnership shall provide indemnification, representations, covenants, opinions and other assurance to the underwriters in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such underwriters. Further, in addition to and not in limitation of the Partnership's obligation under Section 7.7, the Partnership shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold harmless the Holder, its officers, directors and each Person who controls the Holder (within the meaning of the Securities Act) and any agent thereof (collectively, *Indemnified Persons*) from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts arising from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, in which any Indemnified Person may be involved, or is threatened to be involved, as a party or otherwise, under the Securities Act or otherwise (hereinafter referred to in this Section 7.12(d) as a claim and in the plural as claims) based upon, arising out of or resulting from any untrue

statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in any registration statement

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under which any Partnership Securities were registered under the Securities Act or any state securities or Blue Sky laws, in any preliminary prospectus (if used prior to the effective date of such registration statement), or in any summary or final prospectus or any free writing prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto (if used during the period the Partnership is required to keep the registration statement current), or arising out of, based upon or resulting from the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements made therein not misleading; provided, however, that the Partnership shall not be liable to any Indemnified Person to the extent that any such claim arises out of, is based upon or results from an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in such registration statement, such preliminary, summary or final prospectus or any free writing prospectus or such amendment or supplement, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Partnership by or on behalf of such Indemnified Person specifically for use in the preparation thereof.

(e) The provisions of Section 7.12(a), Section 7.12(b) and Section 7.12(c) shall continue to be applicable with respect to the General Partner (and any of the General Partner's Affiliates) after it ceases to be a general partner of the Partnership, during a period of two years subsequent to the effective date of such cessation and for so long thereafter as is required for the Holder to sell all of the Partnership Securities with respect to which it has requested during such two-year period inclusion in a registration statement otherwise filed or that a registration statement be filed; provided, however, that the Partnership shall not be required to file successive registration statements covering the same Partnership Securities for which registration was demanded during such two-year period. The provisions of Section 7.12(d) shall continue in effect thereafter.

(f) The rights to cause the Partnership to register Partnership Securities pursuant to this Section 7.12 may be assigned (but only with all related obligations) by a Holder to a transferee or assignee of such Partnership Securities, provided (i) the Partnership is, within a reasonable time after such transfer, furnished with written notice of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the Partnership Securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned; and (ii) such transferee or assignee agrees in writing to be bound by and subject to the terms set forth in this Section 7.12.

(g) Any request to register Partnership Securities pursuant to this Section 7.12 shall (i) specify the Partnership Securities intended to be offered and sold by the Person making the request, (ii) express such Person's present intent to offer such Partnership Securities for distribution, (iii) describe the nature or method of the proposed offer and sale of Partnership Securities, and (iv) contain the undertaking of such Person to provide all such information and materials and take all action as may be required in order to permit the Partnership to comply with all applicable requirements in connection with the registration of such Partnership Securities.

*Section 7.13 Reliance by Third Parties.*

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Person dealing with the Partnership shall be entitled to assume that the General Partner and any officer of the General Partner authorized by the General Partner to act on behalf of and in the name of the Partnership has full power and authority to encumber, sell or otherwise use in any manner any and all assets of the Partnership and to enter into any authorized contracts on behalf of the Partnership, and such Person shall be entitled to deal with the General Partner or any such officer as if it were the Partnership's sole party in interest, both legally and beneficially. Each Limited Partner hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any and all defenses or other remedies that may be available against such Person to contest, negate or disaffirm any action of the General Partner or any such officer in connection with any such dealing. In no event shall any Person dealing with the General Partner or any such officer or its representatives be obligated to ascertain that the terms of this Agreement have been complied with or to inquire into the necessity or expedience of any act or action of the General Partner or any such officer or its representatives. Each and every certificate, document or other instrument executed on behalf of the Partnership by the General Partner or its representatives shall be conclusive evidence in

favor of any and every Person relying thereon or claiming thereunder that (a) at the time of the execution and delivery of such certificate, document or instrument, this Agreement was in full

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force and effect, (b) the Person executing and delivering such certificate, document or instrument was duly authorized and empowered to do so for and on behalf of the Partnership and (c) such certificate, document or instrument was duly executed and delivered in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and is binding upon the Partnership.

ARTICLE VIII

BOOKS, RECORDS, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTS

Section 8.1 *Records and Accounting.*

The General Partner shall keep or cause to be kept at the principal office of the Partnership appropriate books and records with respect to the Partnership's business, including all books and records necessary to provide to the Limited Partners any information required to be provided pursuant to Section 3.4(a). Any books and records maintained by or on behalf of the Partnership in the regular course of its business, including the record of the Record Holders and Assignees of Units or other Partnership Securities, books of account and records of Partnership proceedings, may be kept on, or be in the form of, computer disks, hard drives, punch cards, magnetic tape, photographs, micrographics or any other information storage device; provided, that the books and records so maintained are convertible into clearly legible written form within a reasonable period of time. The books of the Partnership shall be maintained, for financial reporting purposes, on an accrual basis in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Section 8.2 *Fiscal Year.*

The fiscal year of the Partnership shall be a fiscal year ending December 31.

Section 8.3 *Reports.*

(a) As soon as practicable, but in no event later than 120 days after the close of each fiscal year of the Partnership, the General Partner shall cause to be mailed or made available, by any reasonable means (including posting on or accessible through the Partnership's or the SEC's website) to each Record Holder of a Unit as of a date selected by the General Partner, an annual report containing financial statements of the Partnership for such fiscal year of the Partnership, presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, including a balance sheet and statements of operations, Partnership equity and cash flows, such statements to be audited by a firm of independent public accountants selected by the General Partner.

(b) As soon as practicable, but in no event later than 90 days after the close of each Quarter except the last Quarter of each fiscal year, the General Partner shall cause to be mailed or made available, by any reasonable means (including posting on or accessible through the Partnership's or the SEC's website) to each Record Holder of a Unit, as of a date selected by the General Partner, a report containing unaudited financial statements of the Partnership and such other information as may be required by applicable law, regulation or rule of any National Securities Exchange on which the Units are listed or admitted to trading, or as the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate.

ARTICLE IX

TAX MATTERS

Section 9.1 *Tax Returns and Information.*

The Partnership shall timely file all returns of the Partnership that are required for federal, state and local income tax purposes on the basis of the accrual method and the taxable year or years that it is required by law to adopt, from time to time, as determined by the General Partner. In the event the Partnership is required to use a taxable year other than a year ending on December 31, the General Partner shall use reasonable efforts to change the taxable year of the Partnership to a year ending on December 31. The tax information reasonably required by Record Holders for federal and state income tax reporting purposes with respect to a taxable year shall be furnished to them within 90 days of the close of the

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calendar year in which the Partnership's taxable year ends. The classification, realization and recognition of income, gain, losses and deductions and other items shall be on the accrual method of accounting for federal income tax purposes.

### *Section 9.2 Tax Elections.*

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

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein, the General Partner shall determine whether the Partnership should make any other elections permitted by the Code.

### *Section 9.3 Tax Controversies.*

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

### *Section 9.4 Withholding.*

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

## ARTICLE X

### ADMISSION OF PARTNERS

#### *Section 10.1 Admission of Initial Limited Partners.*

Upon the issuance by the Partnership of Common Units, Subordinated Units and Incentive Distribution Rights to the General Partner, Spectra Energy Transmission LLC, Spectra Energy Southeast Pipeline Corp. and the Underwriters as described in Article V in connection with the Initial Offering, the General Partner shall admit such parties to the Partnership as Initial Limited Partners in respect of the Common Units, Subordinated Units or Incentive Distribution Rights issued to them.



Section 10.2 *Admission of Substituted Limited Partners.*

By transfer of a Limited Partner Interest in accordance with Article IV, the transferor shall be deemed to have given the transferee the right to seek admission as a Substituted Limited Partner subject to the conditions of, and in the manner permitted under, this Agreement. A transferor of a Certificate representing a Limited Partner Interest shall, however, only have the authority to convey to a purchaser or other

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transferee who does not execute and deliver a Transfer Application (a) the right to negotiate such Certificate to a purchaser or other transferee and (b) the right to transfer the right to request admission as a Substituted Limited Partner to such purchaser or other transferee in respect of the transferred Limited Partner Interests. No transferor of a Limited Partner Interest or other Person shall have any obligation or responsibility to provide a Transfer Application or Taxation Certification to a transferee or assist or participate in any way with respect to the completion or delivery thereof. Each transferee of a Limited Partner Interest (including any nominee holder or an agent acquiring such Limited Partner Interest for the account of another Person) who executes and delivers a properly completed Transfer Application, containing a Taxation Certification, shall, by virtue of such execution and delivery, be an Assignee. Such Assignee shall automatically be admitted to the Partnership as a Substituted Limited Partner with respect to the Limited Partner Interests so transferred to such Person at such time as such transfer is recorded in the books and records of the Partnership, and until so recorded, such transferee shall be an Assignee. The General Partner shall periodically, but no less frequently than on the first Business Day of each calendar quarter, cause any unrecorded transfers of Limited Partner Interests with respect to which a properly completed, duly executed Transfer Application has been received to be recorded in the books and records of the Partnership. An Assignee shall have an interest in the Partnership equivalent to that of a Limited Partner with respect to allocations and distributions, including liquidating distributions, of the Partnership. With respect to voting rights attributable to Limited Partner Interests that are held by Assignees, the General Partner shall be deemed to be the Limited Partner with respect thereto and shall, in exercising the voting rights in respect of such Limited Partner Interests on any matter, vote such Limited Partner Interests at the written direction of the Assignee who is the Record Holder of such Limited Partner Interests. If no such written direction is received, such Limited Partner Interests will not be voted. An Assignee shall have no other rights of a Limited Partner.

*Section 10.3 Admission of Successor General Partner.*

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

*Section 10.4 Admission of Additional Limited Partners.*

(a) A Person (other than the General Partner, an Initial Limited Partner or a Substituted Limited Partner) who makes a Capital Contribution to the Partnership in accordance with this Agreement shall be admitted to the Partnership as an Additional Limited Partner only upon furnishing to the General Partner:

(i) evidence of acceptance in form satisfactory to the General Partner of all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including the power of attorney granted in Section 2.6,

(ii) a properly completed Taxation Certification; and

(iii) such other documents or instruments as may be required by the General Partner to effect such Person's admission as an Additional Limited Partner.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 10.4, no Person shall be admitted as an Additional Limited Partner without the consent of the General Partner. The admission of any Person as an Additional Limited Partner shall become effective on the date upon which the name of such Person is recorded as such in the books and records of the Partnership, following the consent of the General Partner to such admission.

Section 10.5 *Amendment of Agreement and Certificate of Limited Partnership.*

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To effect the admission to the Partnership of any Partner, the General Partner shall take all steps necessary or appropriate under the Delaware Act to amend the records of the Partnership to reflect such admission and, if necessary, to prepare as soon as practicable an amendment to this Agreement and, if required by law, the General Partner shall prepare and file an amendment to the Certificate of Limited Partnership, and the General Partner may for this purpose, among others, exercise the power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 2.6.

ARTICLE XI

WITHDRAWAL OR REMOVAL OF PARTNERS

Section 11.1 *Withdrawal of the General Partner.*

(a) The General Partner shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Partnership upon the occurrence of any one of the following events (each such event herein referred to as an *Event of Withdrawal* );

(i) The General Partner voluntarily withdraws from the Partnership by giving written notice to the other Partners;

(ii) The General Partner transfers all of its rights as General Partner pursuant to Section 4.6;

(iii) The General Partner is removed pursuant to Section 11.2;

(iv) The General Partner (A) makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (B) files a voluntary bankruptcy petition for relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code; (C) files a petition or answer seeking for itself a liquidation, dissolution or similar relief (but not a reorganization) under any law; (D) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against the General Partner in a proceeding of the type described in clauses (A)-(C) of this Section 11.1(a)(iv); or (E) seeks, consents to or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee (but not a debtor-in-possession), receiver or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of its properties;

(v) A final and non-appealable order of relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code is entered by a court with appropriate jurisdiction pursuant to a voluntary or involuntary petition by or against the General Partner; or

(vi) (A) in the event the General Partner is a corporation, a certificate of dissolution or its equivalent is filed for the General Partner, or 90 days expire after the date of notice to the General Partner of revocation of its charter without a reinstatement of its charter, under the laws of its state of incorporation; (B) in the event the General Partner is a partnership or a limited liability company, the dissolution and commencement of winding up of the General Partner; (C) in the event the General Partner is acting in such capacity by virtue of being a trustee of a trust, the termination of the trust; (D) in the event the General Partner is a natural person, his death or adjudication of incompetency; and (E) otherwise in the event of the termination of the General Partner.

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

(b) Withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership upon the occurrence of an Event of Withdrawal shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement under the following circumstances: (i) at any time during the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending at 12:00 midnight, Central Time, on June 30, 2017, the General Partner voluntarily

withdraws by giving at least 90 days advance notice of its intention to withdraw to the Limited Partners; provided, that prior to the effective date of such withdrawal, the withdrawal is approved by Unitholders holding at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units (excluding Common Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates) and the General Partner delivers to the Partnership an Opinion of Counsel ( *Withdrawal Opinion of Counsel* ) that such withdrawal

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(following the selection of the successor General Partner) would not result in the loss of the limited liability of any Limited Partner or any Group Member or cause any Group Member to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not already so treated or taxed); (ii) at any time after 12:00 midnight, Central Time, on June 30, 2017, the General Partner voluntarily withdraws by giving at least 90 days advance notice to the Unitholders, such withdrawal to take effect on the date specified in such notice; (iii) at any time that the General Partner ceases to be the General Partner pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(ii) or is removed pursuant to Section 11.2; or (iv) notwithstanding clause (i) of this sentence, at any time that the General Partner voluntarily withdraws by giving at least 90 days advance notice of its intention to withdraw to the Limited Partners, such withdrawal to take effect on the date specified in the notice, if at the time such notice is given one Person and its Affiliates (other than the General Partner and its Affiliates) own beneficially or of record or control at least 50% of the Outstanding Units. The withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership upon the occurrence of an Event of Withdrawal shall also constitute the withdrawal of the General Partner as general partner or managing member, if any, to the extent applicable, of the other Group Members. If the General Partner gives a notice of withdrawal pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(i), the holders of a Unit Majority, may, prior to the effective date of such withdrawal, elect a successor General Partner. The Person so elected as successor General Partner shall automatically become the successor general partner or managing member, to the extent applicable, of the other Group Members of which the General Partner is a general partner or a managing member. If, prior to the effective date of the General Partner's withdrawal, a successor is not selected by the Unitholders as provided herein or the Partnership does not receive a Withdrawal Opinion of Counsel, the Partnership shall be dissolved in accordance with Section 12.1. Any successor General Partner elected in accordance with the terms of this Section 11.1 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10.3.

*Section 11.2 Removal of the General Partner.*

The General Partner may be removed if such removal is approved by the Unitholders holding at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the Outstanding Units (including Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates) voting as a single class. Any such action by such holders for removal of the General Partner must also provide for the election of a successor General Partner by the Unitholders holding a majority of the outstanding Common Units and Class B Units, if any, voting as a single class and a majority of the outstanding Subordinated Units (if any Subordinated Units are then Outstanding) voting as a class (including, in each case, Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates). Such removal shall be effective immediately following the admission of a successor General Partner pursuant to Section 10.3. The removal of the General Partner shall also automatically constitute the removal of the General Partner as general partner or managing member, to the extent applicable, of the other Group Members of which the General Partner is a general partner or a managing member. If a Person is elected as a successor General Partner in accordance with the terms of this Section 11.2, such Person shall, upon admission pursuant to Section 10.3, automatically become a successor general partner or managing member, to the extent applicable, of the other Group Members of which the General Partner is a general partner or a managing member. The right of the holders of Outstanding Units to remove the General Partner shall not exist or be exercised unless the Partnership has received an opinion opining as to the matters covered by a Withdrawal Opinion of Counsel. Any successor General Partner elected in accordance with the terms of this Section 11.2 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10.3.

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

(a) In the event of (i) withdrawal of the General Partner under circumstances where such withdrawal does not violate this Agreement or (ii) removal of the General Partner by the holders of Outstanding Units under circumstances where Cause does not exist, if the successor General Partner is elected in accordance with the terms of Section 11.1 or Section 11.2, the Departing General Partner shall have the option, exercisable prior to the effective date of the departure of such Departing General Partner, to require its successor to purchase its General Partner Interest (represented by General Partner Units) and its general partner interest (or equivalent interest), if any, in the other

Group Members and all of its Incentive Distribution Rights (collectively, the *Combined Interest* ) in exchange for an amount in cash equal to the

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

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

(b) If the Combined Interest is not purchased in the manner set forth in Section 11.3(a), the Departing General Partner (or its transferee) shall become a Limited Partner and its Combined Interest shall be converted into Common Units pursuant to a valuation made by an investment banking firm or other independent expert selected pursuant to Section 11.3(a), without reduction in such Partnership Interest (but subject to proportionate dilution by reason of the admission of its successor). Any successor General Partner shall indemnify the Departing General Partner (or its transferee) as to all debts and liabilities of the Partnership arising on or after the date on which the Departing General Partner (or its transferee) becomes a Limited Partner. For purposes of this Agreement, conversion of the Combined Interest of the Departing General Partner to Common Units will be characterized as if the Departing General Partner (or its transferee) contributed its Combined Interest to the Partnership in exchange for the newly issued Common Units.

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





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General Partner was entitled in respect of its General Partner Interest. In addition, the successor General Partner shall cause this Agreement to be amended to reflect that, from and after the date of such successor General Partner's admission, the successor General Partner's interest in all Partnership distributions and allocations shall be its Percentage Interest.

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

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, if the General Partner is removed as general partner of the Partnership under circumstances where Cause does not exist and Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates are not voted in favor of such removal, (i) the Subordination Period will end and all Outstanding Subordinated Units will immediately and automatically convert into Common Units on a one-for-one basis (*provided, however*, that such converted Subordinated Units shall remain subject to the provisions of Sections 5.5(c)(ii), 6.1(d)(x) and 6.7(c)), (ii) all Cumulative Common Unit Arrearages on the Common Units will be extinguished and (iii) the General Partner will have the right to convert its General Partner Interest (represented by General Partner Units) and its Incentive Distribution Rights into Common Units or to receive cash in exchange therefor in accordance with Section 11.3.

*Section 11.5 Withdrawal of Limited Partners.*

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

ARTICLE XII

DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

*Section 12.1 Dissolution.*

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

- (a) an Event of Withdrawal of the General Partner as provided in Section 11.1(a) (other than Section 11.1(a)(ii)), unless a successor is elected and an Opinion of Counsel is received as provided in Section 11.1(b) or 11.2 and such successor is admitted to the Partnership pursuant to Section 10.3;
- (b) an election to dissolve the Partnership by the General Partner that is approved by the holders of a Unit Majority;
- (c) the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of the Partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act; or
- (d) at any time there are no Limited Partners, unless the Partnership is continued without dissolution in accordance with the Delaware Act.

*Section 12.2 Continuation of the Business of the Partnership After Dissolution.*

Upon (a) dissolution of the Partnership following an Event of Withdrawal caused by the withdrawal or removal of the General Partner as provided in Section 11.1(a)(i) or (iii) and the failure of the Partners to select a successor to such Departing General Partner pursuant to Section 11.1 or Section 11.2, then within 90 days thereafter, or (b) dissolution of the Partnership upon an event constituting an Event of Withdrawal as defined in Section 11.1(a)(iv), (v) or (vi), then, to the maximum extent permitted by law, within 180 days thereafter, the holders of a Unit Majority may elect to continue the business of the Partnership on

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the same terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement by appointing as a successor General Partner a Person approved by the holders of a Unit Majority. Unless such an election is made within the applicable time period as set forth above, the Partnership shall dissolve and conduct only activities necessary to wind up its affairs. If such an election is so made, then:

- (i) the Partnership shall continue without dissolution unless earlier dissolved in accordance with this Article XII;
- (ii) if the successor General Partner is not the former General Partner, then the interest of the former General Partner shall be treated in the manner provided in Section 11.3; and
- (iii) the successor General Partner shall be admitted to the Partnership as General Partner, effective as of the Event of Withdrawal, by agreeing in writing to be bound by this Agreement;

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

### Section 12.3 *Liquidator.*

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

### Section 12.4 *Liquidation.*

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

- (a) The assets may be disposed of by public or private sale or by distribution in kind to one or more Partners on such terms as the Liquidator and such Partner or Partners may agree. If any property is distributed in kind, the Partner receiving the property shall be deemed for purposes of Section 12.4(c) to have received cash equal to its fair market

value; and contemporaneously therewith, appropriate cash distributions must be made to the other Partners. The Liquidator may defer liquidation or distribution of the Partnership's assets for a reasonable time if it determines that an immediate sale or distribution of all or some of the Partnership's assets would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partners. The Liquidator may distribute the Partnership's assets, in whole or in

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part, in kind if it determines that a sale would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partners.

(b) Liabilities of the Partnership include amounts owed to the Liquidator as compensation for serving in such capacity (subject to the terms of Section 12.3) and amounts to Partners otherwise than in respect of their distribution rights under Article VI. With respect to any liability that is contingent, conditional or unmatured or is otherwise not yet due and payable, the Liquidator shall either settle such claim for such amount as it thinks appropriate or establish a reserve of cash or other assets to provide for its payment. When paid, any unused portion of the reserve shall be distributed as additional liquidation proceeds.

(c) All property and all cash in excess of that required to discharge liabilities as provided in Section 12.4(b) shall be distributed to the Partners in accordance with, and to the extent of, the positive balances in their respective Capital Accounts, as determined after taking into account all Capital Account adjustments (other than those made by reason of distributions pursuant to this Section 12.4(c)) for the taxable year of the Partnership during which the liquidation of the Partnership occurs (with such date of occurrence being determined pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(g)), and such distribution shall be made by the end of such taxable year (or, if later, within 90 days after said date of such occurrence).

*Section 12.5 Cancellation of Certificate of Limited Partnership.*

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

*Section 12.6 Return of Contributions.*

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

*Section 12.7 Waiver of Partition.*

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

*Section 12.8 Capital Account Restoration.*

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

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENT OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT; MEETINGS; RECORD DATE

*Section 13.1 Amendments to be Adopted Solely by the General Partner.*

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Each Partner agrees that the General Partner, without the approval of any Partner or Assignee, may amend any provision of this Agreement and execute, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file and record whatever documents may be required in connection therewith, to reflect:

(a) a change in the name of the Partnership, the location of the principal place of business of the Partnership, the registered agent of the Partnership or the registered office of the Partnership;

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- (b) admission, substitution, withdrawal or removal of Partners in accordance with this Agreement;
- (c) a change that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate to qualify or continue the qualification of the Partnership as a limited partnership or a partnership in which the Limited Partners have limited liability under the laws of any state or to ensure that the Group Members will not be treated as associations taxable as corporations or otherwise taxed as entities for federal income tax purposes;
- (d) a change that the General Partner determines, (i) does not adversely affect in any material respect the Limited Partners considered as a whole or any particular class of Partnership Interests as compared to other classes of Partnership Interests, (ii) to be necessary or appropriate to (A) satisfy any requirements, conditions or guidelines contained in any opinion, directive, order, ruling or regulation of any federal or state agency or judicial authority or contained in any federal or state statute (including the Delaware Act) or (B) facilitate the trading of the Units (including the division of any class or classes of Outstanding Units into different classes to facilitate uniformity of tax consequences within such classes of Units) or comply with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which the Units are or will be listed or admitted to trading, (iii) to be necessary or appropriate in connection with action taken by the General Partner pursuant to Section 5.9 or (iv) is required to effect the intent expressed in the Registration Statement or the intent of the provisions of this Agreement or is otherwise contemplated by this Agreement;
- (e) a change in the fiscal year or taxable year of the Partnership and any other changes that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate as a result of a change in the fiscal year or taxable year of the Partnership including, if the General Partner shall so determine, a change in the definition of Quarter and the dates on which distributions are to be made by the Partnership;
- (f) an amendment that is necessary, in the Opinion of Counsel, to prevent the Partnership, or the General Partner or its directors, officers, trustees or agents from in any manner being subjected to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, or plan asset regulations adopted under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, regardless of whether such are substantially similar to plan asset regulations currently applied or proposed by the United States Department of Labor;
- (g) an amendment that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate in connection with the authorization of issuance of any class or series of Partnership Securities pursuant to Section 5.6, including any amendment that the General Partner determines is necessary or appropriate in connection with (i) the adjustments of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution, Second Target Distribution and Third Target Distribution pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.11, (ii) the implementation of the provisions of Section 5.11 or (iii) any modifications to the Incentive Distribution Rights made in connection with the issuance of Partnership Securities pursuant to Section 5.6, provided that, with respect to this clause (iii), the modifications to the Incentive Distribution Rights and the related issuance of Partnership Securities have received Special Approval;
- (h) any amendment expressly permitted in this Agreement to be made by the General Partner acting alone;
- (i) an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by a Merger Agreement approved in accordance with Section 14.3;
- (j) an amendment that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate to reflect and account for the formation by the Partnership of, or investment by the Partnership in, any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity, in connection with the conduct by the Partnership of activities permitted by the terms of Section 2.4;



- (k) a merger, conveyance or conversion pursuant to Section 14.3(d); or
- (l) any other amendments substantially similar to the foregoing.

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Section 13.2 *Amendment Procedures.*

Except as provided in Section 13.1 and Section 13.3, all amendments to this Agreement shall be made in accordance with the requirements contained in this Section 13.2. Amendments to this Agreement may be proposed only by the General Partner; provided, however, to the full extent permitted by law, that the General Partner shall have no duty or obligation to propose any amendment to this Agreement and may decline to do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership, any Limited Partner or Assignee and, in declining to propose an amendment, to the fullest extent permitted by law shall not be required to act in good faith or pursuant to any other standard imposed by this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity. A proposed amendment shall be effective upon its approval by the General Partner and the holders of a Unit Majority, unless a greater or different percentage is required under this Agreement or by Delaware law. Each proposed amendment that requires the approval of the holders of a specified percentage of Outstanding Units shall be set forth in a writing that contains the text of the proposed amendment. If such an amendment is proposed, the General Partner shall seek the written approval of the requisite percentage of Outstanding Units or call a meeting of the Unitholders to consider and vote on such proposed amendment. The General Partner shall notify all Record Holders upon final adoption of any such proposed amendments.

Section 13.3 *Amendment Requirements.*

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 13.1 and Section 13.2, no provision of this Agreement that establishes a percentage of Outstanding Units (including Units deemed owned by the General Partner) required to take any action shall be amended, altered, changed, repealed or rescinded in any respect that would have the effect of reducing such voting percentage unless such amendment is approved by the written consent or the affirmative vote of holders of Outstanding Units whose aggregate Outstanding Units constitute not less than the voting requirement sought to be reduced.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 13.1 and Section 13.2, no amendment to this Agreement may (i) enlarge the obligations of any Limited Partner without its consent, unless such shall be deemed to have occurred as a result of an amendment approved pursuant to Section 13.3(c), or (ii) enlarge the obligations of, restrict in any way any action by or rights of, or reduce in any way the amounts distributable, reimbursable or otherwise payable to, the General Partner or any of its Affiliates without its consent, which consent may be given or withheld at its option.

(c) Except as provided in Section 14.3, and without limitation of the General Partner's authority to adopt amendments to this Agreement without the approval of any Partners or Assignees as contemplated in Section 13.1, any amendment that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any class of Partnership Interests in relation to other classes of Partnership Interests must be approved by the holders of not less than a majority of the Outstanding Partnership Interests of the class affected.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, except for amendments pursuant to Section 13.1 and except as otherwise provided by Section 14.3(b), no amendments shall become effective without the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the Outstanding Units voting as a single class unless the Partnership obtains an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such amendment will not affect the limited liability of any Limited Partner under applicable law.

(e) Except as provided in Section 13.1, this Section 13.3 shall only be amended with the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the Outstanding Units.

Section 13.4 *Special Meetings.*

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

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general or specific purposes for which the special meeting is to be called. Within 60 days after receipt of such a call from Limited Partners or within such greater time as may be reasonably necessary for the Partnership to comply with any statutes, rules, regulations, listing agreements or similar requirements governing the holding of a meeting or the solicitation of proxies for use at such a meeting, the General Partner shall send a notice of the meeting to the Limited Partners either directly or indirectly through the Transfer Agent. A meeting shall be held at a time and place determined by the General Partner on a date not less than 10 days nor more than 60 days after the time notice of the meeting is given as provided in Section 16.1. Limited Partners shall not vote on matters that would cause the Limited Partners to be deemed to be taking part in the management and control of the business and affairs of the Partnership so as to jeopardize the Limited Partners' limited liability under the Delaware Act or the law of any other state in which the Partnership is qualified to do business.

### *Section 13.5 Notice of a Meeting.*

Notice of a meeting called pursuant to Section 13.4 shall be given to the Record Holders of the class or classes of Units for which a meeting is proposed in writing by mail or other means of written communication in accordance with Section 16.1 at least 10 days in advance of such meeting. The notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time when deposited in the mail or sent by other means of written communication.

### *Section 13.6 Record Date.*

For purposes of determining the Limited Partners entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of the Limited Partners or to give approvals without a meeting as provided in Section 13.11 the General Partner may set a Record Date, which shall not be less than 10 nor more than 60 days before (a) the date of the meeting (unless such requirement conflicts with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which the Units are listed or admitted to trading, in which case the rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of such National Securities Exchange shall govern) or (b) in the event that approvals are sought without a meeting, the date by which Limited Partners are requested in writing by the General Partner to give such approvals. If the General Partner does not set a Record Date, then (a) the Record Date for determining the Limited Partners entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of the Limited Partners shall be the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which notice is given, and (b) the Record Date for determining the Limited Partners entitled to give approvals without a meeting shall be the date the first written approval is deposited with the Partnership in care of the General Partner in accordance with Section 13.11.

### *Section 13.7 Adjournment.*

When a meeting is adjourned to another time or place, notice need not be given of the adjourned meeting and a new Record Date need not be fixed, if the time and place thereof are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken, unless such adjournment shall be for more than 45 days. At the adjourned meeting, the Partnership may transact any business which might have been transacted at the original meeting. If the adjournment is for more than 45 days or if a new Record Date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in accordance with this Article XIII.

### *Section 13.8 Waiver of Notice; Approval of Meeting.*

The transactions of any meeting of Limited Partners, however called and noticed, and whenever held, shall be as valid as if it had occurred at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum is present either in person or by proxy. Attendance of a Limited Partner at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting, except when the Limited Partner attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened; and except that attendance at a

meeting is not a waiver of any right to disapprove the consideration of matters required to be included in the notice of the meeting, but not so included, if the disapproval is expressly made at the meeting.

Section 13.9 *Quorum and Voting.*

The holders of a majority of the Outstanding Units of the class or classes for which a meeting has been called (including Outstanding Units deemed owned by the General Partner) represented in person or by

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proxy shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of Limited Partners of such class or classes unless any such action by the Limited Partners requires approval by holders of a greater percentage of such Units, in which case the quorum shall be such greater percentage. At any meeting of the Limited Partners duly called and held in accordance with this Agreement at which a quorum is present, the act of Limited Partners holding Outstanding Units that in the aggregate represent a majority of the Outstanding Units entitled to vote and be present in person or by proxy at such meeting shall be deemed to constitute the act of all Limited Partners, unless a greater or different percentage is required with respect to such action under the provisions of this Agreement, in which case the act of the Limited Partners holding Outstanding Units that in the aggregate represent at least such greater or different percentage shall be required. The Limited Partners present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Limited Partners to leave less than a quorum, if any action taken (other than adjournment) is approved by the required percentage of Outstanding Units specified in this Agreement (including Outstanding Units deemed owned by the General Partner). In the absence of a quorum any meeting of Limited Partners may be adjourned from time to time by the affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Units entitled to vote at such meeting (including Outstanding Units deemed owned by the General Partner) represented either in person or by proxy, but no other business may be transacted, except as provided in Section 13.7.

Section 13.10 *Conduct of a Meeting.*

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

Section 13.11 *Action Without a Meeting.*

If authorized by the General Partner, any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Limited Partners may be taken without a meeting if an approval in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by Limited Partners owning not less than the minimum percentage of the Outstanding Units (including Units deemed owned by the General Partner) that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all the Limited Partners were present and voted (unless such provision conflicts with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which the Units are listed or admitted to trading, in which case the rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of such National Securities Exchange shall govern). Prompt notice of the taking of action without a meeting shall be given to the Limited Partners who have not approved in writing. The General Partner may specify that any written ballot submitted to Limited Partners for the purpose of taking any action without a meeting shall be returned to the Partnership within the time period, which shall be not less than 20 days, specified by the General Partner. If a ballot returned to the Partnership does not vote all of the Units held by the Limited Partners, the Partnership shall be deemed to have failed to receive a ballot for the Units that were not voted. If approval of the taking of any action by the Limited Partners is solicited by any Person other than by or on behalf of the General Partner, the written approvals shall have no force and effect unless and until (a) they are deposited with the Partnership in care of the General Partner, (b) approvals sufficient to take the action proposed are dated as of a date not more than 90 days prior to the date sufficient approvals are deposited with the Partnership and (c) an Opinion of

Counsel is delivered to the General Partner to the effect that the exercise of such right and the action proposed to be taken with respect to any particular matter (i) will not cause the Limited Partners to be deemed to be taking part in the management and

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control of the business and affairs of the Partnership so as to jeopardize the Limited Partners' limited liability, and (ii) is otherwise permissible under the state statutes then governing the rights, duties and liabilities of the Partnership and the Partners.

Section 13.12 *Right to Vote and Related Matters.*

(a) Only those Record Holders of the Units on the Record Date set pursuant to Section 13.6 (and also subject to the limitations contained in the definition of "Outstanding") shall be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, a meeting of Limited Partners or to act with respect to matters as to which the holders of the Outstanding Units have the right to vote or to act. All references in this Agreement to votes of, or other acts that may be taken by, the Outstanding Units shall be deemed to be references to the votes or acts of the Record Holders of such Outstanding Units.

(b) With respect to Units that are held for a Person's account by another Person (such as a broker, dealer, bank, trust company or clearing corporation, or an agent of any of the foregoing), in whose name such Units are registered, such other Person shall, in exercising the voting rights in respect of such Units on any matter, and unless the arrangement between such Persons provides otherwise, vote such Units in favor of, and at the direction of, the Person who is the beneficial owner, and the Partnership shall be entitled to assume it is so acting without further inquiry. The provisions of this Section 13.12(b) (as well as all other provisions of this Agreement) are subject to the provisions of Section 4.3.

ARTICLE XIV

MERGER, CONSOLIDATION OR CONVERSION

Section 14.1 *Authority.*

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

Section 14.2 *Procedure for Merger, Consolidation or Conversion.*

(a) Merger, consolidation or conversion of the Partnership pursuant to this Article XIV requires the prior consent of the General Partner, provided, however, that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the General Partner shall have no duty or obligation to consent to any merger, consolidation or conversion of the Partnership and may decline to do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership, any Limited Partner or Assignee and, in declining to consent to a merger, consolidation or conversion, shall not be required to act in good faith or pursuant to any other standard imposed by this Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity.

(b) If the General Partner shall determine to consent to the merger or consolidation, the General Partner shall approve the Merger Agreement, which shall set forth:

(i) name and state of domicile of each of the business entities proposing to merge or consolidate;

(ii) the name and state of domicile of the business entity that is to survive the proposed merger or consolidation (the *Surviving Business Entity*);



(iii) the terms and conditions of the proposed merger or consolidation;

(iv) the manner and basis of exchanging or converting the equity securities of each constituent business entity for, or into, cash, property or interests, rights, securities or obligations of the Surviving Business Entity; and (i) if any general or limited partner interests, securities or rights of any

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constituent business entity are not to be exchanged or converted solely for, or into, cash, property or general or limited partner interests, rights, securities or obligations of the Surviving Business Entity, the cash, property or interests, rights, securities or obligations of any general or limited partnership, corporation, trust, limited liability company, unincorporated business or other entity (other than the Surviving Business Entity) which the holders of such general or limited partner interests, securities or rights are to receive in exchange for, or upon conversion of their interests, securities or rights, and (ii) in the case of securities represented by certificates, upon the surrender of such certificates, which cash, property or general or limited partner interests, rights, securities or obligations of the Surviving Business Entity or any general or limited partnership, corporation, trust, limited liability company, unincorporated business or other entity (other than the Surviving Business Entity), or evidences thereof, are to be delivered;

(v) a statement of any changes in the constituent documents or the adoption of new constituent documents (the articles or certificate of incorporation, articles of trust, declaration of trust, certificate or agreement of limited partnership, certificate of formation or limited liability company agreement, operating agreement or other similar charter or governing document) of the Surviving Business Entity to be effected by such merger or consolidation;

(vi) the effective time of the merger, which may be the date of the filing of the certificate of merger pursuant to Section 14.4 or a later date specified in or determinable in accordance with the Merger Agreement (provided, that if the effective time of the merger is to be later than the date of the filing of such certificate of merger, the effective time shall be fixed at a date or time certain at or prior to the time of the filing of such certificate of merger and stated therein); and

(vii) such other provisions with respect to the proposed merger or consolidation that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate.

(c) If the General Partner shall determine to consent to the conversion, the General Partner shall approve the Plan of Conversion, which shall set forth:

(i) the name of the converting entity and the converted entity;

(ii) a statement that the Partnership is continuing its existence in the organizational form of the converted entity;

(iii) a statement as to the type of entity that the converted entity is to be and the state or country under the laws of which the converted entity is to be incorporated, formed or organized;

(iv) the manner and basis of exchanging or converting the equity securities of each constituent business entity for, or into, cash, property or interests, rights, securities or obligations of the converted entity;

(v) in an attachment or exhibit, the certificate of limited partnership of the Partnership; and

(vi) in an attachment or exhibit, the certificate of limited partnership, articles of incorporation, or other organizational documents of the converted entity;

(vii) the effective time of the conversion, which may be the date of the filing of the articles of conversion or a later date specified in or determinable in accordance with the Plan of Conversion (provided, that if the effective time of the conversion is to be later than the date of the filing of such articles of conversion, the effective time shall be fixed at a date or time certain at or prior to the time of the filing of such articles of conversion and stated therein); and

(viii) such other provisions with respect to the proposed conversion that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate.

Section 14.3 *Approval by Limited Partners.*

(a) Except as provided in Sections 14.3(d) and 14.3(c), the General Partner, upon its approval of the Merger Agreement or the Plan of Conversion, as the case may be, shall direct that the Merger Agreement

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or the Plan of Conversion, as applicable, be submitted to a vote of Limited Partners, whether at a special meeting or by written consent, in either case in accordance with the requirements of Article XIII. A copy or a summary of the Merger Agreement or the Plan of Conversion, as the case may be, shall be included in or enclosed with the notice of a special meeting or the written consent.

(b) Except as provided in Sections 14.3(d) and 14.3(c), the Merger Agreement or Plan of Conversion, as the case may be, shall be approved upon receiving the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of a Unit Majority.

(c) Except as provided in Sections 14.3(d) and 14.3(c), after such approval by vote or consent of the Limited Partners, and at any time prior to the filing of the certificate of merger or articles of conversion pursuant to Section 14.4, the merger, consolidation or conversion may be abandoned pursuant to provisions therefor, if any, set forth in the Merger Agreement or Plan of Conversion, as the case may be.

(d) Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Article XIV or in this Agreement, the General Partner is permitted, without Limited Partner approval, to convert the Partnership or any Group Member into a new limited liability entity, to merge the Partnership or any Group Member into, or convey all of the Partnership's assets to, another limited liability entity that shall be newly formed and shall have no assets, liabilities or operations at the time of such conversion, merger or conveyance other than those it receives from the Partnership or other Group Member if (i) the General Partner has received an Opinion of Counsel that the conversion, merger or conveyance, as the case may be, would not result in the loss of the limited liability of any Limited Partner or cause the Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not previously treated as such), (ii) the sole purpose of such conversion, merger, or conveyance is to effect a mere change in the legal form of the Partnership into another limited liability entity and (iii) the governing instruments of the new entity provide the Limited Partners and the General Partner with the same rights and obligations as are herein contained.

(e) Additionally, notwithstanding anything else contained in this Article XIV or in this Agreement, the General Partner is permitted, without Limited Partner approval, to merge or consolidate the Partnership with or into another entity if (A) the General Partner has received an Opinion of Counsel that the merger or consolidation, as the case may be, would not result in the loss of the limited liability of any Limited Partner or cause the Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not previously treated as such), (B) the merger or consolidation would not result in an amendment to the Partnership Agreement, other than any amendments that could be adopted pursuant to Section 13.1, (C) the Partnership is the Surviving Business Entity in such merger or consolidation, (D) each Unit outstanding immediately prior to the effective date of the merger or consolidation is to be an identical Unit of the Partnership after the effective date of the merger or consolidation, and (E) the number of Partnership Securities to be issued by the Partnership in such merger or consolidation do not exceed 20% of the Partnership Securities Outstanding immediately prior to the effective date of such merger or consolidation.

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

Section 14.4 *Certificate of Merger.*

Upon the required approval by the General Partner and the Unitholders of a Merger Agreement or the Plan of Conversion, as the case may be, a certificate of merger or articles of conversion, as applicable, shall be executed and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in conformity with the requirements of the Delaware Act.



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Section 14.5 *Effect of Merger, Consolidation or Conversion.*

(a) At the effective time of the certificate of merger:

(i) all of the rights, privileges and powers of each of the business entities that has merged or consolidated, and all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due to any of those business entities and all other things and causes of action belonging to each of those business entities, shall be vested in the Surviving Business Entity and after the merger or consolidation shall be the property of the Surviving Business Entity to the extent they were of each constituent business entity;

(ii) the title to any real property vested by deed or otherwise in any of those constituent business entities shall not revert and is not in any way impaired because of the merger or consolidation;

(iii) all rights of creditors and all liens on or security interests in property of any of those constituent business entities shall be preserved unimpaired; and

(iv) all debts, liabilities and duties of those constituent business entities shall attach to the Surviving Business Entity and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if the debts, liabilities and duties had been incurred or contracted by it.

(b) At the effective time of the articles of conversion:

(i) the Partnership shall continue to exist, without interruption, but in the organizational form of the converted entity rather than in its prior organizational form;

(ii) all rights, title, and interests to all real estate and other property owned by the Partnership shall continue to be owned by the converted entity in its new organizational form without reversion or impairment, without further act or deed, and without any transfer or assignment having occurred, but subject to any existing liens or other encumbrances thereon;

(iii) all liabilities and obligations of the Partnership shall continue to be liabilities and obligations of the converted entity in its new organizational form without impairment or diminution by reason of the conversion;

(iv) all rights of creditors or other parties with respect to or against the prior interest holders or other owners of the Partnership in their capacities as such in existence as of the effective time of the conversion will continue in existence as to those liabilities and obligations and may be pursued by such creditors and obligees as if the conversion did not occur;

(v) a proceeding pending by or against the Partnership or by or against any of Partners in their capacities as such may be continued by or against the converted entity in its new organizational form and by or against the prior partners without any need for substitution of parties; and

(vi) the Partnership Units that are to be converted into partnership interests, shares, evidences of ownership, or other securities in the converted entity as provided in the plan of conversion shall be so converted, and Partners shall be entitled only to the rights provided in the Plan of Conversion.

ARTICLE XV

RIGHT TO ACQUIRE LIMITED PARTNER INTERESTS

Section 15.1 *Right to Acquire Limited Partner Interests.*

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

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the General Partner or any of its Affiliates for any such Limited Partner Interest of such class purchased during the 90-day period preceding the date that the notice described in Section 15.1(b) is mailed.

(b) If the General Partner, any Affiliate of the General Partner or the Partnership elects to exercise the right to purchase Limited Partner Interests granted pursuant to Section 15.1(a), the General Partner shall deliver to the Transfer Agent notice of such election to purchase (the *Notice of Election to Purchase* ) and shall cause the Transfer Agent to mail a copy of such Notice of Election to Purchase to the Record Holders of Limited Partner Interests of such class or classes (as of a Record Date selected by the General Partner) at least 10, but not more than 60, days prior to the Purchase Date. Such Notice of Election to Purchase shall also be published for a period of at least three consecutive days in at least two daily newspapers of general circulation printed in the English language and published in the Borough of Manhattan, New York. The Notice of Election to Purchase shall specify the Purchase Date and the price (determined in accordance with Section 15.1(a)) at which Limited Partner Interests will be purchased and state that the General Partner, its Affiliate or the Partnership, as the case may be, elects to purchase such Limited Partner Interests, upon surrender of Certificates representing such Limited Partner Interests in exchange for payment, at such office or offices of the Transfer Agent as the Transfer Agent may specify, or as may be required by any National Securities Exchange on which such Limited Partner Interests are listed. Any such Notice of Election to Purchase mailed to a Record Holder of Limited Partner Interests at his address as reflected in the records of the Transfer Agent shall be conclusively presumed to have been given regardless of whether the owner receives such notice. On or prior to the Purchase Date, the General Partner, its Affiliate or the Partnership, as the case may be, shall deposit with the Transfer Agent cash in an amount sufficient to pay the aggregate purchase price of all of such Limited Partner Interests to be purchased in accordance with this Section 15.1. If the Notice of Election to Purchase shall have been duly given as aforesaid at least 10 days prior to the Purchase Date, and if on or prior to the Purchase Date the deposit described in the preceding sentence has been made for the benefit of the holders of Limited Partner Interests subject to purchase as provided herein, then from and after the Purchase Date, notwithstanding that any Certificate shall not have been surrendered for purchase, all rights of the holders of such Limited Partner Interests (including any rights pursuant to Article IV, Article V, Article VI, and Article XII) shall thereupon cease, except the right to receive the purchase price (determined in accordance with Section 15.1(a)) for Limited Partner Interests therefor, without interest, upon surrender to the Transfer Agent of the Certificates representing such Limited Partner Interests, and such Limited Partner Interests shall thereupon be deemed to be transferred to the General Partner, its Affiliate or the Partnership, as the case may be, on the record books of the Transfer Agent and the Partnership, and the General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner, or the Partnership, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be the owner of all such Limited Partner Interests from and after the Purchase Date and shall have all rights as the owner of such Limited Partner Interests (including all rights as owner of such Limited Partner Interests pursuant to Article IV, Article V, Article VI and Article XII).

(c) At any time from and after the Purchase Date, a holder of an Outstanding Limited Partner Interest subject to purchase as provided in this Section 15.1 may surrender his Certificate evidencing such Limited Partner Interest to the Transfer Agent in exchange for payment of the amount described in Section 15.1(a), therefor, without interest thereon.

ARTICLE XVI

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 16.1 *Addresses and Notices; Written Communications.*

(a) Any notice, demand, request, report or proxy materials required or permitted to be given or made to a Partner or Assignee under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given or made when delivered in person or when sent by first class United States mail or by other means of written communication to the Partner or Assignee at the address described below. Any notice, payment or report to be given or made to a Partner or Assignee hereunder



shall be deemed conclusively to have been given or made, and the obligation to give such notice or report or to make such payment shall be deemed

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conclusively to have been fully satisfied, upon sending of such notice, payment or report to the Record Holder of such Partnership Securities at his address as shown on the records of the Transfer Agent or as otherwise shown on the records of the Partnership, regardless of any claim of any Person who may have an interest in such Partnership Securities by reason of any assignment or otherwise. An affidavit or certificate of making of any notice, payment or report in accordance with the provisions of this Section 16.1 executed by the General Partner, the Transfer Agent or the mailing organization shall be prima facie evidence of the giving or making of such notice, payment or report. If any notice, payment or report addressed to a Record Holder at the address of such Record Holder appearing on the books and records of the Transfer Agent or the Partnership is returned by the United States Postal Service marked to indicate that the United States Postal Service is unable to deliver it, such notice, payment or report and any subsequent notices, payments and reports shall be deemed to have been duly given or made without further mailing (until such time as such Record Holder or another Person notifies the Transfer Agent or the Partnership of a change in his address) if they are available for the Partner or Assignee at the principal office of the Partnership for a period of one year from the date of the giving or making of such notice, payment or report to the other Partners and Assignees. Any notice to the Partnership shall be deemed given if received by the General Partner at the principal office of the Partnership designated pursuant to Section 2.3. The General Partner may rely and shall be protected in relying on any notice or other document from a Partner, Assignee or other Person if believed by it to be genuine.

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

*Section 16.2 Further Action.*

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

*Section 16.3 Binding Effect.*

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

*Section 16.4 Integration.*

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

*Section 16.5 Creditors.*

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

*Section 16.6 Waiver.*

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

*Section 16.7 Third-Party Beneficiaries.*

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

Section 16.8 *Counterparts.*

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute an agreement binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart. Each party shall become bound by this Agreement immediately upon affixing its

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signature hereto or, in the case of a Person acquiring a Unit, upon accepting the certificate evidencing such Unit or executing and delivering a Transfer Application as herein described, independently of the signature of any other party.

Section 16.9 *Applicable Law.*

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

Section 16.10 *Invalidity of Provisions.*

If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected thereby.

Section 16.11 *Consent of Partners.*

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

Section 16.12 *Facsimile Signatures.*

The use of facsimile signatures affixed in the name and on behalf of the transfer agent and registrar of the Partnership on certificates representing Common Units is expressly permitted by this Agreement.

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

**GENERAL PARTNER**

SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS (DE) GP, LP

its general partner

By: SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS GP, LLC,

Name:

By:

Title:

**ORGANIZATIONAL LIMITED PARTNER**

SPECTRA ENERGY TRANSMISSION, LLC

Name:

By:

Title:

**LIMITED PARTNERS:**

All Limited Partners now and hereafter admitted as Limited Partners of the Partnership, pursuant to powers of attorney now and hereafter executed in favor of, and granted and delivered to the General Partner.

SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS (DE) GP, LP

its general partner

By: Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC,

Name:

By:

Title:

*[Signature Page First Amended & Restated Agreement  
of Limited Partnership of Spectra Energy Partners, LP]*

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**EXHIBIT A  
to the First Amended and Restated  
Agreement of Limited Partnership of  
Spectra Energy Partners, LP**

**Certificate Evidencing Common Units  
Representing Limited Partner Interests in  
Spectra Energy Partners, LP**

No. Common Units

In accordance with Section 4.1 of the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Spectra Energy Partners, LP, as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time (the *Partnership Agreement* ), Spectra Energy Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the *Partnership* ), hereby certifies that (the *Holder* ) is the registered owner of Common Units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership (the *Common Units* ) transferable on the books of the Partnership, in person or by duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed and accompanied by a properly executed application for transfer of the Common Units represented by this Certificate. The rights, preferences and limitations of the Common Units are set forth in, and this Certificate and the Common Units represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the terms and provisions of, the Partnership Agreement. Copies of the Partnership Agreement are on file at, and will be furnished without charge on delivery of written request to the Partnership at, the principal office of the Partnership located at 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas, 77056. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meanings given them in the Partnership Agreement.

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

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



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This Certificate shall not be valid for any purpose unless it has been countersigned and registered by the Transfer Agent and Registrar.

Dated: Spectra Energy Partners, LP

Countersigned and Registered by: By: Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP,  
its General Partner

By: Spectra Energy Partners GP, LLC,  
its General Partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

as Transfer Agent and Registrar

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature By: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

[Reverse of Certificate]

**ABBREVIATIONS**

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

|           |   |   |
|-----------|---|---|
| TEN COM - | as tenants in common  | UNIF GIFT/TRANSFERS MIN ACT                               |
| TEN ENT - | as tenants by the entireties  | _____Custodian_____                                       |
|           |   | (Cust) (Minor)  |
| JT TEN -  | as joint tenants with right of survivorship and<br>not as tenants in common | under Uniform Gifts/Transfers to CD Minors<br>Act (State) |

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

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, hereby assigns, conveys, sells and transfers unto

(Please print or typewrite name and address of Assignee) (Please insert Social Security or other identifying number of Assignee)

Common Units representing limited partner interests evidenced by this Certificate, subject to the Partnership Agreement, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint as its attorney-in-fact with full power of substitution to transfer the same on the books of Spectra Energy Partners, LP

Date: NOTE: The signature to any endorsement hereon must correspond with the name as written upon the face



of this Certificate in every particular, without alteration, enlargement or change.

**THE SIGNATURE(S) MUST BE GUARANTEED BY AN ELIGIBLE GUARANTOR INSTITUTION (BANKS, STOCKBROKERS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS AND CREDIT UNIONS WITH MEMBERSHIP IN AN APPROVED SIGNATURE GUARANTEE MEDALLION PROGRAM), PURSUANT TO S.E.C. RULE 17Ad-15**

(Signature)

(Signature)

No transfer of the Common Units evidenced hereby will be registered on the books of the Partnership, unless the Certificate evidencing the Common Units to be transferred is surrendered for registration or transfer and an Application for Transfer of Common Units has been properly completed and executed by a transferee either (a) on the form set forth below or (b) on a separate application that the Partnership will furnish on request without charge. A transferor of the Common Units shall have no duty to the transferee with respect to execution of the Application for Transfer of Common Units in order for such transferee to obtain registration of the transfer of the Common Units.

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**APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF COMMON UNITS**

Transferees of Common Units must execute and deliver this application to **Spectra Energy Partners, LP, c/o Spectra Energy Partners (DE) GP, LP, 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas, 77056; Attn: CFO**, to be admitted as limited partners to Spectra Energy Partners, LP.

The undersigned ( *Assignee* ) hereby applies for transfer to the name of the Assignee of the Common Units evidenced hereby and hereby certifies to Spectra Energy Partners, LP (the *Partnership* ) that the Assignee (including to the best of Assignee's knowledge, any person for whom the Assignee will hold the Common Units) is an Eligible Holder.<sup>1</sup>

The Assignee (a) requests admission as a Substituted Limited Partner and agrees to comply with and be bound by, and hereby executes, the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Spectra Energy Partners, LP, as amended, supplemented or restated to the date hereof (the *Partnership Agreement* ), (b) represents and warrants that the Assignee has all right, power and authority and, if an individual, the capacity necessary to enter into the Partnership Agreement, (c) appoints the General Partner of the Partnership and, if a Liquidator shall be appointed, the Liquidator of the Partnership as the Assignee's attorney-in-fact to execute, swear to, acknowledge and file any document, including the Partnership Agreement and any amendment thereto and the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership and any amendment thereto, necessary or appropriate for the Assignee's admission as a Substituted Limited Partner and as a party to the Partnership Agreement, (d) gives the powers of attorney provided for in the Partnership Agreement, and (e) makes the waivers and gives the consents and approvals contained in the Partnership Agreement. Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Partnership Agreement. This application constitutes a Taxation Certification, as defined in the Partnership Agreement.

Date:

Social Security or other identifying number

Signature of Assignee

Purchase Price including commissions, if any

Name and Address of Assignee

Type of Entity (check one):

Individual  Partnership  Corporation

Trust  Other (specify)

<sup>1</sup> The Term Eligible Holder means (a) an individual or entity subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership; or (b) an entity not subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership, so long as all of the entity's owners are subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership. Individuals or entities are subject to taxation, in the context of defining an Eligible Holder, to the extent they are taxable on the items of income and gain allocated by the Partnership or would be taxable on the items of income and gain allocated by the Partnership if they had no offsetting deductions or tax credits unrelated to the ownership of the Common Units. Schedule I below contains a list of various types of investors that are categorized and identified as either Eligible Holders or Non-Eligible Holders.

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If not an Individual (check one):

the entity is subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership;

the entity is not subject to United States federal income taxation, but it is a pass-through entity and all of its beneficial owners are subject to United States federal income tax on the income generated by the Partnership;

the entity is not subject to United States federal income taxation and it is (a) not a pass-through entity or (b) a pass-through entity, but not all of its beneficial owners are subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership. **Important Note** by checking this box, the Assignee is contradicting its certification that it is an Eligible Holder.

Nationality (check one):

U.S. Citizen, Resident or Domestic Entity

Non-resident Alien

Foreign Corporation

If the U.S. Citizen, Resident or Domestic Entity box is checked, the following certification must be completed.

Under Section 1445(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the *Code*), the Partnership must withhold tax with respect to certain transfers of property if a holder of an interest in the Partnership is a foreign person. To inform the Partnership that no withholding is required with respect to the undersigned interestholder's interest in it, the undersigned hereby certifies the following (or, if applicable, certifies the following on behalf of the interestholder).

Complete Either A or B:

A. Individual Interestholder

1. I am not a non-resident alien for purposes of U.S. income taxation.

2. My U.S. taxpayer identification number (Social Security Number) is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. My home address is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Partnership, Corporation or Other Interestholder

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is not a foreign corporation, foreign partnership, foreign trust (Name of Interestholder) or foreign estate (as those terms are defined in the Code and Treasury Regulations).

2. The interestholder's U.S. employer identification number is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The interestholder's office address and place of incorporation (if applicable) is \_\_\_\_\_.

The interestholder agrees to notify the Partnership within sixty (60) days of the date the interestholder becomes a foreign person.

The interestholder understands that this certificate may be disclosed to the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by the Partnership and that any false statement contained herein could be punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certification and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete and, if applicable, I further declare that I have authority to sign this document on behalf of:

Name of Interestholder

Signature and Date

Title (if applicable)

Note: If the Assignee is a broker, dealer, bank, trust company, clearing corporation, other nominee holder or an agent of any of the foregoing, and is holding for the account of any other person, this application should be completed by an officer thereof or, in the case of a broker or dealer, by a registered representative who is a member of a registered national securities exchange or a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., or, in the case of any other nominee holder, a person performing a similar function. If the Assignee is a broker, dealer, bank, trust company, clearing corporation, other nominee owner or an agent of any of the foregoing, the above certification as to any person for whom the Assignee will hold the Common Units shall be made to the best of the Assignee's knowledge.

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**SCHEDULE I**

**Eligible Holders**

The following are considered Eligible Holders:

Individuals (U.S. or non-U.S.)

C corporations (U.S. or non-U.S.)

Tax exempt organizations subject to tax on unrelated business taxable income or UBTI, including IRAs, 401(k) plans and Keough accounts

S corporations with shareholders that are individuals, trusts or tax exempt organizations subject to tax on UBTI

**Potentially Eligible Holders**

The following are considered Eligible Holders, unless the information in parenthesis applies:

S corporations (unless they have ESOP shareholders\*())

Partnerships (unless their partners include mutual funds, real estate investment trusts or REITs, governmental entities and agencies, S corporations with ESOP shareholders\* or other partnerships with such partners)

Trusts (unless beneficiaries are not subject to tax)

**Non-Eligible Holders**

The following are **not** considered Eligible Holders:

Mutual Funds

REITs

Governmental entities and agencies

S corporations with ESOP shareholders\*

( \* S corporations with ESOP shareholders are S corporations with shareholders that include employee stock ownership plans.

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**Appendix B**

**APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF COMMON UNITS**

Transferees of Common Units must execute and deliver this application to **SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP, c/o Spectra Energy Partners GP, LP, 5400 Westheimer Ct., Houston, TX 77056; Attn: CFO**, to be admitted as limited partners to SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP.

The undersigned ( Assignee ) hereby applies for transfer to the name of the Assignee of the Common Units evidenced hereby and hereby certifies to SPECTRA ENERGY PARTNERS, LP (the Partnership ) that the Assignee (including to the best of Assignee s knowledge, any person for whom the Assignee will hold the Common Units) is an Eligible Holder.\*

The Assignee (a) requests admission as a Substituted Limited Partner and agrees to comply with and be bound by, and hereby executes, the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership, as amended, supplemented or restated to the date hereof (the Partnership Agreement ), (b) represents and warrants that the Assignee has all right, power and authority and, if an individual, the capacity necessary to enter into the Partnership Agreement, (c) appoints the General Partner of the Partnership and, if a Liquidator shall be appointed, the Liquidator of the Partnership as the Assignee s attorney-in-fact to execute, swear to, acknowledge and file any document, including, without limitation, the Partnership Agreement and any amendment thereto and the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership and any amendment thereto, necessary or appropriate for the Assignee s admission as a Substituted Limited Partner and as a party to the Partnership Agreement, (d) gives the powers of attorney provided for in the Partnership Agreement, and (e) makes the waivers and gives the consents and approvals contained in the Partnership Agreement. Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Partnership Agreement. This application constitutes a Taxation Certification, as defined in the Partnership Agreement.

Date:

Social Security or other identifying number of Assignee

Signature of Assignee

Purchase Price including commissions, if any Name and Address of Assignee

Type of Entity (check one):

Individual  Partnership  Corporation

Trust  Other (specify)

( \* The Term Eligible Holder means (a) an individual or entity subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership; or (b) an entity not subject to United States federal income taxation on the



income generated by the Partnership, so long as all of the entity's owners are subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership. Individuals or entities are subject to taxation, in the context of defining an Eligible Holder, to the extent they are taxable on the items of income and gain allocated by the Partnership or would be taxable on the items of income and gain allocated by the Partnership if they had no offsetting deductions or tax credits unrelated to the ownership of the Common Units. Schedule I hereto contains a list of various types of investors that are categorized and identified as either Eligible Holders or Non-Eligible Holders.

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If not an Individual (check one):

- the entity is subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership;
- the entity is not subject to United States federal income taxation, but it is a pass-through entity and all of its beneficial owners are subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership;
- the entity is not subject to United States federal income taxation and it is (a) not a pass-through entity or (b) a pass-through entity, but not all of its beneficial owners are subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership. **Important Note** by checking this box, the Assignee is contradicting its certification that it is an Eligible Holder.

Nationality (check one):

- U.S. Citizen, Resident or Domestic Entity  Non-resident Alien
- Foreign Corporation

If the U.S. Citizen, Resident or Domestic Entity box is checked, the following certification must be completed.

Under Section 1445(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), the Partnership must withhold tax with respect to certain transfers of property if a holder of an interest in the Partnership is a foreign person. To inform the Partnership that no withholding is required with respect to the undersigned interestholder's interest in it, the undersigned hereby certifies the following (or, if applicable, certifies the following on behalf of the interestholder).

Complete Either A or B:

A. Individual Interestholder

1. I am not a non-resident alien for purposes of U.S. income taxation.
2. My U.S. taxpayer identification number (Social Security Number) is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. My home address is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Partnership, Corporation or Other Interestholder

1. The interestholder is not a foreign corporation, foreign partnership, foreign trust or foreign estate (as those terms are defined in the Code and Treasury Regulations).
2. The interestholder's U.S. employer identification number is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The interestholder's office address and place of incorporation (if applicable) is \_\_\_\_\_.

The interestholder agrees to notify the Partnership within sixty (60) days of the date the interestholder becomes a foreign person.

The interestholder understands that this certificate may be disclosed to the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by the Partnership and that any false statement contained herein could be punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certification and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete and, if applicable, I further declare that I have authority to sign this document on behalf of:

Name of Interestholder

Signature and Date

Title (if applicable)

Note: If the Assignee is a broker, dealer, bank, trust company, clearing corporation, other nominee holder or an agent of any of the foregoing, and is holding for the account of any other person, this application should be completed by an officer thereof or, in the case of a broker or dealer, by a registered representative who is a member of a registered national securities exchange or a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., or, in the case of any other nominee holder, a person performing a similar function. If the Assignee is a broker, dealer, bank, trust company, clearing corporation, other nominee owner or an agent of any of the foregoing, the above certification as to any person for whom the Assignee will hold the Common Units shall be made to the best of the Assignee's knowledge.

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**SCHEDULE I**

**Eligible Holders**

The following are considered Eligible Holders:

Individuals (U.S. or non-U.S.)

C corporations (U.S. or non-U.S.)

Tax exempt organizations subject to tax on unrelated business taxable income or UBTI, including IRAs, 401(k) plans and Keough accounts

S corporations with shareholders that are individuals, trusts or tax exempt organizations subject to tax on UBTI

**Potentially Eligible Holders**

S corporations (unless they have ESOP shareholders\*())

Partnerships (unless its partners include mutual funds, real estate investment trusts or REITs, governmental entities and agencies, S corporations with ESOP shareholders\* or other partnerships with such partners)

Trusts (unless beneficiaries are not subject to tax)

**Non-Eligible Holders**

The following are **not** considered Eligible Holders:

Mutual Funds

REITs

Governmental entities and agencies

S corporations with ESOP shareholders\*

( \* S corporations with ESOP shareholders are S corporations with shareholders that include employee stock ownership plans.

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**Appendix C**

**CERTIFICATION FORM FOR NON-INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS**

As described in this Prospectus, only Eligible Holders (as defined on Schedule I hereto) may purchase common units in the Partnership's proposed public offering (the Offering). In order to comply with this requirement, all potential investors that are not natural persons, including institutions, partnerships and trusts (Non-individual Investors), must complete this Certification Form.

If you have an institutional sales account with Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc., you should fax signed forms to (646) 328-2872 by 12:00 pm Eastern time on June 26, 2007 (the Return Date).

If you have any other type of brokerage account with any of the broker-dealers on page 2, you should fax signed forms to your retail broker or financial advisor upon initial indication of interest.

**Non-individual Investors who do not complete and return this form by the Return Date will not be allocated units in this offering.**

**1. Acknowledgement and Consent to Forward this Certification Form.** The undersigned Non-individual Investor acknowledges and understands that an underwriter who receives this Certification Form may forward it to the Partnership and/or the transfer agent for the Common Units. Accordingly, the undersigned hereby grants its consent for Citigroup Global Markets Inc. or Lehman Brothers Inc. or any underwriter or affiliate thereof listed on page 2 to forward this Certification Form to the Partnership and/or the transfer agent for the Common Units.

**2. Acknowledgement of Obligation to Complete a Transfer Application.** The undersigned Non-individual Investor further acknowledges that, if it purchases Common Units in the Offering, it must complete a Transfer Application in the form included as Appendix B to the Prospectus and deliver it to the address as instructed on the Transfer Application. The undersigned Non-individual Investor further acknowledges that no underwriter or affiliate of an underwriter has any responsibility or obligation to complete or deliver a Transfer Application on behalf of the undersigned.

**3. Certification as to Tax Status.** The undersigned Non-individual Investor hereby certifies that it is either (check one):

an entity that is subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership; or

an entity that is not subject to United States federal income taxation, but is a pass-through entity and all of its beneficial owners are subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership.

**Signing this form shall not obligate the undersigned Non-individual Investor to provide or share any tax-related information with the Partnership, the transfer agent or any underwriter in connection with the purchase and sale of common units in the Offering.**

Executed this day of June , 2007.

(Name of Entity)

By:

Name:

Title:

**NON-INDIVIDUAL INVESTOR RETAIL BROKER DEALERS**

Smith Barney, a division of Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

Lehman Brothers Private Wealth Management

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**SCHEDULE I**

An Eligible Holder is (a) an individual or entity subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership or (b) an entity not subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership, so long as all of the entity's owners are subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by the Partnership or would be taxable on the items of income and gain allocated by the Partnership if they had no offsetting deductions or tax credits unrelated to the ownership of the Common Units. Set forth below is a list of various types of investors that are categorized and identified as *Eligible Holders*, *Potentially Eligible Holders* or *Non-Eligible Holders*.

**Eligible Holders**

The following are considered Eligible Holders:

Individuals (U.S. or non-U.S.)

C corporations (U.S. or non-U.S.)

Tax exempt organizations subject to tax on unrelated business taxable income or UBTI, including IRAs, 401(k) plans and Keough accounts

S corporations with shareholders that are individuals, trusts or tax exempt organizations subject to tax on UBTI

**Potentially Eligible Holders**

The following are considered Eligible Holders, unless the bracketed information applies:

Partnerships (unless its partners include mutual funds, real estate investment trusts or REITs, governmental entities and agencies, S corporations with ESOP shareholders<sup>1</sup> (or other partnerships with such partners)

Trusts (unless beneficiaries are not subject to tax)

**Non-Eligible Holders**

The following are **not** considered Eligible Holders:

Mutual Funds

REITs

Governmental entities and agencies

S corporations with ESOP shareholders<sup>1</sup>

(<sup>1</sup> S corporations with ESOP shareholders are S corporations with shareholders that include employee stock ownership plans.





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**Appendix D**

**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

***Adjusted Operating Surplus:*** For any period, operating surplus generated during that period is adjusted to:

(a) increase operating surplus by any net decreases made in subsequent periods in cash reserves for operating expenditures initially established with respect to such period;

(b) decrease operating surplus by any net decrease in cash reserves for operating expenditures with respect to that period not relating to an operating expenditure made with respect to that period; and

(c) increase operating surplus by any net increase in cash reserves for operating expenditures with respect to that period required by any debt instrument for the repayment of principal, interest or premium.

Adjusted operating surplus does not include the portion of operating surplus described in subpart (a)(2) of the definition of operating surplus in this Appendix D.

***Available Cash:*** For any quarter ending prior to liquidation:

(a) the sum of:

(1) all cash and cash equivalents of Spectra Energy Partners, LP and its subsidiaries on hand at the end of that quarter; and

(2) if our general partner so determines all or a portion of any additional cash or cash equivalents of Spectra Energy Partners, LP and its subsidiaries on hand on the date of determination of available cash for that quarter;

(b) less the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner to:

(1) provide for the proper conduct of the business of Spectra Energy Partners, LP and its subsidiaries (including reserves for future capital expenditures and for future credit needs of Spectra Energy Partners, LP and its subsidiaries) after that quarter;

(2) comply with applicable law or any debt instrument or other agreement or obligation to which Spectra Energy Partners, LP or any of its subsidiaries is a part or its assets are subject; and

(3) provide funds for minimum quarterly distributions and cumulative common unit arrearages for any one or more of the next four quarters;

*provided, however*, that our general partner may not establish cash reserves pursuant to clause (b)(3) immediately above unless our general partner has determined that the establishment of reserves will not prevent us from distributing the minimum quarterly distribution on all common units and any cumulative common unit arrearages thereon for that quarter; and *provided, further*, that disbursements made by us or any of our subsidiaries or cash reserves established, increased or reduced after the end of that quarter but on or before the date of determination of available cash for that quarter shall be deemed to have been made, established, increased or reduced, for purposes of determining available cash, within that quarter if our general partner so determines.

**Bcf:** One billion cubic feet of natural gas.

**Bcf/d:** One billion cubic feet per day.

**Btu:** British Thermal Units.

**Capital Account:** The capital account maintained for a partner under the partnership agreement. The capital account of a partner for a common unit, a Class B unit, a subordinated unit, an incentive distribution right or any other partnership interest will be the amount which that capital account would be if that common unit, a Class B unit, subordinated unit, incentive distribution right or other partnership interest were the only interest in Spectra Energy Partners, LP held by a partner.

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**Capital Surplus:** All available cash distributed by us on any date from any source will be treated as distributed from operating surplus until the sum of all available cash distributed since the closing of the initial public offering equals the operating surplus from the closing of the initial public offering through the end of the quarter immediately preceding that distribution. Any excess available cash distributed by us on that date will be deemed to be capital surplus.

**Closing Price:** The last sale price on a day, regular way, or in case no sale takes place on that day, the average of the closing bid and asked prices on that day, regular way, in either case, as reported in the principal consolidated transaction reporting system for securities listed or admitted to trading on the principal national securities exchange on which the units of that class are listed or admitted to trading. If the units of that class are not listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange, the last quoted price on that day. If no quoted price exists, the average of the high bid and low asked prices on that day in the over-the-counter market, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange or any other system then in use. If on any day the units of that class are not quoted by any organization of that type, the average of the closing bid and asked prices on that day as furnished by a professional market maker making a market in the units of the class selected by the our board of directors. If on that day no market maker is making a market in the units of that class, the fair value of the units on that day as determined reasonably and in good faith by our board of directors.

**Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage:** The amount by which the minimum quarterly distribution for a quarter during the subordination period exceeds the distribution of available cash from operating surplus actually made for that quarter on a common unit, cumulative for that quarter and all prior quarters during the subordination period.

**Current Market Price:** For any class of units listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange as of any date, the average of the daily closing prices for the 20 consecutive trading days immediately prior to that date.

**Eligible Holders:** Individuals or entities either (a) subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us or (b) in the case of entities that are pass-through entities for United States federal income taxation, all of whose beneficial owners are subject to United States federal income taxation on the income generated by us.

**GAAP:** Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

**Greenfield Construction:** The construction of an asset or system in an area where no previous facilities existed.

**Interim Capital Transactions:** The following transactions if they occur prior to liquidation:

- (a) borrowings, refinancings or refundings of indebtedness and sales of debt securities (other than for items purchased on open account in the ordinary course of business) by Spectra Energy Partners, LP or any of its subsidiaries;
- (b) sales of equity interests and debt securities of Spectra Energy Partners, LP or any of its subsidiaries;
- (c) sales or other voluntary or involuntary dispositions of any assets of Spectra Energy Partners, LP or any of its subsidiaries (other than sales or other dispositions of inventory, accounts receivable and other assets in the ordinary course of business, and sales or other dispositions of assets as a part of normal retirements or replacements);
- (d) the termination of interest rate swap agreements or commodity hedge contracts prior to the termination date specified therein;
- (e) capital contributions; and

(f) corporate reorganizations or restructurings.

***Local Distribution Company or LDC:*** LDCs are companies involved in the delivery of natural gas to consumers within a specific geographic area.

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**Mcf:** One thousand cubic feet of natural gas. We have converted each of the throughput numbers from a heating value number to a volumetric number based upon the following conversion factor: 1 MMBtu = 1 Mcf.

**MMBtu:** One million British thermal units which is roughly equivalent to one Mcf.

**MMcf:** One million cubic feet of natural gas.

**MMBtu/d:** One million British Thermal Units per day.

**MMcf/d:** One million cubic feet per day.

**Operating Expenditures:** All of our expenditures and expenditures of our subsidiaries, including, but not limited to, taxes, payments to our general partner reimbursements of expenses incurred by our general partner on our behalf, non-pro rata purchases of units, interest payments, payments made in the ordinary course of business under interest rate swap agreements and commodity hedge contracts and maintenance capital expenditures, subject to the following:

(a) Payments (including prepayments) of principal of and premium on indebtedness will not constitute operating expenditures.

(b) Operating expenditures will not include:

(1) expansion capital expenditures;

(2) payment of transaction expenses (including taxes) relating to interim capital transactions;

(3) distributions to unitholders; and

(4) non-pro rata purchases of units of any class made with the proceeds of an interim capital transaction.

Where capital expenditures consist of both maintenance capital expenditures and expansion capital expenditures, the general partner, with the concurrence of the conflicts committee, shall determine the allocation between the amounts paid for each.

**Operating Surplus:** For any period prior to liquidation, on a cumulative basis and without duplication:

(a) the sum of:

(1) all cash receipts of Spectra Energy Partners, LP and our subsidiaries for the period beginning on the closing date of our initial public offering and ending with the last day of the period, other than cash receipts from interim capital transactions; and

(2) an amount equal to the sum of (A) two times the amount needed for any one quarter for us to pay the minimum quarterly distribution on all units (including the general partner units) and (B) two times the amount in excess of the minimum quarterly distribution for any quarter to pay a distribution on all Common Units at the same per unit amount as was distributed on the Common Units in excess of the minimum quarterly distribution in the immediately preceding quarter, provided the amount in (B) will be deemed to be Operating Surplus only to the extent that the distribution paid in respect of such amounts is paid on Common Units, less

(b) the sum of:

(1) operating expenditures for the period beginning on the closing date of our initial public offering and ending with the last day of that period; and

(2) the amount of cash reserves (or our proportionate share of cash reserves in the case of subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) established by our general partner to provide funds for future operating expenditures; provided however, that disbursements made (including contributions to Spectra Energy Partners LP or our subsidiaries or disbursements on behalf of Spectra Energy Partners, LP or our subsidiaries) or cash reserves established, increased or reduced after the end of that period but on or before the date of determination of available cash for that period shall be deemed to have been made, established, increased or reduced for purposes of determining operating surplus, within that period if our general partner so determines.

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**Peak Day:** The highest level of throughput transported through a pipeline system on any given day.

**Subordination Period:** The subordination period will extend from the closing of the initial public offering until the first to occur of the following dates:

(a) The first day of any quarter beginning after June 30, 2010 in respect of which each of the following tests are met:

(1) distribution of available cash from operating surplus on each of the outstanding common units and subordinated units equaled or exceeded the sum of the minimum quarterly distributions on all of the outstanding common units and subordinated units for each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-quarter periods immediately preceding that date;

(2) the adjusted operating surplus generated during each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-quarter periods immediately preceding that date equaled or exceeded the sum of the minimum quarterly distributions on all of the outstanding common units, subordinated units and general partner units during those periods on a fully diluted basis; and

(3) there are no outstanding cumulative common units arrearages.

(b) The first date after we have earned and paid at least \$0.45 per quarter (150% of the minimum quarterly distribution of \$0.30 per quarter, which is \$1.80 on an annualized basis) on each outstanding limited partner unit and general partner unit for any four consecutive quarters ending on or after June 30, 2008; and

(c) The date on which the general partner is removed as our general partner upon the requisite vote by the limited partners under circumstances where cause does not exist and units held by our general partner and its affiliates are not voted in favor of the removal.

When the subordination period ends, all remaining subordinated units will convert into common units on a one-for-one basis, and the common units will no longer be entitled to arrearages.

**Throughput:** The volume of natural gas transported or passing through a pipeline, plant, terminal or other facility in an economically meaningful period of time.

**Working Gas:** Natural gas storage capacity that can be used for system operations or is available to be sold to the market as firm or interruptible storage capacity or as the storage component of no notice service.



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**10,000,000 Common Units  
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**A.G. Edwards**

**Raymond James**