UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 14, 2015

NRG YIELD, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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

211 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(609) 524-4500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 5, 2015, stockholders of NRG Yield, Inc. (the "<u>Company</u>") approved the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "<u>Amended Charter</u>") which authorizes two new classes of common stock, Class C common stock and Class D common stock, and distributes shares of such new classes of common stock to holders of the Company's outstanding Class A common stock and Class B common stock, respectively, through a stock split (the "<u>Recapitalization</u>"). On May 14, 2015, the Amended Charter became effective and the Company consummated the Recapitalization.

In connection with, and effective upon the consummation of the Recapitalization, the Company amended and restated certain agreements, as described below, to reflect the change in its capital structure. NRG Energy, Inc. ("<u>NRG</u>"), through its ownership of the Company's Class B common stock and Class D common stock, holds approximately 55.3% of the combined voting power of the Company's common stock.

Amended Exchange Agreement

The Company entered into the Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement by and among the Company, its subsidiary, NRG Yield LLC ("<u>Yield LLC</u>"), and NRG (the "<u>Amended Exchange Agreement</u>"). Under the Amended Exchange Agreement, NRG (and certain permitted assignees and permitted transferees who acquire Class B units or Class D units of our subsidiary, Yield LLC) may from time to time cause Yield LLC to exchange its Class B units for shares of the Company's Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends and reclassifications, or exchange their Class D units for shares of the Company's Class C common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends and reclassifications. The Amended Exchange Agreement is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Amended Registration Rights Agreement

The Company entered into the Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement by and between the Company and NRG (the "<u>Amended Registration Rights Agreement</u>"). Under the Amended Registration Rights Agreement, NRG and its affiliates are entitled to demand registration rights, including the right to demand that a shelf registration statement be filed, and "piggyback" registration rights, for shares of the Company's Class A common stock that are issuable upon exchange of Class B units of Yield LLC that NRG owns and shares of the Company's Class C common stock that are issuable upon exchange of the Class D units of Yield LLC that NRG owns. The Amended Registration Rights Agreement is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.2 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Amended ROFO Agreement

As previously disclosed in the Company's Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 12, 2015, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Right of First Offer Agreement (the "Amended ROFO Agreement") with NRG which became effective upon the consummation of the Recapitalization. The Amended ROFO Agreement is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.3 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Amended LLC Agreement

The Company, as managing member of Yield LLC, entered into the Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Yield LLC with NRG, as member (the "<u>Amended LLC Agreement</u>"). Under the

Amended LLC Agreement, two new classes of LLC units were created — Class C units and Class D units. Each outstanding Class A unit automatically reclassified into one Class A unit and one Class C unit, and each outstanding Class B unit automatically reclassified into one Class B unit and one Class D unit. Generally, the rights associated with each Class C unit mirror the rights associated with each outstanding Class B unit. The Amended LLC Agreement is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.4 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.

The information in Item 5.03 below is incorporated into this Item 3.03 by reference.

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

In connection with the Recapitalization, stockholders approved the Amended and Restated 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the "<u>Amended Plan</u>") which amends and restates the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan to (i) allow for the use of shares of Class C common stock for equity awards in light of the Recapitalization; (ii) increase the number of shares available from 978,750 shares to 2,000,000 shares in light of the Recapitalization and (iii) make minor technical changes. The Amended Plan became effective upon the consummation of the Recapitalization. A full description of the Amended Plan is set forth in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 26, 2015, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amended Plan, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.5 and incorporated by reference herein.

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

As described under Item 1.01 of this Current Report, the Amended Charter became effective and the Company consummated the Recapitalization on May 14, 2015. The Amended Charter authorizes two new classes of common stock, Class C common stock and Class D common stock, and distributes shares of such new classes of common stock to holders of the Company's outstanding Class A common stock and Class B common stock, respectively, through a split of (i) each outstanding share of Class A common stock into one share of Class A common stock and one share of Class C common stock and (ii) each outstanding share of Class B common stock into one share of Class B common stock. The principal differences between the Amended Charter and the prior charter relate to the creation of the Class C common stock, of which there are 1,000,000,000 authorized shares, the creation of the Class D common stock, of which there are 1,000,000,000 authorized shares, as well as providing for the stock split. The Amended Charter is filed herewith as Exhibit 3.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 15, 2015, the Company issued a press release, attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, announcing the completion of the Recapitalization and an adjustment to the conversion rate (the "<u>Conversion Rate</u>") for the Company's 3.50% Convertible Senior Notes due 2019 (the "<u>Notes</u>") pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, dated February 11, 2014, among the Company, Yield LLC, as guarantor, NRG Yield Operating LLC, as guarantor, and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee, governing the Notes. The Conversion Rate was adjusted, in connection with the Recapitalization described above, from 21.4822 shares of the Company's Class A common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes to 42.9644 shares of Class A common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes.

The information set forth under this Item 7.01 and the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 are being furnished to the SEC under Item 7.01 of Form 8-K in satisfaction of the public disclosure requirements of Regulation FD and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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

SIGNATURES

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

NRG Yield, Inc. (Registrant)

By: /

/s/ David R. Hill David R. Hill Executive Vice President & General Counsel

Dated: May 15, 2015

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description	
3.1	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of NRG Yield, Inc., dated as of May 14, 2015	
10.1	Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement, dated as of May 14, 2015, by and among NRG Energy, Inc., NRG Yield, Inc., and NRG Yield LLC	
10.2	Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of May 14, 2015, by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and NRG Yield, Inc.	
10.3	Amended and Restated Right of First Offer Agreement, dated as of March 12, 2015, by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and NRG Yield, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to NRG Yield, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 12, 2015)	
10.4	Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of NRG Yield LLC, dated as of May 14, 2015	
10.5	NRG Yield, Inc. Amended and Restated 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, dated as of May 14, 2015	
99.1	Press release dated May 15, 2015	

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF NRG YIELD, INC.

NRG Yield, Inc. (the "<u>Corporation</u>") was incorporated under the name NRG Yieldco, Inc. by filing its original certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on December 20, 2012. The original certificate of incorporation was amended on May 17, 2013 to change the name of the Corporation to NRG Yield, Inc. The certificate of incorporation was then amended and restated on July 22, 2013. This Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (this "<u>Certificate</u>") was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 242 and 245 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("<u>DGCL</u>"). The amended and restated certificate of incorporation of the Corporation is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE ONE

The name of the Corporation is NRG Yield, Inc.

ARTICLE TWO

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

ARTICLE THREE

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

ARTICLE FOUR

Section 1. <u>Stock Split</u>. Immediately upon the filing of this Certificate with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, and without any further action on the part of the Corporation or any stockholder, a stock split of this Corporation's outstanding Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock (as defined below) shall be effected whereby (i) each share of issued and outstanding Class A Common Stock shall be reconstituted and become one share of Class A Common Stock and one share of Class C Common Stock and (ii) each share of issued and outstanding Class B Common Stock shall be reconstituted and become one share of Class B Common Stock and one share of Class D Common Stock (the "<u>Stock Split</u>"). Following the Stock Split, (i) each record holder of a certificate evidencing Class A Common Stock shall be deemed to be the holder of record of the number of shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock or Class B Common Stock and Class B Common Stock or Class B Common Stock or Class B Common Stock and Class C Common Stock and Class C Class B Common Stock and Class C Class A Common Stock and Class C Common Stock and Class B Common Stock or Class B Common Stock and Class C Common Stock and Class B Common Stock and Cl

of shares and all further amounts stated on a per share basis contained in this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation are referenced and stated after giving effect to the Stock Split.

Section 2. <u>Authorized Shares</u>. The total number of shares of capital stock which the Corporation has authority to issue is 3,010,000,000 shares, consisting of:

- (a) 10,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Preferred Stock");
- (b) 500,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Class A Common Stock");
- (c) 500,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Class B Common Stock");
- (d) 1,000,000 shares of Class C Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("<u>Class C Common Stock</u>"); and

(e) 1,000,000 shares of Class D Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("<u>Class D Common Stock</u>" and, together with the Class A Common Stock, the Class B Common Stock, and the Class C Common Stock, the "<u>Common Stock</u>").

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

Section 4. Common Stock.

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

held by such holder on all matters voted upon by the stockholders of the Corporation. Each holder of Class C Common Stock and Class D Common Stock shall have $1/100^{\text{th}}$ of one vote for each share held by such holder on all matters voted upon by the stockholders of the Corporation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

convertible (directly or indirectly) into securities of the Corporation, whether now or hereafter authorized.

(f) Equal Status. Except as expressly provided in this Article FOUR, Class C Common Stock shall have the same rights and privileges and rank equally, share ratably and be identical in all respects to the Class A Common Stock as to all matters. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (i) in the event of a merger, consolidation or other business combination of the Corporation requiring the approval of the holders of the Corporation's capital stock entitled to vote thereon (whether or not the Corporation is the surviving entity), the holders of the Class C Common Stock shall receive the same amount and form of consideration, if any, on a per share basis as the consideration, if any, received by holders of the Class A Common Stock in connection with such merger, consolidation or combination (provided that if holders of Class A Common Stock are entitled to make an election as to the amount or form of consideration such holders shall receive in any such merger, consolidation or combination with respect to their shares of Class A Common Stock, the holders of the corporation is a party or (y) any tender or exchange offer to acquire any shares of Common Stock by any third party pursuant to an agreement to which the Corporation is a party or (y) any tender or exchange offer or other repurchase, the holders of the Class C Common Stock shall receive the same of the amount and form of consideration on a per share basis as the consolidation to acquire any shares of Class A Common Stock, pursuant to the terms of the applicable tender or exchange offer or other repurchase, the holders of the Class C Common Stock shall receive the amount and form of consideration on a per share basis as the holders of the Class A Common Stock shall receive in any such tender or exchange offer or other repurchase, the holders of the Class C Common Stock shall receive the amount and form of consideration on a per share basis as the holders of the Class A Common Stock shall receive the amount or form of consideration such holders shall r

Section 5. Restrictions on Transfer.

(a) <u>Restricted Transfers</u>. Except through a Secondary Market Transaction, no person shall purchase or otherwise acquire (whether through the conversion or exchange of securities convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock or otherwise), and no stockholder of the Corporation shall transfer to any person, shares of Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock such that, after giving effect to such purchase, acquisition or other transfer (a "<u>Restricted Transfer</u>"), the transferee, together with its PUHCA Affiliates, would beneficially own, control and/or hold with power to vote sufficient Class A Common Stock and Class C Common Stock to convey Utility Control without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors.

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

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

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

"Secondary Market Transaction" means a purchase or sale of Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock by a third-party investor (i) occurring while the Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock, as applicable, is publicly-traded, (ii) to which neither the Corporation nor any of its subsidiaries is a party, (iii) over which neither the Corporation nor any of its subsidiaries has control, and (iv) of which neither the Corporation nor any of its subsidiaries would, in the ordinary course, have prior notice. A Secondary Market Transaction does not include, among other things, any reacquisition of Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock by the Corporation.

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

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

WHERE:

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

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

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

 C_{Total} = the total number of shares of Class C Common Stock outstanding.

 D_{Total} = the total number of shares of Class D Common Stock outstanding.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Act).

ARTICLE FIVE

The Corporation is to have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE SIX

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

ARTICLE SEVEN

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

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

ARTICLE EIGHT

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

ARTICLE NINE

Section 1. Indemnification; Limitation of Liability.

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

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

ARTICLE TEN

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

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

ARTICLE ELEVEN

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

ARTICLE TWELVE

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

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

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

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



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

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

Section 3. Certain Definitions. For purposes of this Article THIRTEEN and Article FIFTEEN:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

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

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

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

ARTICLE SIXTEEN

The Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, be the sole and exclusive forum for any stockholder (including a beneficial owner) to bring (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation's stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation, its directors, officers or employees arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL, this Certificate (as may be amended, altered, changed or repealed) or the Bylaws or (iv) any action asserting a claim against the Court of Chancery determines that there is an indispensable party not subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery (and the indispensable party does not consent to the personal jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery does not have subject matter jurisdiction. If any provision or provisions of this Article SIXTEEN shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable as applied to any person or entity or circumstance and of the remaining provisions of this Article SIXTEEN (including, without limitation, each portion of any sentence of this Article SIXTEEN containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable) and the application of such provision to other persons or entities and circumstance shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. Any person or entity purchasing or other persons or entities and circumstance shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise

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acquiring any interest in any shares of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and to have consented to the provisions of this ARTICLE SIXTEEN.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN

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

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to be signed by the undersigned authorized officer this 14th day of May 2015.

NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Brian E. Curci

Name: Brian E. Curci Title: Corporate Secretary

AMENDED AND RESTATED EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

This AMENDED AND RESTATED EXCHANGE AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of May14, 2015, is made by and among NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Corporation</u>"), NRG Yield LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Yield LLC</u>"), NRG Energy, Inc. ("<u>NRG</u>") and the other persons from time to time party hereto in accordance with <u>Section 5.1</u> hereof (collectively with NRG, the "<u>Yield LLC Unitholders</u>").

WHEREAS, as of July 22, 2013, the parties entered into the Exchange Agreement (the "<u>Original Exchange Agreement</u>") to provide for the exchange of certain Yield LLC Units for shares of Class A Common Stock (each as defined below), on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein.

WHEREAS, in connection with a split as of the date hereof of the Class A Common Stock of the Corporation into a share of Class A Common Stock and a share of Class C Common Stock (as defined below), and a split of the Class B Common Stock into a share of Class B Common Stock and a share of Class D Common Stock (each as defined below); and of the recapitalization of each Class A Unit of Yield LLC into a Class A Unit and a Class C Unit (each as defined below), and the recapitalization of each Class B Unit of Yield LLC into a Class D Unit (each as defined below), the parties desire to amend and restate the Original Exchange Agreement in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, each of the Corporation and NRG are the existing holders of all the outstanding units of Yield LLC, and pursuant to Section 5.7 of the Original Exchange Agreement desire to provide, and hereby provide, written consent to the amendments made to the Original Exchange Agreement by this Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement, and further acknowledge and desire to consent to the issuance by Yield LLC of the Class C Units and the Class D Units to the Corporation and NRG, respectively;

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

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1.1 Effective Time.

This Agreement shall be effective as of the date above written (the "Effective Time").

SECTION 1.2 Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Original Exchange Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the recitals of this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE II

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

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

(b) A Yield LLC Unitholder shall exercise its right to Exchange Yield LLC Units as set forth in Section 2.1(a) above by delivering to the Corporation and to Yield LLC a written election of exchange in respect of the Yield LLC Units to be exchanged substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto (an "Election of Exchange"), duly executed by such holder or such

holder's duly authorized representative, in each case delivered during normal business hours at the principal executive offices of the Corporation and of Yield LLC. An Election of Exchange may specify that the Exchange is to be contingent (including as to timing) upon the occurrence of any transaction or event, including the consummation of a purchase by another Person (whether in a tender or exchange offer, an underwritten offering or otherwise) of shares of Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock. or any merger, consolidation or other business combination. Subject to (i) Section 2.4(b) of this Agreement, (ii) the payment by the applicable Yield LLC Unitholder of any amount required to be paid under Section 2.1 (c) and (iii) the surrender to Yield LLC of the unit certificates, if any, and duly executed unit powers associated with the Yield LLC Units subject to the Exchange, the Exchange shall be deemed to have been effected on (A) the Business Day immediately following receipt of the applicable Election of Exchange or (B) such later date specified in or pursuant to the applicable Election of Exchange (such date specified in clause (A) or (B), as applicable, the "Exchange Date"), and as promptly as practicable following the applicable Exchange Date, the Corporation shall deliver or cause to be delivered at the offices of the then-acting registrar and transfer agent of the Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock, as applicable, or, if there is no then-acting registrar and transfer agent of the Class A Common Stock or the Class C Common Stock, at the principal executive offices of the Yield LLC, the number of shares of Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock, as applicable, deliverable upon such Exchange, registered in the name of the relevant exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder (or its designee). To the extent the Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock is settled through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company (the "DTC"), the Corporation will, subject to Section 2.1(c) below, upon the written instruction of an exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder, use its commercially reasonable efforts to deliver the shares of Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock deliverable to such exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder, through the facilities of the DTC, to the account of the participant of the DTC designated by such exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder may withdraw or amend an Election of Exchange, in whole or in part, prior to the effectiveness of the Exchange, at any time prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Exchange Date (or any such later time as may be required by applicable law) by delivery of a written notice of withdrawal to the Corporation and to Yield LLC, specifying (1) the number of Yield LLC Units being withdrawn, (2) the number of Yield LLC Units, if any, as to which the Election of Exchange remains in effect and (3) if such exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder so determines, a new Exchange Date or any other new or revised information permitted in an Election of Exchange. On the Exchange Date, all rights of the exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder as a holder of such Yield LLC Units shall cease and such Yield LLC Units shall automatically be reclassified pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Yield LLC Operating Agreement and delivered to the Corporation by Yield LLC. Such exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder shall be treated for all purposes as having become the record holder of such shares of Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock, as applicable, on such date. In connection with such Exchange, the Corporation shall automatically cancel shares of Class B Common Stock held by an exchanging holder of Class B Units in an amount equal to the number of Class B Units being exchanged in accordance with this Section 2.1 multiplied by the Exchange Rate, without any payment for such shares of Class B Common Stock; and the Corporation shall automatically cancel shares of Class D Common Stock held by an exchanging holder of Class D Units in an amount equal to the number of Class D Units being exchanged in accordance with this Section

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2.3 Class A Common Stock and Class C Common Stock to be Issued.

(a) The Corporation covenants and agrees to deliver shares of Class A Common Stock and Class C Common Stock, as applicable, that have been registered under the Securities Act with respect to any Exchange to the extent that a registration statement is effective and available for such shares. In the event that any Exchange in accordance with this Agreement is to be effected at a time when any required registration has not become effective or otherwise is

unavailable, upon the request and with the reasonable cooperation of the Yield LLC Unitholder requesting the Exchange, the Corporation shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to promptly facilitate such Exchange pursuant to any reasonably available exemption from such registration requirements. The Corporation shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to list the Class A Common Stock or the Class C Common Stock, as applicable, required to be delivered upon Exchange prior to such delivery upon each national securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system upon which the outstanding Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock, as applicable may be listed or traded at the time of such delivery.

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2.4 Withholding; Certification of Non-Foreign Status.

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

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

ARTICLE III

SECTION 3.1 Class A Common Stock and Class C Common Stock Sale.

(a) In connection with any sale by the Corporation of one or more shares of Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock for cash, (a "<u>Class A Common Stock Sale</u>," or a "<u>Class C Common Stock Sale</u>" respectively), the Corporation shall transfer the net cash proceeds from such sale (after deducting any underwriters' discount and commissions and offering expenses payable by the Corporation) to Yield LLC. Yield LLC shall either (i) issue Class A Units (in the case of a Class A Common Stock Sale) or Class C Units (in the case of a Class C Common Stock Sale) or class C Units (in the case of a Class C Common Stock Sale) or or more Stock Sale) or Class C Units (in the case of a Class C Common Stock Sale) to the Corporation, as the managing member of Yield LLC, in exchange for such net cash proceeds, or (ii) use such net cash proceeds to purchase Yield LLC Units from one or more Yield LLC Unitholders, in accordance with Section 3.2(b) of the Yield LLC Operating Agreement and in exchange for the delivery to the Corporation of a number of Shares of Class B Common Stock or Class D Common Stock, as applicable, that is equal to the product of the number of Yield LLC Units purchased multiplied by the Exchange Rate (a "<u>Yield</u>

LLC Unit Redemption"). Alternatively, the Corporation may purchase Class B Units with the cash proceeds of the sale of Class A Common Stock, or Class D Units with the cash proceeds of the sale of Class C Common Stock, directly from NRG (in which case the corresponding Class B Common Stock or Class D Common Stock held by NRG would be surrendered and cancelled), and such Class B Units or the Class D Units purchased by the Corporation would then immediately convert to Class A Units or Class C Units, as applicable. Upon the receipt of the shares of Class B Common Stock or Class D Common Stock specified in clause (ii) of this Section 3.1, the Corporation shall cause such shares to be cancelled. To the extent the Class B Common Stock or Class D Common Stock is settled through the facilities of the DTC, the subject Yield LLC Unitholder(s) will use their commercially reasonable efforts to deliver the shares of Class B Common Stock or Class D Common Stock deliverable to the Corporation in a Yield LLC Redemption, through the facilities of the DTC, to the account of the participant of the DTC designated by the Corporation.

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

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

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 4.1 <u>Representations and Warranties of the Corporation and of Yield LLC</u>. Each of the Corporation and Yield LLC represents and warrants that (i) it is a corporation or limited liability company duly incorporated or formed and is existing in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, (ii) it has all requisite corporate or limited liability company power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and, in the case of the Corporation, to issue the Class A Common Stock, Class B Common Stock, Class C Common Stock and Class D Common Stock in accordance with the terms hereof, (iii) the execution and delivery of this Agreement by it and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby (including without limitation, in the case of the Corporation, the issuance of the Class A Common Stock, Class B Com

Class C Common Stock and Class D Common Stock) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or limited liability company action on its part to the fullest extent of the Corporation's Board of Directors' or Yield LLC's power and authority and to the extent permitted by law, shall not be subject to any "moratorium," "control share acquisition," "business combination," "fair price" or other form of "anti-takeover laws and regulations" of any jurisdiction that may purport to be applicable to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby (collectively, "<u>Takeover Laws</u>"), (iv) this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of it enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by equitable principles or by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally, and (v) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by it and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby will not (A) result in a violation of its Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws or other organizational documents or (B) conflict with, or constitute a default (or an event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration or cancellation of, any agreement, indenture or instrument to which it is a party, or (C) result in a violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment or decree applicable to the it or by which any property or asset of it is bound or affected, except with respect to clauses (B) or (C) for any conflicts, defaults, accelerations, terminations, cancellations or violations, that would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on it or its business, financial condition or results of operations.

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

ARTICLE V

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

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

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

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

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

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

to time

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

SECTION 5.3 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 5.4 <u>Binding Effect: No Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement shall, from and after the Effective Time, be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all of the parties and their successors, executors, administrators, heirs, legal representatives and permitted assigns, including, without limitation and without the need for an express assignment, any Permitted Transferee, provided that nothing herein shall be deemed to permit any assignment, transfer or other disposition of Yield LLC Units in violation of the terms of the Yield LLC Operating Agreement or applicable law. This Agreement shall not be assignable by the Corporation or Yield LLC without the prior written consent of NRG and the Requisite Holders. In the event the

Corporation or Yield LLC or any of its successors or assigns (i) consolidates with or merges into any other person or entity and is not the continuing or surviving corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger or (ii) transfers all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any person or entity, then and in either case, as a condition to such consolidation, merger or transfer, proper provisions shall be made such that the successors and assigns of the Corporation or Yield LLC, as the case may be, will assume its obligations set forth in this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be enforceable against such successors and assigns. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon anyone other than the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 5.10 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed and delivered (including by facsimile transmission or by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file) in one or

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

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

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

SECTION 5.13 Independent Nature of Yield LLC Unitholders' Rights and Obligations. The obligations of each Yield LLC Unitholder hereunder are several and not joint with the obligations of any other Yield LLC Unitholder, and no Yield LLC Unitholder shall be responsible in any way for the performance of the obligations of any other Yield LLC Unitholder hereunder. The decision of each Yield LLC Unitholder to enter into to this Agreement has been made by such Yield LLC Unitholder independently of any other Yield LLC Unitholder. Nothing contained herein, and no action taken by any Yield LLC Unitholder pursuant hereto, shall be deemed to constitute an action of the Yield LLC Unitholders as a partnership, an association, a joint venture or any other kind of entity, or create a presumption that the Yield LLC Unitholders are in any way acting in concert or as a group with respect to such obligations or the transactions contemplated hereby and the Corporation acknowledges that the Yield LLC Unitholders are not acting in concert or as a group, and the Corporation will not assert any such claim, with respect to such obligations or the transactions contemplated hereby.

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

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

NRG YIELD, INC.

By: /s/ Kirkland Andrews

Name: Kirkland Andrews Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

NRG YIELD LLC

By: /s/ Kirkland Andrews Name: Kirkland Andrews Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

NRG ENERGY, INC.

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

[Signature Page to Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement]

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF ELECTION OF EXCHANGE

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

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

Reference is hereby made to the Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement, dated as of May 14, 2015, as amended (the "Exchange Agreement"), by and among NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation, NRG Yield LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and the other Persons from time to time party thereto (as Yield LLC Unitholders). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Exchange Agreement.

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

Legal Name of Yield LLC Unitholder:

Address:

Number of Yield LLC Class B Units to be Exchanged:

Number of Yield LLC Class D Units to be Exchanged:

The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that (i) the undersigned has full legal capacity to execute and deliver this Election of Exchange and to perform the undersigned's obligations hereunder; (ii) this Election of Exchange has been duly executed and delivered by the undersigned and is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the undersigned enforceable against it in accordance with the terms thereof or hereof, as the case may be, subject to applicable

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

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bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and the availability of equitable remedies; (iii) the Yield LLC Units subject to this Election of Exchange are being transferred free and clear of any pledge, lien, security interest, encumbrance, equities or claim; (iv) no consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of any third party or with any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the undersigned or the Yield LLC Units subject to this Election of Exchange is required to be obtained by the undersigned for the transfer of such Yield LLC Units; and (v) the undersigned is the record holder of shares of Class B Common Stock or Class D Common Stock in an amount equal to at least the number of Yield LLC Units subject to this Election of Exchange and will retain ownership of such minimum number of shares of Class B Common Stock or Class D Common Stock, as applicable, through the Exchange Date.

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

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

Name:

Dated:

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EXHIBIT B

FORM OF

JOINDER AGREEMENT

This Joinder Agreement ("Joinder Agreement") is a joinder to the amended and restated Exchange Agreement, dated as of May 14, 2015 (as amended, the "Exchange Agreement"), by and among NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation, NRG Yield LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and the other Persons from time to time party thereto (as Yield LLC Unitholders). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Joinder Agreement shall have their meanings given to them in the Exchange Agreement. This Joinder Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of Delaware. In the event of any conflict between this Joinder Agreement and the Exchange Agreement, the terms of this Joinder Agreement shall control.

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

Name:	-
Address for Notices	With copies to:
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Attention:	
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NRG YIELD, INC.

AMENDED AND RESTATED

REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

May 14, 2015

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NRG YIELD, INC.

AMENDED AND RESTATED REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made as of May 14, 2015, between NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>NRG</u>"). Except as otherwise specified herein, all capitalized terms used in this Agreement are defined in <u>Section 1</u>.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Company granted to NRG rights with respect to the registration of certain of the Company's securities pursuant to that certain Registration Rights Agreement, dated July 22, 2013, by and among NRG and the Company (the "2013 Registration Rights Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Company and NRG desire to amend and restate the 2013 Registration Rights Agreement to grant NRG rights with respect to the registration of additional securities of the Company on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"FINRA" means the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

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

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

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

"Holder" means a holder of Registrable Securities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Suspension Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(f)(i).

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

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

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

Section 2. Demand Registrations.

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

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

(c) <u>Short-Form Registrations</u>. In addition to the Long-Form Registrations provided pursuant to <u>Section 2(b)</u>, the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities shall be entitled to an unlimited number of Short-Form Registrations in which the Company shall pay all Registration Expenses. Demand Registrations shall be Short-Form Registrations whenever the Company is permitted to use any applicable short form and if the managing underwriters (if any) agree to the use of a Short-Form Registration. After the Company has become subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to make Short-Form Registrations available for the sale of Registrable Securities.

(d) Shelf Registrations.

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

(ii) In the event that a Shelf Registration Statement is effective, the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such Shelf Registration Statement shall have the right at any time or from time to time to elect to sell pursuant to an offering (including an underwritten offering (an "<u>Underwritten Takedown</u>")) Registrable Securities available for sale pursuant to such registration statement ("<u>Shelf Registrable Securities</u>"), so long as the Shelf Registration Statement remains in effect, and the Company shall pay all Registration Expenses in connection therewith. The holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such Shelf Registration Statement shall make such election by delivering to the Company a written request (a "<u>Shelf Offering Request</u>") for such offering specifying the number of Shelf Registrable Securities that the holders desire to sell pursuant to such offering (the "<u>Shelf Offering</u>"). As promptly as practicable, but no later than two business days after receipt of a Shelf Offering Request, the Company shall give written notice (the "<u>Shelf Offering Notice</u>") of such Shelf Offering the Shelf Registrable Securities. The Company, subject to <u>Sections 1(e)</u> and <u>8</u> hereof, shall include in such Shelf Offering the Shelf Registrable Securities of any other holder of Shelf Registrable Securities that shall have made a written request to the Company of inclusion in such Shelf Offering (which request shall specify the maximum number of Shelf Registrable Securities intended to be disposed of by such Holder) within seven days after the receipt of the Shelf Offering Notice. The Company shall, as expeditiously as possible (and in any event within 20 days after the receipt of a Shelf Offering Request, unless a longer period is agreed to by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities that made the Shelf Offering Request), use its best efforts to facilitate such Shelf Offering. Each Holder agrees that

such Holder shall treat as confidential the receipt of the Shelf Offering Notice and shall not disclose or use the information contained in such Shelf Offering Notice without the prior written consent of the Company until such time as the information contained therein is or becomes available to the public generally, other than as a result of disclosure by the Holder in breach of the terms of this Agreement.

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

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

(e) <u>Priority on Demand Registrations and Shelf Offerings</u>. The Company shall not include in any Demand Registration or Shelf Offering any securities that are not Registrable Securities without the prior written consent of the holders of at least a majority of the Registrable Securities included in such registration. If a Demand Registration or a Shelf Offering is an underwritten offering and the managing underwriters advise the Company in writing that in their opinion the number of Registrable Securities and, if permitted hereunder, other securities requested to be included in such offering exceeds the number of Registrable Securities and other securities, if any, which can be sold therein without adversely affecting the marketability, proposed offering price, timing or method of distribution of the offering, the Company shall include in such offering prior to the inclusion of any securities which are not Registrable Securities requested to be included which, in the opinion of such underwriters, can be sold, without any such adverse effect, pro rata among the respective holders thereof on the basis of the amount of Registrable Securities owned by each such holder. Alternatively, if the number of Registrable Securities which can be included on a Shelf

Registration Statement is otherwise limited by Instruction I.B.6 to Form S-3 (or any successor provision thereto), the Company shall include in such offering prior to the inclusion of any securities which are not Registrable Securities the number of Registrable Securities requested to be included which can be included on such Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Form S-3, pro rata among the respective holders thereof on the basis of the amount of Registrable Securities owned by each such holder.

(f) Restrictions on Demand Registration and Shelf Offerings.

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

(ii) In the case of an event that causes the Company to suspend the use of a Shelf Registration Statement as set forth in paragraph (f)(i) above or pursuant to Section 5(a)(vi) (a "Suspension Event"), the Company shall give a notice to the holders of Registrable Securities registered pursuant to such Shelf Registration Statement (a "Suspension Notice") to suspend sales of the Registrable Securities and such notice shall state generally the basis for the notice and that such suspension shall continue only for so long as the Suspension Event or its effect is continuing. A Holder shall not effect any sales of the Registrable Securities pursuant to such Shelf Registration Statement (or such

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

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

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

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

Section 3. Piggyback Registrations.

(a) <u>Right to Piggyback</u>. Whenever the Company proposes to register any of its securities under the Securities Act (other than (i) pursuant to a Demand Registration, (ii) in connection with registrations on Form S-4 or S-8 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor or similar forms or (iii) a registration on any form that does not include substantially the same information as would be required to be included in a registration statement covering the sale of Registrable Securities), and the registration form to be used may

be used for the registration of Registrable Securities (a "<u>Piggyback Registration</u>"), the Company shall give prompt written notice (in any event within three business days after its receipt of notice of any exercise of demand registration rights other than under this Agreement and, subject to the terms of <u>Section 3(c)</u> and <u>Section 3(d)</u>, shall include in such Piggyback Registration (and in all related registrations or qualifications under blue sky laws and in any related underwriting) all Registrable Securities with respect to which the Company has received written requests for inclusion therein within 20 days after delivery of the Company's notice.

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

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

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

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

(f) <u>Right to Terminate Registration</u>. The Company shall have the right to terminate or withdraw any registration initiated by it under this <u>Section 3</u> whether or not any holder of

Registrable Securities has elected to include securities in such registration. The Registration Expenses of such withdrawn registration shall be borne by the Company in accordance with <u>Section 6</u>.

Section 4. Holdback Agreements.

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

(i) in connection with a Public Offering, such Holder shall not (A) offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of (including sales pursuant to Rule 144), directly or indirectly, any Capital Stock of the Company or Yield LLC (including Capital Stock of the Company or Yield LLC that may be deemed to be owned beneficially by such holder in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission) (collectively, "<u>Securities</u>"), (B) enter into a transaction which would have the same effect as described in clause (A) above, (C) enter into any swap, hedge or other arrangement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences or ownership of any Securities, whether such transaction is to be settled by delivery of such Securities, in cash or otherwise (each of (A), (B) and (C) above, a "<u>Sale Transaction</u>"), or (D) publicly disclose the intention to enter into any Sale Transaction, commencing on the earlier of the date on which the Company gives notice to the holders of Registrable Securities that a preliminary prospectus has been circulated for such Public Offering or the "pricing" of such offering and continuing to the date that is 90 days following the date of the final prospectus for such Public Offering (a "<u>Follow-On Holdback Period</u>"), unless, if an underwritten Public Offering, the underwriters managing the Public Offering otherwise agree in writing; and

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

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

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

Section 5. Registration Procedures.

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

(i) in accordance with the Securities Act and all applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, prepare and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement, and all amendments and supplements thereto and related prospectuses, with respect to such Registrable Securities and use its reasonable best efforts to cause such registration statement to become effective (provided that before filing a registration statement or prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, the Company shall furnish to the counsel selected by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement copies of all such documents proposed to be filed, which documents shall be subject to the review and comment of such counsel);

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

(iii) prepare and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission such amendments and supplements to such registration statement and the prospectus used

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

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

(v) use its reasonable best efforts to register or qualify such Registrable Securities under such other securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as any seller reasonably requests and do any and all other acts and things which may be reasonably necessary or advisable to enable such seller to consummate the disposition in such jurisdictions of the Registrable Securities owned by such seller (provided that the Company shall not be required to (A) qualify generally to do business in any jurisdiction or (C) subject itself to taxation in any such jurisdiction);

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

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

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

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

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

(xi) take all reasonable actions to ensure that any Free-Writing Prospectus utilized in connection with any Demand Registration or Piggyback Registration hereunder complies in all material respects with the Securities Act, is filed in accordance with the Securities Act to the extent required thereby, is retained in accordance with the Securities Act to the extent required thereby and, when taken together with the related prospectus, shall not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

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

(xiii) permit any of Registrable Securities which Holder, in its sole and exclusive judgment, might be deemed to be an underwriter or a controlling person of the Company, to participate in the preparation of such registration or comparable statement

and to allow such Holder to provide language for insertion therein, in form and substance satisfactory to the Company, which in the reasonable judgment of such Holder and its counsel should be included;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

opinions of such nature, which opinion shall be addressed to the underwriters and the holders of such Registrable Securities;

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

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

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

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

(c) The Company may require each seller of Registrable Securities as to which any registration is being effected to furnish the Company such information regarding such seller and the distribution of such securities as the Company may from time to time reasonably request in writing.

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

Section 6. Registration Expenses.

(a) <u>The Company's Obligation</u>. All expenses incident to the Company's performance of or compliance with this Agreement (including, without limitation, all registration, qualification and filing fees, fees and expenses of compliance with securities or blue sky laws, printing expenses, messenger and delivery expenses, fees and disbursements of custodians, and fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company and all independent certified public accountants, underwriters (excluding underwriting discounts and commissions) and other Persons retained by the Company) (all such expenses being herein called "<u>Registration Expenses</u>"), shall be borne as provided in this Agreement, except that the Company shall, in any

event, pay its internal expenses (including, without limitation, all salaries and expenses of its officers and employees performing legal or accounting duties), the expense of any annual audit or quarterly review, the expense of any liability insurance and the expenses and fees for listing the securities to be registered on each securities exchange on which similar securities issued by the Company are then listed. Each Person that sells securities pursuant to a Demand Registration or Piggyback Registration hereunder shall bear and pay all underwriting discounts and commissions applicable to the securities sold for such Person's account.

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

Section 7. Indemnification and Contribution.

(a) By the Company. The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless, to the extent permitted by law, each holder of Registrable Securities, such Holder's officers, directors, managers, employees, agents and representatives, and each Person who controls such Holder (within the meaning of the Securities Act) (the "Indemnified Parties") against all losses, claims, actions, damages, liabilities and expenses (including with respect to actions or proceedings, whether commenced or threatened, and including reasonable attorney fees and expenses) caused by, resulting from, arising out of, based upon or related to any of the following statements, omissions or violations (each a "Violation") by the Company: (i) any untrue or alleged untrue statement of material fact contained in (A) any registration statement, prospectus, preliminary prospectus or Free-Writing Prospectus, or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto or (B) any application or other document or communication (in this Section 7, collectively called an "application") executed by or on behalf of the Company or based upon written information furnished by or on behalf of the Company filed in any jurisdiction in order to qualify any securities covered by such registration under the securities laws thereof, (ii) any omission or alleged omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or (iii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act or any other similar federal or state securities laws or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder applicable to the Company and relating to action or inaction required of the Company in connection with any such registration, qualification or compliance. In addition, the Company will reimburse such Indemnified Party for any legal or any other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such losses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such losses result from, arise out of, are based upon, or relate to an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement, or omission or alleged omission, made in such registration statement, any such prospectus, preliminary prospectus or Free-Writing Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or in any application, in reliance upon, and in conformity with, written information prepared and furnished in writing to the Company by such Indemnified Party expressly for use therein or by such Indemnified Party's failure to deliver a copy of the

registration statement or prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto after the Company has furnished such Indemnified Party with a sufficient number of copies of the same. In connection with an underwritten offering, the Company shall indemnify such underwriters, their officers and directors, and each Person who controls such underwriters (within the meaning of the Securities Act) to the same extent as provided above with respect to the indemnification of the Indemnified Parties.

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

(c) <u>Claim Procedure</u>. Any Person entitled to indemnification hereunder shall (i) give prompt written notice to the indemnifying party of any claim with respect to which it seeks indemnification (provided that the failure to give prompt notice shall impair any Person's right to indemnification hereunder only to the extent such failure has prejudiced the indemnifying party) and (ii) unless in such indemnified party's reasonable judgment a conflict of interest between such indemnified and indemnifying parties may exist with respect to such claim, permit such indemnifying party to assume the defense of such claim with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party. If such defense is assumed, the indemnifying party shall not be subject to any liability for any settlement made by the indemnified party without its consent (but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed). An indemnifying party has not entitled to, or elects not to, assume the defense of a claim shall not be obligated to pay the fees and expenses of more than one counsel for all parties indemnified party with respect to such claim, unless in the reasonable judgment of any indemnified party a conflict of interest may exist between such indemnified party and any other of such indemnified parties with respect to such claim. In such instance, the conflicted indemnified parties shall have a right to retain one separate counsel, chosen by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities included in the registration if such Holders are indemnified parties, at the expense of the indemnifying party.

(d) <u>Contribution</u>. If the indemnification provided for in this <u>Section 7</u> is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to, or is insufficient to hold harmless, an indemnified party or is otherwise unenforceable with respect to any loss, claim, damage, liability or action referred to herein, then the indemnifying party shall contribute to the amounts paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, claim, damage, liability or action in such

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

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

(f) <u>Non-exclusive Remedy; Survival</u>. The indemnification and contribution provided for under this Agreement shall be in addition to any other rights to indemnification or contribution that any indemnified party may have pursuant to law or contract and shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of the indemnified party or any officer, director or controlling Person of such indemnified party and shall survive the transfer of Registrable Securities and the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

Section 8. Underwritten Offerings.

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

pursuant to, and consistent with, <u>Section 4</u> and this <u>Section 8(a)</u>, the respective rights and obligations created under such agreement shall supersede the respective rights and obligations of the Holders, the Company and the underwriters created pursuant to this <u>Section 8(a)</u>.

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

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

Section 9. Additional Parties; Joinder. Subject to the prior written consent of the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities, the Company may permit any Person who acquires Common Stock or rights to acquire Common Stock from the Company after the date hereof to become a party to this Agreement and to succeed to all of the rights and obligations of a "holder of Registrable Securities" under this Agreement by obtaining an executed joinder to this Agreement from such Person in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto (a "Joinder"). Upon the execution and delivery of a Joinder by such Person, the Common Stock, Class B common units or Class D common units of Yield LLC acquired by such Person (the "Acquired Common") shall constitute Registrable Securities and such Person shall be a Holder of Registrable Securities under this Agreement with respect to the Acquired Common, and the Company shall add such Person's name and address to the Schedule of Investors hereto and circulate such information to the parties to this Agreement.

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

Section 11. Subsidiary Public Offering. If, after a Public Offering of the Capital Stock of one of its Subsidiaries (including Yield LLC), the Company distributes securities of such Subsidiary to its equity holders, then the rights and obligations of the Company pursuant to

this Agreement shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to such Subsidiary, and the Company shall cause such Subsidiary to comply with such Subsidiary's obligations under this Agreement.

Section 12. Transfer of Registrable Securities.

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

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

"THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER AND OTHER PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN AN AMENDED AND RESTATED REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 14, 2015 (THE "<u>REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT</u>") AMONG THE ISSUER OF SUCH SECURITIES (THE "<u>COMPANY</u>") AND CERTAIN OF THE COMPANY'S STOCKHOLDERS, AS AMENDED. A COPY OF SUCH REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT WILL BE FURNISHED WITHOUT CHARGE BY THE COMPANY TO THE HOLDER HEREOF UPON WRITTEN REQUEST."

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

Section 13. General Provisions.

(a) <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of this Agreement may be amended, modified or waived only with the prior written consent of the Company and holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities; provided that no such amendment, modification or waiver that would materially and adversely affect a Holder or group of holders of Registrable Securities in a manner materially different than any other Holder or group of holders of Registrable Securities (other than amendments and modifications required to implement the provisions of <u>Section 9</u>), shall be effective against such Holder or group of holders of

Registrable Securities without the consent of the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities that are held by the group of Holders that is materially and adversely affected thereby. The failure or delay of any Person to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement shall in no way be construed as a waiver of such provisions and shall not affect the right of such Person thereafter to enforce each and every provision of this Agreement in accordance with its terms. A waiver or consent to or of any breach or default by any Person in the performance by that Person of his, her or its obligations under this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a consent or waiver to or of any other breach or default in the performance by that Person of the same or any other obligations of that Person under this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

(f) <u>Notices</u>. Any notice, demand or other communication to be given under or by reason of the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (i) when delivered personally to the recipient, (ii) when sent by confirmed electronic mail or facsimile if sent during normal business hours of the recipient; but if not, then on the next Business Day, (iii) one Business Day after it is sent to the recipient by reputable overnight

courier service (charges prepaid) or (iv) three Business Days after it is mailed to the recipient by first class mail, return receipt requested. Such notices, demands and other communications shall be sent to the Company at the address specified below and to any holder of Registrable Securities or to any other party subject to this Agreement at such address as indicated on Schedule of Investors hereto, or at such address or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by prior written notice to the sending party. Any party may change such party's address for receipt of notice by giving prior written notice of the change to the sending party as provided herein. The Company's address is:

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

With a copy to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NRG YIELD, INC.

By: /s/ Kirkland Andrews

Its: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

NRG ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ G. Gary Garcia

Its: Senior Vice President and Treasurer

[Signature Page to A&R Registration Rights Agreement]

SCHEDULE OF INVESTORS

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

EXHIBIT A

AMENDED AND RESTATED REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

JOINDER

The undersigned is executing and delivering this Joinder pursuant to the Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement dated as of May 14, 2015 (as the same may hereafter be amended, the "<u>Registration Rights Agreement</u>"), among NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and the other person named as parties therein.

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

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

Signature of Stockholder

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Print Name of Stockholder

Address:

Agreed and Accepted as of

NRG YIELD, INC.

By:

Its:

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THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

NRG YIELD LLC

Dated and effective as of

May 14, 2015

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

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

This THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") of NRG Yield LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, dated and effective as of May 14, 2015 (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"), is made by and among the Members (as defined below).

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

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

WHEREAS, as of July 16, 2013, NRG amended and restated the First Amended Agreement in its entirety in connection with Yield's initial public offering to provide, for among other things, the designation of Yield as the Managing Member of the Company and to create another class of limited liability interests of the Company (the "Second Amended Agreement");

WHEREAS, NRG and Yield desire to amend and restate the Second Amended Agreement in its entirety in connection with and to reflect a split of each existing Unit (as defined below) held by NRG and by Yield into two Units (the "<u>Company Recapitalization</u>");

WHEREAS, on the Effective Date, each Existing Unit (as defined below) that is a Class A Unit shall be automatically reclassified into one Class A Unit and one Class C Unit (as defined below), and each Existing Unit that is a Class B Unit shall be automatically reclassified into one Class B Unit and one Class D Unit (as defined below);

WHEREAS, it is intended that the Company Recapitalization will not alter the economic rights of the Members.

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

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1. <u>Definitions</u>.

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

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

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

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

"Adjusted Property" means any property the Carrying Value of which has been adjusted pursuant to Section 3.3(c)(i) or Section 3.3(c)(ii).

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

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

"<u>Agreement</u>" has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Agreement.

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

"Bankruptcy" means, with respect to any Person, (a) if such Person (i) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, (ii) files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, (iii) is

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

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

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

"<u>Capital Account</u>" means the capital account maintained for a Member pursuant to Section 3.3 of this Agreement. "Capital Contribution" means, with respect to any Member, the amount of any cash or cash equivalents or the Fair Market Value of other property contributed or deemed to be contributed to the Company by such Member with respect to any Unit or other Equity Securities issued by the Company (net of liabilities assumed by the Company or to which such property is subject).

"<u>Carrying Value</u>" means (a) with respect to a Contributed Property, subject to the following sentence, the Agreed Value of such property reduced (but not below zero) by all depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions charged to the Members' Capital Accounts in respect of such Contributed Property, and (b) with respect to any other Company property, subject to the following sentence and <u>Section 3.3(b)(iv)</u>, the adjusted basis of such property for federal income tax purposes, all as of the time of determination. The Carrying Value of any property shall be adjusted from time to time in accordance with <u>Section 3.3(c)(i)</u> and <u>Section 3.3(c)(ii)</u> and to reflect changes, additions or other adjustments to the Carrying Value for dispositions and acquisitions of Company properties, as deemed appropriate by the Managing Member.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Class C Common Stock Sale" means the sale or issuance by Yield of one or more shares of Class C Common Stock for cash.

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

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

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

"<u>Class D Member</u>" means a holder of Class D Units as relates to the ownership of such Units, executing this Agreement as a Class D Member or hereafter admitted to the Company as a

Class C Member as provided in this Agreement, but does not include any Person who has ceased to be a Member.

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

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. "Company" has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Agreement.

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

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

"<u>Contributed Property</u>" means any property contributed to the Company by a Member. "Economic Risk of Loss" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1(b)(vi).

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

"Equity Securities" means, as applicable, (i) any capital stock, limited liability company or membership interests, partnership interests, or other equity interest, (ii) any securities directly or indirectly convertible into or exchangeable for any capital stock, limited liability company or membership interests, partnership interests, or other equity interest or containing any profit participation features, (iii) any rights or options directly or indirectly to subscribe for or to purchase any capital stock, limited liability company or membership interests, partnership interest, other equity interest or securities containing any profit participation features or to subscribe for or to purchase any securities directly or indirectly convertible into or exchangeable for any capital stock, limited liability company or membership interest, other equity interest or securities containing any profit participation features or to subscribe for or to purchase any securities directly or indirectly convertible into or exchangeable for any capital stock, limited liability company or membership interest, other equity interest or securities containing any profit participation features, (iv) any equity appreciation rights, phantom equity rights or other similar rights, or (v) any Equity Securities issued or issuable with respect to the securities referred to in clauses (i) through (iv) above in connection with a combination, recapitalization, merger, consolidation or other reorganization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Existing Units" means the Class A Units and the Class B Units that are outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Date.

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

"First Amended Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereof.

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

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

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

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

"Indemnitees" means (a) any Person who is or was a member, partner, shareholder, director, officer, fiduciary or trustee of the Company or any Affiliate of the Company, (b) any Person who is or was serving at the request of the Managing Member as an officer, director, member, partner, fiduciary or trustee of another Person, in each case, acting in such capacity (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 (c) any Person the Managing Member designates as an "Indemnitee" for purposes of this Agreement.

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

"Managing Member" means, initially, Yield and any assignee to which the managing member of the Company Transfers all Units held by such managing member of the Company

that is admitted to the Company as the managing member of the Company, in its capacity as the managing member of the Company.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Successor in Interest" means any (i) trustee, custodian, receiver or other Person acting in any Bankruptcy or reorganization proceeding with respect to, (ii) assignee for the benefit of the

creditors of, or (iii) trustee or receiver, or current or former officer, director or partner, or other fiduciary acting for or with respect to the dissolution, liquidation or termination of.

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

"<u>Transfer</u>" means sell, assign, convey, contribute, distribute, give, or otherwise transfer, whether directly or indirectly, voluntarily or involuntarily, by operation of law or otherwise, or any act of the foregoing, including any Transfer upon foreclosure of any pledge, encumbrance, hypothecation or mortgage. The terms "<u>Transferee</u>," "<u>Transferred</u>," "<u>Transferring Member</u>," "<u>Transferor Member</u>" and other forms of the word "<u>Transfer</u>" shall have the correlative meanings.

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

"Units" means the Class A Units, the Class B Units, the Class C Units, the Class D Units and any other series of limited liability company interests in the Company denominated as "Units" that are established in accordance with this Agreement, which shall constitute limited liability company interests in the Company as provided in this Agreement and under the Act, entitling the holders thereof to the relative rights, title and interests in the profits, losses, deductions and credits of the Company at any particular time as set forth in this Agreement, and any and all other benefits to which a holder thereof may be entitled as a Member as provided in this Agreement, together with the obligations of such Member to comply with all terms and provisions of this Agreement.

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

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

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

"<u>Yield Charter</u>" means that certain Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Yield as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on May 14, 2015 and as further amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

Section 1.2. <u>Other Definitions</u>. Other terms defined herein have the meanings so given them.

Section 1.3. <u>Construction</u>. Whenever the context requires, the gender of all words used in this Agreement includes the masculine, feminine, and neuter. All references to Articles and Sections refer to articles and sections of this Agreement, all references to "including" shall be

construed as meaning "including without limitation" and all references to Exhibits are to Exhibits attached to this Agreement, each of which is made a part for all purposes.

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS

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

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

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

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

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

Managing Member may authorize any Person (including any Member or Officer) to enter into and perform any document on behalf of the Company.

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

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

Section 2.8. No State Law Partnership.

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

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

such as a right of the Transferee to receive Company distributions (directly or indirectly) or to acquire an interest in the capital or profits of the Company.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS; CAPITALIZATION

Section 3.1. Members; Units.

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

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

(c) <u>Reclassification of Existing Units</u>. Each Existing Unit that is a Class A Unit shall be automatically reclassified into one Class A Unit and one Class C Unit on the Effective Date. Each Existing Unit that is a Class B Unit shall be automatically reclassified into one Class B Unit and one Class D Unit on the Effective Date.

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

(e) <u>Class B Units</u>. The Schedule of Members sets forth the identity of all Class B Members and the number of Class B Units held by each Class B Member. Class B Units are issuable to NRG and its Permitted Transferees. Upon the Exchange contemplated in any

Exchange Election, the Class B Units covered by such Exchange Election shall be exchanged for Exchange Shares pursuant to the Exchange Agreement and, in connection with such Exchange, reclassified as Class A Units. The Class B Units shall rank pari passu with, and have all the same rights (including the rights to share in Net Income and Net Loss or items thereof and distributions made in accordance with <u>ARTICLE IV</u>) and be subject to all of the same obligations, as the Class A Units, the Class D Units.

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

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

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

(a) <u>General</u>. Notwithstanding anything expressed or implied to the contrary in this Agreement (including <u>Section 7.4</u> hereof), neither a Class B Member nor a Class D Member may Transfer, directly or indirectly, all or any portion of its respective Class B Units or Class D Units except in connection with (i) a Class A Common Stock Sale or a Class C Common Stock Sale, respectively, (ii) a Transfer of such Units in accordance with the procedures set forth in <u>Section 3.2(c)</u> or (iii) a Transfer of Class B Units or the Class D Units held by such Class B Member or Class D Member, as applicable (as an "<u>Exchanging Class B Member</u>" or "<u>Exchanging Class D Member</u>," as applicable) to one or more Permitted Transferees in accordance with <u>Section 7.3</u>. No Transfer of any Class B Units by a Class B Member or of any Class D Units by a Class D Member to a Permitted Transferee shall effect a release of the transferring Class B Member's or Class D Member's obligations under this Agreement to the Class A Members or the Class C Members, as applicable, and as a condition to such Transfer, each such Permitted Transferee shall expressly assume in writing all of the obligations of the transferring Class B Member or Class D Member, as applicable, whether arising prior to, on or after the date of Transfer, to the Class A Members or the Class C Members, as applicable.

(b) <u>Class A Common Stock or Class C Common Stock Sale</u>. In connection with any Class A Common Stock Sale or Class C Common Stock Sale, the Managing Member shall cause the Company to use the related net cash proceeds from such sale (upon the receipt thereof from Yield) to either (i) issue Class A Units in the case of any Class A Common Stock Sale or issue Class C Units in the case of a Class C Common Stock Sale, in an amount equal to

the number of shares of Class A Common Stock related to such Class A Common Stock Sale, to the Class A Member, or the number of shares of Class C Common Stock related to such Class C Common Stock Sale, to the Class C Member or (ii) as contemplated in the Exchange Agreement, purchase Class B Units or Class D Units from one or more "Yield LLC Unitholders" under the Exchange Agreement, which Class B Units or Class D Units, as applicable, shall automatically be reclassified into Class A Units or Class C Units, as applicable, upon the consummation of the purchase set forth in this clause (ii). Alternatively, the Managing Member shall cause Yield to use a portion of the net cash proceeds to purchase Class B Units in the case of the sale of Class A Common Stock, or to purchase Class D Units in the case of sale of Class C Common Stock from NRG, which Class B Units then will convert to Class A Units, or the Class D Units then will convert into the Class C Units immediately upon such purchase. The determination of whether to apply the net cash proceeds received by the Company from any Class A Common Stock Sale or any Class C Common Stock Sale in accordance with (i) or (ii) set forth in this <u>Section 3.2(b)</u> shall be made in the Managing Member's sole discretion.

(c) <u>Exchanges</u>.

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

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

(d) <u>Authorization and Issuance of Additional Units</u>. Subject to the limitations on issuing additional Units set forth in this Agreement (including <u>Section 7.4</u>), the requirements set forth in the Exchange Agreement and any applicable listing exchange requirements, the Managing Member may issue additional Classes of Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities from time to time with such rights, obligations, powers, designations, preferences and other terms, which may be different from, including senior to, any then existing or future Classes of Units, other Equity Securities in the Company genere shall determine from time to time, in its sole discretion, without the vote or consent of any other Member or any other Person, including (i) the right of such Units, other Equity Securities in the Company securitie

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

Section 3.3. Capital Account.

(a) The Managing Member shall maintain for each Member owning Units a separate Capital Account with respect to such Units in accordance with the rules of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv). Such Capital Account shall be increased by (i) the amount of all Capital Contributions made to the Company with respect to such Units pursuant to this Agreement and (ii) all items of Company income and gain (including, without limitation, income and gain exempt from tax) computed in accordance with <u>Section 3.3(b)</u> and allocated with respect to such Units pursuant to <u>Section 5.1</u>, and decreased by (x) the amount of cash or Fair Market Value of all actual and deemed distributions of cash or property made with respect to such Units pursuant to this Agreement and (y) all items of Company deduction and loss computed in accordance with <u>Section 3.3(b)</u> and allocated with respect to such Units pursuant to <u>Section 5.1</u>. The foregoing provisions and the other provisions of this Agreement relating to the maintenance of Capital Accounts are intended to comply with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b) and shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with such Treasury Regulations. In the event the Managing Member shall determine that it is prudent to modify the manner in which the Capital Accounts or any adjustments thereto (including, without limitation,

adjustments relating to liabilities which are secured by contributed or distributed property or which are assumed by the Company or any Members) are computed in order to comply with such Treasury Regulations, the Managing Member, without the consent of any other Person, may make such modification, notwithstanding the terms of this Agreement; provided that it is not likely to have a material effect on the amounts distributed or distributable to any Person pursuant to <u>ARTICLE VII</u> hereof upon the dissolution of the Company. The Managing Member, without the consent of any other Person, also shall (i) make any adjustments, notwithstanding the terms of this Agreement, that are necessary or appropriate to maintain equality among the Capital Accounts of the Members and the amount of capital reflected on the Company's balance sheet, as computed for book purposes, in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(q), and (ii) make any appropriate modifications, notwithstanding the terms of this Agreement, in the event unanticipated events might otherwise cause this Agreement not to comply with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b).

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

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

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

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

(iv) In accordance with the requirements of Section 704(b) of the Code, any deductions for depreciation, cost recovery or amortization attributable to any Contributed Property shall be determined in the manner described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(g)(3) as if the adjusted basis of such property on the date it was acquired by the Company were equal to the Agreed Value of such property. Upon an adjustment pursuant to Section 3.3(c) to the Carrying Value of any Adjusted Property that is subject to depreciation, cost recovery or amortization, any further deductions for such depreciation, cost recovery or amortization attributable to such property shall be determined in the manner described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(g)(3) and 1.704-3(a)(6)(i) as if the adjusted basis of such property were equal to the Carrying Value of such property immediately following such adjustment; provided, however, that, if the asset has a zero adjusted basis for federal income tax purposes, depreciation, cost recovery or amortization deductions shall be determined using any method that the Managing Member may adopt.

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

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

(ii) In accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(f), immediately prior to any actual or deemed distribution to a Member of any Company property (other than a distribution of cash that is not in

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

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

(d) Notwithstanding anything expressed or implied to the contrary in this Agreement, in the event the Managing Member shall determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, that it is prudent to modify the manner in which the Capital Accounts, or any debits or credits thereto, are computed in order to effectuate the intended economic sharing arrangement of the Members, the Managing Member may make such modification, notwithstanding any other provision hereof, without the consent of any other Person.

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

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

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

Agreement, be entitled to distributions of specific assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE INTERESTS IN NRG YIELD LLC REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER SET FORTH IN THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF NRG YIELD LLC, DATED AS OF MAY 14, 2015, BY AND AMONG EACH OF THE MEMBERS FROM TIME TO TIME PARTY THERETO, AS THE SAME MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

(iii) Each Unit shall constitute a "security" within the meaning of, and shall be governed by, (i) Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code (including

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV DISTRIBUTIONS

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

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

Section 4.3. Withholding. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Managing Member is authorized to take any action that may be required to cause the Company to comply with any withholding requirements established under the Code or any other federal, state or local law including pursuant to Sections 1441, 1442, 1445 and 1446 of the Code. To the extent that the Company is required or elects to withhold and pay over to any taxing authority any amount resulting from the allocation or distribution of income to any Member (including by reason of Section 1446 of the Code), the Managing Member may treat the amount withheld as a distribution of cash pursuant to this ARTICLE IV in the amount of such withholding from such Member. Each Member hereby agrees, to the maximum extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and the other Members from and against any liability, claim or expense (including, without limitation, any liability for taxes, penalties, additions to tax or interest) with respect to any tax withholdings made or required to be made, such person shall have the right to be reimbursed from the Member on whose behalf such tax withholding was made or required to be made.

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

ARTICLE V ALLOCATIONS

Section 5.1. <u>Allocations for Capital Account Purposes</u>.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, Net Income and Net Losses (and, to the extent necessary, individual items of income, gain or loss or deduction of the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 5.2. <u>Allocations for Tax Purposes</u>.

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

deductions for tax purposes shall be allocated among the Members so as to reflect as nearly as possible the allocation set forth herein in computing their Capital Accounts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) For the proper administration of the Company, the Managing Member shall (i) adopt such conventions as it deems appropriate in determining the amount of depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions; (ii) make special allocations for federal income tax purposes of income (including, without limitation, gross income) or deductions; (iii) without the consent of any other Person being required, amend the provisions of this Agreement as appropriate to reflect the proposal or promulgation of Treasury Regulations under Section 704(b) or Section 704(c) of the Code; and (iv) adopt and employ such methods for (A) the

maintenance of capital accounts for book and tax purposes, (B) the determination and allocation of adjustments under Sections 734 and 743 of the Code, (C) the determination and allocation of taxable income, tax loss and items thereof under this Agreement and pursuant to the Code, (D) the determination of the identities and tax classification of Members, (E) the provision of tax information and reports to the Members, (F) the adoption of reasonable conventions and methods for the valuation of assets and the determination of tax basis, (G) the allocation of asset values and tax basis, (H) the adoption and maintenance of accounting methods, (I) the recognition of the transfer of Units and (J) tax compliance and other tax-related requirements, including without limitation, the use of computer software, in each case, as it determines in its sole discretion are necessary and appropriate to execute the provisions of this Agreement and to comply with federal, state and local tax law. The Managing Member may adopt such conventions and make such allocations as provided in this <u>Section 5.2(f)</u> without the consent of a Member only if such conventions or allocations would not have a material adverse effect on such affected Member, and if such allocations are consistent with the principles of Section 704 of the Code.

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

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

ARTICLE VI MANAGEMENT

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

(a) <u>Authority of Managing Member</u>. The business, property and affairs of the Company shall be managed under the sole, absolute and exclusive direction of the Managing Member, which may from time to time delegate authority to Officers or to others to act on behalf of the Company. Without limiting the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 6.1(a)</u>, the Managing

Member shall have the sole power to manage or cause the management of the Company, including the power and authority to effectuate the sale, lease, transfer, exchange or other disposition of any, all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (including, but not limited to, the exercise or grant of any conversion, option, privilege or subscription right or any other right available in connection with any assets at any time held by the Company) or the merger, consolidation, reorganization or other combination of the Company with or into another entity. Yield is the initial Managing Member of the Company.

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

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

Section 6.2. Officers.

(a) <u>Designation and Appointment</u>. The Managing Member may, from time to time, employ and retain Persons as may be necessary or appropriate for the conduct of the Company's business, including employees, agents and other Persons (any of whom may be a Member) who may be designated as Officers of the Company, with such titles as and to the

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

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

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

Section 6.3. Liability of Members.

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

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

the provisions of this Agreement, any Member is obligated to make any such payment, such obligation shall be the obligation of such Member and not of any other Member.

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

Section 6.4. Indemnification by the Company.

(a) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law (as the same exists or may hereafter be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the Company to provide broader indemnification rights than such law permitted the Company to provide prior to such amendment)) but subject to the limitations expressly provided in this Agreement, all Indemnitees shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties (including excise and similar taxes and punitive damages), interest, settlements or other amounts arising from any and

all claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, in which any Indemnitee may be involved, or is threatened to be involved, as a party or otherwise, by reason of its acting in the capacity that gave rise to its status as an Indemnitee (a "<u>Proceeding</u>"); <u>provided</u>, that the Indemnitee shall not be indemnified and held harmless if there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that, in respect of the matter for which the Indemnitee is seeking indemnification pursuant to this <u>Section 6.4</u>, the Indemnitee acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud, willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the Indemnitee's conduct was unlawful. Any indemnification pursuant to this <u>Section 6.4</u> shall be made only out of the assets of the Company, it being agreed that the Managing Member shall not be personally liable for such indemnification and shall have no obligation to contribute or loan any monies or property to the Company to enable it to effectuate such indemnification.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6.5. Liability of Indemnitees.

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

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

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

(d) Any amendment, modification or repeal of this <u>Section 6.5</u> or any provision hereof shall be prospective only and shall not in any way affect the limitations on the

liability of the Indemnitees under this <u>Section 6.5</u> as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.

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

ARTICLE VII

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

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

Section 7.2. Dissolution.

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

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

(c) <u>Priority</u>. A reasonable time shall be allowed for the orderly winding up of the business and affairs of the Company and the liquidation of its assets pursuant to <u>Section 7.2</u>

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

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

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

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

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

Section 7.4. <u>Admission or Substitution of New Members</u>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iv) such Transfer would cause any portion of the assets of the Company to become "plan assets" of any "benefit plan investor" within the

meaning of regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Labor at Section 2510.3-101 of Part 2510 of Chapter XXV, Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations as modified by Section 3(42) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 7.7. <u>Mandatory Exchange</u>. The Managing Member may, with the consent of each of the Class B Members and Class D Members who, together with its Affiliates and Permitted Transferees, beneficially own at least 75% of the Class B Units and Class D Units in the aggregate, require all Members holding Class B Units or Class D Units to exchange all such Units held by them pursuant to the Exchange Agreement. Any exchange of Class B Units and Class D Units pursuant to this <u>Section 7.8</u> shall be treated as a transfer of Units governed by <u>Section 3.2(c)</u>.

ARTICLE VIII

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

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

Section 8.2. Information.

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

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

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

Section 8.4. Certain Tax Matters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

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

Section 9.2. <u>Governing Law; Disputes</u>.

(a) THIS AGREEMENT IS GOVERNED BY AND SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, EXCLUDING ANY CONFLICT OF LAWS RULE OR PRINCIPLE THAT MIGHT REFER

THE GOVERNANCE OR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS AGREEMENT TO THE LAW OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION.

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

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

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

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

Section 9.4. <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. This Agreement may be amended, supplemented, waived or modified by the written consent of the Managing Member in its sole

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 9.8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, the Exchange Agreement and the other documents and agreements referred to herein or entered into concurrently herewith embody

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

Section 9.9. <u>Remedies</u>. Each Member shall have all rights and remedies set forth in this Agreement and all rights and remedies that such Person has been granted at any time under any other agreement or contract and all of the rights that such Person has under any applicable law. Any Person having any rights under any provision of this Agreement or any other agreements contemplated hereby shall be entitled to enforce such rights specifically (without posting a bond or other security) to recover damages by reason of any breach of any provision of this Agreement and to exercise all other rights granted by applicable law.

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

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

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

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

Section 9.14. <u>Delivery by Facsimile or Email</u>. This Agreement, the agreements referred to herein, and each other agreement or instrument entered into in connection herewith or therewith or contemplated hereby or thereby, and any amendments hereto or thereto, to the extent signed and delivered by means of a facsimile machine or email with scan or facsimile attachment, shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original agreement or instrument and shall be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. At the request of any party hereto or to any such agreement or instrument, each other party hereto or thereto shall re execute original forms thereof and deliver

them to all other parties. No party hereto or to any such agreement or instrument shall raise the use of a facsimile machine or email to deliver a signature or the fact that any signature or agreement or instrument was transmitted or communicated through the use of a facsimile machine or email as a defense to the formation or enforceability of a contract, and each such party forever waives any such defense.

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

MANAGING MEMBER

NRG YIELD, INC.

By: /s/ Kirkland Andrews

Name: Kirkland Andrews Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

OTHER MEMBERS

NRG ENERGY, INC.

By:

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

Title:

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

EXHIBIT A

Adoption Agreement

This Adoption Agreement is executed by the undersigned pursuant to the Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of NRG Yield LLC (the "Company"), dated as of May 14, 2015, as amended, restated or supplemented from time to time, a copy of which is attached hereto and is incorporated herein by reference (the "<u>Agreement</u>"). By the execution of this Adoption Agreement, the undersigned agrees as follows:

 1.
 Acknowledgment. The undersigned acknowledges that he/she is acquiring [] Class
 Units of the Company as a

 Class
 Member, subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement (including the Exhibits thereto), as amended from time to time. Capitalized terms used herein without definition are defined in the Agreement and are used herein with the same meanings set forth therein.

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

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

EXECUTED AND DATED on this day of, 20.

[Name]

Notice Address:

Facsimile:

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NRG YIELD, INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2013 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

NRG Yield, Inc. (the "*Company*") has adjusted its capital structure by (i) establishing two new classes of common stock, Class C common stock and Class D common stock, and (ii) distributing shares of the Class C common stock and Class D common stock to holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock, respectively, through a stock split. As a result, the NRG Yield, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan is hereby amended and restated to conform with the new capital structure of the Company and make minor technical changes.

1. Purpose.

This plan shall be known as the NRG Yield, Inc. Amended and Restated 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the "*Plan*"). The purpose of the Plan shall be to promote the long-term growth and profitability of NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "*Company*"), and its Subsidiaries by (i) providing certain directors, officers and employees of, and certain other individuals who perform services for, or to whom an offer of employment has been extended by, the Company and its Subsidiaries with incentives to maximize shareholder value and otherwise contribute to the success of the Company and (ii) enabling the Company to attract, retain and reward the best available persons for positions of responsibility. Grants of Incentive Stock Options or Non-qualified Stock Options, stock appreciation rights ("*SARs*"), either alone or in tandem with options, restricted stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Awards, Deferred Stock Units, other stock based or cash based awards, or any combination of the foregoing (collectively, the "*Awards*") may be made under the Plan. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan, to the extent that any Award would be subject to Section 409A of the Code, no such Award may be granted if it would fail to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 409A of the Code and any regulations or guidance promulgated thereunder.

2. Definitions.

(a) "Affiliate" means each of the following: (a) any Subsidiary; (b) any Parent; (c) any corporation, trade or business (including, without limitation, a partnership or limited liability company) which is directly or indirectly controlled 50% or more (whether by ownership of stock, assets or an equivalent ownership interest or voting interest) by the Company or one of its Affiliates; (d) any trade or business (including, without limitation, a partnership or limited liability company) which directly or indirectly controls 50% or more (whether by ownership of stock, assets or an equivalent ownership interest or voting interest) of the Company or one of its Affiliates; (d) any trade or business (including, without limitation, a partnership or limited liability company) which directly or indirectly controls 50% or more (whether by ownership of stock, assets or an equivalent ownership interest or voting interest) of the Company; and (e) any other entity in which the Company or any of its Affiliates has a material equity interest and which is designated as an "Affiliate" by resolution of the Committee; provided that, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the Common Stock subject to any Award constitutes "service recipient stock" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code or otherwise does not subject the Award to Section 409A of the Code.

(b) "Board" means the board of directors of the Company.

(c) "*Cause*", unless otherwise defined in a Participant's Grant Agreement or in a Participant's written employment arrangements with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in effect on the date of grant (as amended from time to time thereafter), means the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

(i) Conviction of, or agreement to a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony, or any crime or offense lesser than a felony involving the property of the Company or a Subsidiary; or

- (ii) Conduct that has caused demonstrable and serious injury to the Company or a Subsidiary, monetary or otherwise; or
- (iii) Willful refusal to perform or substantial disregard of duties properly assigned, as determined by the Company; or

(iv) Breach of duty of loyalty to the Company or a Subsidiary or other act of fraud or dishonesty with respect to the Company or a Subsidiary; or

(v) Violation of the Company's code of conduct.

The definition of Cause set forth in a Participant's Grant Agreement shall control if such definition is different from the definition of Cause set forth in a Participant's written employment arrangements with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(d) "Change in Control" means, unless otherwise defined in a Participant's Grant Agreement, the occurrence of one of the following events:

(i) Any "person" (as that term is used in Sections 13 and 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act or any successors thereto) becomes the "beneficial owner" (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act or any successor thereto), directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the Company's capital stock entitled to vote in the election of directors, excluding any "person" who becomes a "beneficial owner" in connection with a Business Combination (as defined in paragraph (iii) below) which does not constitute a Change in Control under said paragraph (iii); or

(ii) Persons who on the effective date of the plan of reorganization of the Company (the "*Commencement Date*") constitute the Board (the "*Incumbent Directors*") cease for any reason, including without limitation, as a result of a tender offer, proxy contest, merger or similar transaction, to constitute at least a majority thereof; provided that, any person becoming a director of the Company subsequent to the Commencement Date shall be considered an Incumbent Director if such person's election or nomination for election was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Incumbent Directors; but provided further that, any such person whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest relating to the election of members of the Board or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a "person" (as defined in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) other than the Board, including by reason of agreement intended to avoid or settle any such actual or threatened contest or solicitation, shall not be considered an Incumbent Director; or

(iii) Consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination, all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners of outstanding voting securities of the Company immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the company resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a company which, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination, of the outstanding voting securities of the Company; or

(iv) The shareholders of the Company approve any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

In addition, with respect to any Award that is characterized as "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, an event shall not be considered to be a Change in Control under the Plan for purposes of payment of such Award unless such event is also a "change in

ownership," a "change in effective control" or a change in ownership of a substantial portion of the assets" of the Company within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code.

(e) *"Code"* means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(f) "*Committee*" means the Compensation Committee of the Board or such other committee which shall consist solely of two or more members of the Board, each of whom is (i) an "outside director" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation §1.162-27(e)(3); (ii) a non-employee director under Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act and (iii) an "independent director" under the rules of any national securities exchange on which the Common Stock is listed for trading; provided that, if for any reason the Committee shall not have been appointed by the Board to administer the Plan, all authority and duties of the Committee under the Plan shall be vested in and exercised by the Board, and the term "Committee" shall be deemed to mean the Board for all purposes herein.

(g) "*Common Stock*" means the Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (as described in the Company's Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as it may be amended from time to time); the Class C Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (as described in the Company's Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as it may be amended from time to time); and any other shares into which such stock may be changed by reason of a recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation or any other change in the corporate structure or capital stock of the Company.

- (h) *"Company"* shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 1 above.
- (i) "Consultant" means any natural person who is an advisor or consultant to the Company or its Affiliates.

(j) "Disability", unless otherwise defined in a Participant's Grant Agreement, means a disability that would entitle an eligible Participant to payment of monthly disability payments under any Company long-term disability plan or as otherwise determined by the Committee.

- (k) *"Effective Date"* shall have the meaning set forth in Section 25.
- (l) *"Eligible Employees"* means each employee of the Company or an Affiliate.
- (m) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(n) *"Fair Market Value"* of a share of Common Stock of the Company means, as of the date in question, and except as otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement entered into pursuant to agreements in effect as of the Commencement Date, the officially-quoted closing selling price of the applicable class of Common Stock (or if no selling price is quoted, the bid price) on the principal securities exchange on which the Common Stock is then listed for trading (including for this purpose the Nasdaq National Market) (the *"Market"*) for the applicable trading day (or if there no closing price on such day because the Market is not open on such day, the last preceding day on which the Market was open) or, if the applicable class of Common Stock is not then listed or quoted in the Market, the Fair Market Value shall be the fair value of the applicable class of Common Stock determined in good faith by the Board and, in the case of an Incentive Stock Option, in accordance with Section 422 of the Code; provided, however, that when shares received upon exercise of an option are immediately sold in the open market, the net sale price received may be used to determine the Fair Market Value of any shares used to pay the exercise price or applicable withholding taxes and to compute the withholding taxes.

(o) "Family Member" has the meaning given to such term in General Instructions A.1(a)(5) to Form S-8 under the Securities Act.

(p) "Grant Agreement" means the written (whether in print or electronic form) agreement that each Participant to whom an Award is made under the Plan is required to enter into with the Company



containing the terms and conditions of such grant as are determined by the Committee and consistent with the Plan.

(q) *"Incentive Stock Option"* means an option conforming to the requirements of Section 422 of the Code and any successor thereto.

(r) *"Lead Underwriter"* has the meaning set forth in Section 18.

(s) *"Lock-Up Period"* has the meaning set forth in Section 18.

(t) *"Non-Employee Director"* means a director or a member of the Board of the Company or any Affiliate who is not an active employee of the Company or any Affiliate.

(u) "Non-qualified Stock Option" means any stock option other than an Incentive Stock Option.

(v) *"Other Cash-Based Award*" means an Award granted pursuant to Section 12 of the Plan and payable in cash at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

(w) "Other Stock-Based Award" means an Award under of this Plan that is valued in whole or in part by reference to, or is payable in or otherwise based on, Common Stock, including, without limitation, an Award valued by reference to an Affiliate.

(x) *"Parent"* means any parent corporation of the Company within the meaning of Section 424(e) of the Code.

(y) *"Participant"* means any director, officer or employee of, or other individual performing services for, or to whom an offer of employment has been extended by, the Company or any Subsidiary who has been selected by the Committee to participate in the Plan (including a Participant located outside the United States).

(z) "Performance Award" means an Award granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 9, hereof contingent upon achieving certain Performance Goals.

(aa) *"Performance Cycle"* shall have the meaning provided in Section 9.

(bb) *"Performance Goals"* means goals established by the Committee as contingencies for Awards to vest and/or become exercisable or distributable based on one or more of the performance goals set forth in Section 9.

(cc) "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, incorporated organization, governmental or regulatory or other entity.

(dd) "Plan" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.

(ee) "Proceeding" has the meaning set forth in Section 27.

(ff) *"Registration Date"* means the date on which the Company sells its Common Stock in a bona fide, firm commitment underwriting pursuant to a registration statement under the Securities Act.

(gg) "Restricted Stock" means an Award of Shares under this Plan that is subject to restrictions under Section 8.

(hh) *"Restricted Stock Unit"* or *"Unit"* means an Award of hypothetical Share units under this Plan that are convertible to Shares in accordance with Section 8.

(ii) *"Restriction Period"* has the meaning set forth in Section 8(d) with respect to Restricted Stock.

(jj) *"Retirement"* means, (i) for any non-director, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, (A) termination of service as a non-director after at least 10 years of service by such non-director *and*

(B) attaining at least 55 years of age, and (ii) for any director, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, termination of service as a director after at least five years of Board service by such director.

(kk) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act as then in effect or any successor provision.

(ll) "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Reference to a specific section of the Securities Act or regulation thereunder shall include such section or regulation, any valid regulation or interpretation promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.

(mm) "Shares" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.

(nn) "Stock Appreciation Right" shall mean the right pursuant to an Award granted under Section 7.

(oo) "Stock Option" or "Option" means any option to purchase shares of Common Stock granted to Participants granted pursuant to Section 6.

(pp) "Subsidiary" means a corporation or other entity of which outstanding shares or ownership interests representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of such corporation or other entity entitled to elect the management thereof, or such lesser percentage as may be approved by the Committee, are owned directly or indirectly by the Company.

(qq) "Termination" means a Termination of Consultancy, Termination of Directorship or Termination of Employment, as applicable.

(rr) *"Termination of Consultancy"* means: (a) that the Consultant is no longer acting as a consultant to the Company or an Affiliate; or (b) when an entity which is retaining a Participant as a Consultant ceases to be an Affiliate unless the Participant otherwise is, or thereupon becomes, a Consultant to the Company or another Affiliate at the time the entity ceases to be an Affiliate. In the event that a Consultant becomes an Eligible Employee or a Non-Employee Director upon the termination of his or her consultancy, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, no Termination of Consultancy shall be deemed to occur until such time as such Consultant is no longer a Consultant, an Eligible Employee or a Non-Employee Director. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may otherwise define Termination of Consultancy in the Grant Agreement or, if no rights of a Participant are reduced, may otherwise define Termination of Consultancy thereafter, provided that any such change to the definition of the term "Termination of Consultancy" does not subject the applicable Award to Section 409A of the Code.

(ss) *"Termination of Directorship"* means that the Non-Employee Director has ceased to be a director of the Company; except that if a Non-Employee Director becomes an Eligible Employee or a Consultant upon the termination of his or her directorship, his or her ceasing to be a director of the Company shall not be treated as a Termination of Directorship unless and until the Participant has a Termination of Employment or Termination of Consultancy, as the case may be.

(tt) *"Termination of Employment"* means: (a) a termination of employment (for reasons other than a military or personal leave of absence granted by the Company) of a Participant from the Company and its Affiliates; or (b) when an entity which is employing a Participant ceases to be an Affiliate, unless the Participant otherwise is, or thereupon becomes, employed by the Company or another Affiliate at the time the entity ceases to be an Affiliate. In the event that an Eligible Employee becomes a Consultant or a Non-Employee Director upon the termination of his or her employment, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, no Termination of Employment shall be deemed to occur until such time as such Eligible Employee is no longer an Eligible Employee,

a Consultant or a Non-Employee Director. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may otherwise define Termination of Employment in the Grant Agreement or, if no rights of a Participant are reduced, may otherwise define Termination of Employment thereafter, provided that any such change to the definition of the term "Termination of Employment" does not subject the applicable Award to Section 409A of the Code.

(uu) *"Transfer*" means: (a) when used as a noun, any direct or indirect transfer, sale, assignment, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance or other disposition (including the issuance of equity in a Person), whether for value or no value and whether voluntary or involuntary (including by operation of law), and (b) when used as a verb, to directly or indirectly transfer, sell, assign, pledge, encumber, charge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of (including the issuance of equity in a Person) whether for value and whether voluntarily or involuntarily (including by operation of law). "Transferred" and "Transferable" shall have a correlative meaning.

(vv) *"Transition Period"* means the period beginning with the Effective Date and ending as of the earlier to occur of: (i) the date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the shareholders occurring more than twelve (12) months after the Registration Date; (ii) the expiration of the Plan; or (iii) the expiration of the applicable transition period as provided in Treasury Regulation Section 1.162-27(f)(4)(iii).

3. Administration.

(a) The Plan shall be administered and interpreted by the Committee. To the extent required by applicable law, rule or regulation, it is intended that each member of the Committee shall qualify as (a) a "non-employee director" under Rule 16b-3, (b) an "outside director" under Section 162(m) of the Code, and (c) an "independent director" under the rules of any national securities exchange or national securities association, as applicable. If it is later determined that one or more members of the Committee do not so qualify, actions taken by the Committee prior to such determination shall be valid despite such failure to qualify. In no event, however, shall the Committee modify the distribution terms in any Award or Grant Agreement that has a feature for the deferral of compensation if such modification would result in taxes, additional interest and/or penalties pursuant to Code Section 409A.

(b) Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall be authorized to:

(i) select persons to participate in the Plan;

(ii) determine the form and substance of grants made under the Plan to each Participant, and the conditions and restrictions, if any, subject to which such grants will be made;

- (iii) determine the form and substance of the Grant Agreements reflecting the terms and conditions of each grant made under the Plan;
- (iv) certify that the conditions and restrictions applicable to any grant have been met;
- (v) modify the terms of grants made under the Plan;
- (vi) interpret the Plan and Grant Agreements entered into under the Plan,

(vii) determine the duration and purposes for leaves of absence which may be granted to a Participant on an individual basis without constituting a termination of employment or services for purposes of the Plan;

(viii) make any adjustments necessary or desirable in connection with grants made under the Plan to eligible Participants located outside the United States;

(ix) adopt, amend, or rescind rules and regulations for the administration of the Plan, including, but not limited to, correcting any defect or supplying any omission, or reconciling any

inconsistency in the Plan or in any Grant Agreement, in the manner and to the extent it shall deem necessary or advisable, including so that the Plan and the operation of the Plan complies with Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, the Code to the extent applicable and other applicable law and make such other determinations for carrying out the Plan as it may deem appropriate; and

(x) exercise such powers and perform such acts as are deemed necessary or advisable to promote the best interests of the Company with respect to the Plan.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee shall not take any of the following actions without shareholder approval, except as provided in *Section 20*: (i) reduce the exercise price following the grant of an option or SAR; (ii) exchange an option or SAR which has an exercise price that is greater than the Fair Market Value of a Share for cash or Shares or (iii) cancel an option or SAR in exchange for a replacement option or another Award with a lower exercise price. Decisions of the Committee on all matters relating to the Plan, any Award granted under the Plan and any Grant Agreement shall be in the Committee's sole discretion and shall be conclusive and binding on the Company, all Participants and all other parties, unless an arbitration or other provision is expressly provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement. The validity, construction, and effect of the Plan and any rules and regulations relating to the Plan shall be determined in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. No member of the Committee or by any officer of the Company shall be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by such member, by any other member of the Committee or by any officer of the Company in connection with the performance of duties under the Plan, except for such person's own willful misconduct or as expressly provided by statute.

(d) The expenses of the Plan shall be borne by the Company. The Plan shall not be required to establish any special or separate fund or make any other segregation of assets to assume the payment of any Award under the Plan, and rights to the payment of such Awards shall be no greater than the rights of the Company's general creditors.

4. Shares Available for the Plan.

(a) Subject to adjustments as provided in *Section 20*, an aggregate of 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock (the "*Shares*") may be issued pursuant to the Plan. Such Shares may be in whole or in part authorized and unissued or held by the Company as treasury shares. If any grant under the Plan expires or terminates unexercised, becomes unexercisable or is forfeited as to any Shares, or is tendered or withheld as to any Shares in payment of the exercise price of the grant or the taxes payable with respect to the exercise, then such unpurchased, forfeited, tendered or withheld Shares shall thereafter be available for further grants under the Plan unless, in the case of options granted under the Plan, related SARs are exercised. With respect to SARs that are settled in Common Stock, upon settlement, only the number of shares of Common Stock delivered to a Participant upon the exercise of the SARs shall count against the number of shares issued under the Plan settled in cash shall not be counted against the foregoing maximum share limitations. The maximum number of shares with respect to which Incentive Stock Options may be granted shall be 500,000. Shares issued under Awards granted in assumption, substitution or exchange for previously granted awards of a company acquired by the Company ("*Substitute Awards*") shall not reduce Shares available under Plan. Available shares under a stockholder approved plan of an acquired company (as appropriately adjusted to reflect such acquisition) may be used for Awards under this Plan and shall not reduce the number of Shares available under this Plan, except as required by the rules of any applicable stock exchange.

(b) To the extent required by Section 162(m) of the Code for Awards under the Plan to qualify as "performance-based compensation," the following individual Participant limitations shall apply:

(i) The maximum number of shares of Common Stock subject to any Award of Stock Options, or Stock Appreciation Rights, or shares of Restricted Stock, or Other Stock-Based



Awards for which the grant of such Award or the lapse of the relevant Restriction Period is subject to the attainment of Performance Goals in accordance with Section 8(d) which may be granted under this Plan during any fiscal year of the Company to each Eligible Employee or Consultant shall be 500,000 shares per type of Award (which shall be subject to any further increase or decrease pursuant to Section 22), provided that the maximum number of shares of Common Stock for all types of Awards does not exceed 500,000 (which shall be subject to any further increase or decrease pursuant to Section 22) during any fiscal year of the Company.

(ii) There are no annual individual Eligible Employee or Consultant share limitations on Restricted Stock for which the grant of such Award or the lapse of the relevant Restriction Period is not subject to attainment of Performance Goals in accordance with Section 8(d).

(iii) The maximum number of shares of Common Stock subject to any Performance Award which may be granted under this Plan during any fiscal year of the Company to each Eligible Employee or Consultant shall be 500,000 shares (which shall be subject to any further increase or decrease pursuant to Section 22 with respect to any fiscal year of the Company.

(iv) The maximum number of shares of Common Stock subject to any Award which may be granted under this Plan during any fiscal year of the Company to each Non-Employee Director shall be 300,000 shares (which shall be subject to any further increase or decrease pursuant to Section 22).

(v) The maximum value of a cash payment made under a Performance Award which may be granted under the Plan with respect to any fiscal year of the Company to any Participant shall be \$5,000,000. The maximum value of a cash payment made under a Performance Award which may be granted under the Plan with respect to any fiscal year of the Company to any Non-Employee Director shall be \$1,000,000.

(vi) The individual Participant limitations set forth in this Section 4(b) (other than Section) shall be cumulative; that is, to the extent that shares of Common Stock for which Awards are permitted to be granted to an Eligible Employee or a Consultant during a fiscal year are not covered by an Award to such Eligible Employee or Consultant in a fiscal year, the number of shares of Common Stock available for Awards to such Eligible Employee or Consultant shall automatically increase in the subsequent fiscal years during the term of the Plan until used.

(c) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions of this *Section 4* or any other section of this Plan, the Committee may, at any time or from time to time, and on such terms and conditions (that are consistent with and not in contravention of the other provisions of this Plan) as the Committee may determine, enter into Grant Agreements (or take other actions with respect to the Awards) for new Awards containing terms (including, without limitation, exercise prices) more (or less) favorable than the then-outstanding Awards.

5. Participation.

Participation in the Plan shall be limited to the Participants. Nothing in the Plan or in any Grant Agreement shall confer any right on a Participant to continue in the employ of the Company or any Subsidiary as a director, officer or employee of or in the performance of services for the Company or shall interfere in any way with the right of the Company to terminate the employment or performance of services or to reduce the compensation or responsibilities of a Participant at any time. By accepting any Award under the Plan, each Participant and each person claiming under or through him or her shall be conclusively deemed to have indicated his or her acceptance and ratification of, and consent to, any action taken under the Plan by the Company, the Board or the Committee.

Awards may be granted to such persons and for such number of Shares as the Committee shall determine, subject to the limitations contained herein (such individuals to whom grants are made being

sometimes herein called "optionees" or "grantees," as the case may be). Determinations made by the Committee under the Plan need not be uniform and may be made selectively among eligible individuals under the Plan, whether or not such individuals are similarly situated. A grant of any type made hereunder in any one year to an eligible Participant shall neither guarantee nor preclude a further grant of that or any other type to such Participant in that year or subsequent years.

6. Incentive and Non-qualified Options.

The Committee may from time to time grant to eligible Participants Incentive Stock Options, Non-qualified Stock Options, or any combination thereof; provided that, the Committee may grant Incentive Stock Options only to eligible employees of the Company or its Subsidiaries (as defined for this purpose in Section 424(f) of the Code or any successor thereto). In any one calendar year, the Committee shall not grant to any one Participant options to purchase a number of Shares of Common Stock in excess of 500,000 shares of Common Stock. The options granted under the Plan shall be evidenced by a Grant Agreement and shall take such form as the Committee shall determine, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

It is the Company's intent that Non-qualified Stock Options granted under the Plan not be classified as Incentive Stock Options, that Incentive Stock Options be consistent with and contain or be deemed to contain all provisions required under Section 422 of the Code and any successor thereto, and that any ambiguities in construction be interpreted in order to effectuate such intent. If an Incentive Stock Option granted under the Plan does not qualify as such for any reason, then to the extent of such non-qualification, the stock option represented thereby shall be regarded as a Non-qualified Stock Option duly granted under the Plan; provided that, such stock option otherwise meets the Plan's requirements for Non-qualified Stock Options.

(a) *Price.* The price per Share deliverable upon the exercise of each option shall be established by the Committee, except that in the case of the grant of any option, the exercise price may not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock as of the date of grant of the option except for Substitute Awards, which shall have the exercise price as determined by the Committee provided that such exercise price does not cause the Substitute Award to become subject to Code Section 409A and the Committee takes into consideration any third-party voting guidelines. In the case of the grant of any Incentive Stock Option to an employee who, at the time of the grant, owns more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, the exercise price may not be less than 110% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock as of the date of grant of the option, in each case unless otherwise permitted by Section 422 of the Code or any successor thereto.

(b) *Payment.* Options may be exercised, in whole or in part, upon payment of the exercise price of the Shares to be acquired. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, payment shall be made (i) in cash (including check, bank draft, money order or wire transfer of immediately available funds), (ii) by delivery of outstanding shares of Common Stock with a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to the aggregate exercise price payable with respect to the options' exercise, (iii) by means of any cashless exercise procedures approved by the Committee and as may be in effect on the date of exercise, (iv) by withholding shares of Common Stock otherwise deliverable upon exercise of the Option having a Fair Market Value equal to the exercise price or (v) by any combination of the foregoing.

In the event a grantee is permitted to, and elects to pay the exercise price payable with respect to an option pursuant to clause (ii) above, (A) only a whole number of share(s) of Common Stock (and not fractional shares of Common Stock) may be tendered in payment, (B) such grantee must present evidence acceptable to the Company that he or she has owned any such shares of Common Stock tendered in payment of the exercise price (and that such tendered shares of Common Stock have not



been subject to any substantial risk of forfeiture) for at least six months prior to the date of exercise or such longer period as determined from time to time by the Committee, and (C) Common Stock must be delivered to the Company. Delivery for this purpose may, at the election of the grantee, be made either by (A) physical delivery of the certificate(s) for all such shares of Common Stock tendered in payment of the exercise price, accompanied by duly executed instruments of transfer in a form acceptable to the Company, (B) direction to the grantee's broker to transfer, by book entry, such shares of Common Stock from a brokerage account of the grantee to a brokerage account specified by the Company, or (C) the attestation of the grantee's shares of Common Stock. When payment of the exercise price is made by delivery of Common Stock, the difference, if any, between the aggregate exercise price payable with respect to the option being exercised and the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock tendered in payment (plus any applicable taxes) shall be paid in cash. No grantee may tender shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value exceeding the aggregate exercise price payable with respect to the option being exercised (plus any applicable taxes).

(c) *Terms of Options.* The term during which each option may be exercised shall be determined by the Committee, but if required by the Code, no option shall be exercisable in whole or in part more than ten years from the date it is granted, and no Incentive Stock Option granted to an employee who at the time of the grant owns more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries shall be exercisable more than five years from the date it is granted. All rights to purchase Shares pursuant to an option shall, unless sooner terminated, expire on the date designated by the Committee. The Committee shall determine the date on which each option shall become exercisable and may provide that an option shall become exercisable in installments. The Committee may provide that upon the last day of the term of an Option whose exercise price is less than the fair market value of the underlying Share on such date, such Option may be automatically exercised and the Participant shall receive a number of Shares equal in value to the excess of the fair market value of a Share over the exercise price of such Option, less any applicable withholding taxes. The Shares constituting each installment may be purchased in whole or in part at any time after such installment becomes exercisable, subject to such minimum exercise requirements as may be designated by the Committee. Prior to the exercise of an option and delivery of the Shares represented thereby, the optione shall have no rights as a shareholder with respect to any Shares covered by such outstanding option (including any dividend or voting rights). If an Option (other than an Incentive Stock Option) expires on a day that the Participant cannot exercise the Option because such an exercise would violate an applicable federal, state, local, or foreign law, the expiration date shall be tolled, at the discretion of the Committee, to the extercise of such Option would no longer violate an applicable Federal, state, local,

(d) *Limitations on Grants.* If required by the Code, the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the grant date) of Shares for which an Incentive Stock Option is exercisable for the first time during any calendar year under all equity incentive plans of the Company and its Subsidiaries (as defined in Section 422 of the Code or any successor thereto) may not exceed \$100,000.

(c) *Non-Transferability.* No Stock Option shall be Transferable by the Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and all Stock Options shall be exercisable, during the Participant's lifetime, only by the Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may determine, in its sole discretion, at the time of grant or thereafter that a Non-Qualified Stock Option that is otherwise not Transferable pursuant to this Section is Transferable to a Family Member in whole or in part and in such circumstances, and under such conditions, as specified by the Committee. A Non-Qualified Stock Option that is Transferred to a Family Member pursuant to the preceding sentence (i) may not be subsequently Transferred other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution and (ii) remains subject to the terms of this Plan and the applicable Grant Agreement. Any shares of Common Stock acquired upon the exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option by a permissible

transferee of a Non-Qualified Stock Option or a permissible transferee pursuant to a Transfer after the exercise of the Non-Qualified Stock Option shall be subject to the terms of this Plan and the applicable Grant Agreement.

(f) Other Terms and Conditions. The Committee may include a provision in a Grant Agreement providing for the automatic exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option on a cashless basis on the last day of the term of such Option if the Participant has failed to exercise the Non-Qualified Stock Option as of such date, with respect to which the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock underlying the Non-Qualified Stock Option exceeds the exercise price of such Non-Qualified Stock Option on the date of expiration of such Option, subject to Section 14. Stock Options may contain such other provisions, which shall not be inconsistent with any of the terms of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem appropriate.

(g) Termination; Forfeiture.

(i) *Death.* Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if a Participant ceases to be a director, officer or employee of, or to perform other services for, the Company or any Subsidiary due to his or her death, all of the Participant's Awards shall become fully vested and all of the Participant's options shall become exercisable and shall remain so for a period of one year from the date of such death, but in no event after the expiration date of the options.

(ii) *Disability.* Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if a Participant ceases to be a director, officer or employee of, or to perform other services for, the Company or any Subsidiary due to Disability, (A) all of the Participant's options that were exercisable on the date of Disability shall remain exercisable for, and shall otherwise terminate and thereafter be forfeited at the end of, a period of one year after the date of Disability, but in no event after the expiration date of the options, and (B) all of the Participant's Awards that were not fully vested (or, with respect to the Participant's options, exercisable) on the date of Disability shall be forfeited immediately upon such Disability; provided, however, that such Awards may become fully vested (and, with respect to the Participant is not within the discretion of the Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Disability giving rise to the termination of employment is not within the meaning of Section 22(e) (3) of the Code or any successor thereto, Incentive Stock Options not exercised by such Participant within 90 days after the date of termination of employment will cease to qualify as Incentive Stock Options and will be treated as Non-qualified Stock Options under the Plan if required to be so treated under the Code.

(iii) *Retirement.* Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if a Participant ceases to be an officer or employee of, or to perform other services for, the Company or any Subsidiary upon the occurrence of his or her Retirement, (A) all of the Participant's options that were exercisable on the date of Retirement shall remain exercisable for, and shall otherwise terminate and thereafter be forfeited at the end of, a period of two years after the date of Retirement, but in no event after the expiration date of the options, and (B) all of the Participant's Awards that were not fully vested (or, with respect to the Participant's options, exercisable) on the date of Retirement shall be forfeited immediately upon such Retirement; provided, however, that such Awards may become fully vested (and, with respect to the Participant's options, exercisable) in the discretion of the Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Incentive Stock Options not exercised by such Participant within 90 days after Retirement will cease to qualify as Incentive Stock Options and will be treated as Non-qualified Stock Options under the Plan if required to be so treated under the Code.

Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if a Participant ceases to be a director of the Company or any Subsidiary upon the occurrence of his or her Retirement, all of the Participant's Awards shall become fully vested and all of the Participant's options shall become exercisable and shall remain so for a period of two years after the date of Retirement, but in no event after the expiration date of the options.

(iv) Discharge for Cause. Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if a Participant ceases to be a director, officer or employee of, or to perform other services for, the Company or a Subsidiary due to Cause, or if a Participant does not become a director, officer or employee of, or does not begin performing other services for, the Company or a Subsidiary for any reason, all of the Participant's Awards shall be forfeited immediately and all of the Participant's options shall expire and be forfeited immediately, whether or not then exercisable, upon such cessation or non-commencement.

(v) Other Termination. If a Participant ceases to be a director, officer or employee of, or to otherwise perform services for, the Company or a Subsidiary for any reason other than death, Disability, Retirement or Cause (each such termination referred to as an "Other Termination"), (A) all of the Participant's options that were exercisable on the date of such cessation shall remain exercisable for, and shall otherwise terminate and thereafter be forfeited at the end of, a period of 90 days after the date of such cessation, but in no event after the expiration date of the options, and (B) all of the Participant's Awards that were not fully vested (or, with respect to the Participant's options, exercisable) on the date of such cessation shall be forfeited immediately upon such cessation. For the avoidance of doubt, an Other Termination with recall rights shall be considered an Other Termination to which this Section 6(g) (v) applies.

7. Stock Appreciation Rights.

The Committee shall have the authority to grant SARs under this Plan, either alone or to any optionee in tandem with options (either at the time of grant of the related option or thereafter by amendment to an outstanding option). SARs shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may specify. In any one calendar year, the Committee shall not grant to any one Participant SARs with respect to a number of Shares of Common Stock in excess of 500,000 shares of Common Stock.

The exercise price of an SAR must equal or exceed the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant of the SAR except for Substitute Awards, which shall have the exercise price as determined by the Committee provided that such exercise price does not cause the Substitute Award to become subject to Code Section 409A and the Committee takes into consideration any third-party voting guidelines. Prior to the exercise of the SAR and delivery of the Shares represented thereby, the Participant shall have no rights as a shareholder with respect to Shares covered by such outstanding SAR (including any dividend or voting rights).

SARs granted in tandem with options shall be exercisable only when, to the extent and on the conditions that any related option is exercisable. The exercise of an option shall result in an immediate forfeiture of any related SAR to the extent the option is exercised, and the exercise of an SAR shall cause an immediate forfeiture of any related option to the extent the SAR is exercised.

Upon the exercise of an SAR, the Participant shall be entitled to a distribution from the Company in an amount equal to the difference between the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of exercise and the exercise price of the SAR or, in the case of SARs granted in tandem with options, any option to which the SAR is related, multiplied by the number of Shares as to which the SAR is exercised. Such distribution shall be in cash and/or Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to such amount, or any combination thereof as chosen by the Committee.

All SARs will be exercised automatically on the last day prior to the expiration date of the SAR or, in the case of SARs granted in tandem with options, any related option, so long as the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on that date exceeds the exercise price of the SAR or any related option, as applicable. An SAR granted in tandem with options shall expire at the same time as any related option expires and shall be transferable only when, and under the same conditions as, any

related option is transferable. Unless otherwise determined by a Participant's Grant Agreement, each SAR shall be subject to the termination and forfeiture provisions as set forth in *Section 6.e.*

8. Restricted Stock; Restricted Stock Units.

(a) The Committee may at any time and from time to time grant Shares of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units under the Plan to such Participants and in such amounts as it determines. Each Share of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Unit shall be equivalent in value to one share of Common Stock and shall entitle the Participant to receive from the Company at the end of the vesting period (the "*Vesting Period*") applicable to such unit the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock, unless the Participant has elected at a time that complies with Code Section 409A to defer the receipt of shares of Common Stock.

(b) Each grant of Restricted Stock Units or Shares of Restricted Stock shall be evidenced by a Grant Agreement which shall specify the applicable restrictions on such Units or Shares, the duration of such restrictions, and the time or times at which such restrictions shall lapse with respect to all or a specified number of shares that are part of the grant; provided, however, except for maximum aggregate Awards of Restricted Stock of 5% of the aggregate Shares authorized by Section 4, if the vesting condition for any Award, other than an Incentive Stock Option or Non-qualified Stock Option, that is settled in Common Stock (including Awards of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units) (a *"Full Value Award"*), relates (x) exclusively to the passage of time and continued employment, such time period shall not be less than 36 months, with thirty-three and one-third percent $(33^{1/3}\%)$ of the Award vesting every 12 months from the date of the Award, subject to Section 6(g) and (y) to the attainment of specified performance goals, such Full Value Award shall vest over a Performance Cycle of not less than one (1) year. Except for maximum aggregate Awards of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units of 5% of the aggregate Shares authorized by Section 4, the Committee shall not waive or modify any vesting condition for a Full Value Award after such vesting condition has been established with respect to such Award.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement, the Participant will be required to pay the Company the aggregate par value of any Shares of Restricted Stock within ten days of the date of grant, unless such Shares of Restricted Stock are treasury shares. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, certificates representing Shares of Restricted Stock granted under the Plan will be held in escrow by the Company on the Participant's behalf during any period of restriction thereon and will bear an appropriate legend specifying the applicable restrictions thereon, and the Participant will be required to execute a blank stock power therefor.

(d) If the grant of Restricted Stock Units or Restricted Stock or the lapse of restrictions is based on the attainment of Performance Goals, the Committee shall establish the objective Performance Goals and the applicable vesting percentage of the Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units applicable to each Participant or class of Participants in writing prior to the beginning of the applicable fiscal year or at such later date as otherwise determined by the Committee and while the outcome of the Performance Goals are substantially uncertain. Such Performance Goals may incorporate provisions for disregarding (or adjusting for) changes in accounting methods, corporate transactions (including, without limitation, dispositions and acquisitions) and other similar type events or circumstances. With regard to an Award of either Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units that is intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Code, to the extent any such provision would create impermissible discretion under Section 162(m) of the Code or otherwise violate Section 162(m) of the Code, such provision shall be of no force or effect.

(e) Restricted Stock Units may be granted without payment of cash or consideration to the Company. Except as otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement, on the date the Restricted Stock Units become fully vested and nonforfeitable, the Participant shall receive, upon payment by the

Participant to the Company of the aggregate par value of the shares of Common Stock underlying each fully vested Restricted Stock Unit, stock certificates evidencing the conversion of Restricted Stock Units into shares of Common Stock.

(f) The Participant shall not be permitted to Transfer shares of Restricted Stock awarded under this Plan during the period or periods set by the Committee (the "*Restriction Period*") commencing on the date of such Award, as set forth in the Restricted Stock Grant Agreement and such agreement shall set forth a vesting schedule and any events which would accelerate vesting of the shares of Restricted Stock. Within these limits, based on service, attainment of Performance Goals pursuant to this Section 8(d) and/or such other factors or criteria as the Committee may determine in its sole discretion, the Committee may condition the grant or provide for the lapse of such restrictions in installments in whole or in part, or may accelerate the vesting of all or any part of any Restricted Stock Award and/or waive the deferral limitations for all or any part of any Restricted Stock Award. If the grant of shares of Restricted Stock or the lapse of restrictions is based on the attainment of Performance Goals, the Committee shall establish the objective Performance Goals and the applicable vesting percentage of the Restricted Stock applicable to each Participant or class of Participants in writing prior to the beginning of the applicable fiscal year or at such later date as otherwise determined by the Committee and while the outcome of the Performance Goals are substantially uncertain. Such Performance Goals may incorporate provisions for disregarding (or adjusting for) changes in accounting methods, corporate transactions (including, without limitation, dispositions and acquisitions) and other similar type events or circumstances. With regard to a Restricted Stock Award that is intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Code, such provision shall be of no force or effect.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in Section 8(d) or in any Grant Agreement, with respect to Shares of Restricted Stock, during such period of restriction the Participant shall have all of the rights of a holder of Common Stock, including but not limited to the rights to receive dividends and to vote, and any stock or other securities received as a distribution with respect to such Participant's Shares of Restricted Stock shall be subject to the same restrictions as then in effect for the Shares of Restricted Stock, provided that any dividends on Shares of Restricted Stock that vest based upon the satisfaction of any performance conditions shall be accumulated and paid at the time the underlying performance conditions are satisfied. Except as otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement, with respect to the Restricted Stock Units, during such period of restriction the Participant shall not have any rights as a shareholder of the Company; provided that, unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, the Participant shall have the right to receive accumulated dividends or distributions with respect to the corresponding number of Shares underlying each Restricted Stock Unit at the end of the Vesting Period, unless such Restricted Stock Units are converted into Deferred Stock Units, in which case such accumulated dividends or distributions shall be paid by the Company to the Participant at such time as the Deferred Stock Units are converted into shares of Common Stock.

(h) Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, each unit or Share of Restricted Stock shall be subject to the termination and forfeiture provisions as set forth in Section 6(g).

9. Performance Awards.

Performance Awards may be granted to Participants at any time and from time to time as determined by the Committee. The Committee shall determine the size and composition of Performance Awards granted to a Participant and the appropriate period over which performance is to be measured (a *"Performance Cycle"*). Performance Awards may include (i) specific dollar-value target awards (ii) performance units, the value of each such unit being determined by the Committee at the time of issuance, and/or (iii) performance Shares, the value of each such Share being equal to the Fair

Market Value of a share of Common Stock. In any one calendar year, the Committee shall not grant to any one Participant Performance Awards (i) payable in Common Stock for an amount in excess of 500,000 shares of Common Stock, or (ii) for Performance Awards payable in Other Securities or a combination of Common Stock and Other Securities, with a maximum amount payable thereunder of more than the Fair Market Value of 500,000 shares of Common Stock determined either on the date of grant of the award or the date the award is paid, whichever is greater.

The value of each Performance Award may be fixed or it may be permitted to fluctuate based on a performance factor (e.g., return on equity) selected by the Committee; provided that, payment of any Performance Award that is intended to qualify as "qualified performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation §1.162-27(e) shall be based solely on the satisfaction of pre-established, objective goals determined with reference to one or more of the following performance factors: return on equity; earnings per share; return on gross or net assets; return on gross or net revenue; pre- or after-tax net income; earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; operating income; revenue growth; consolidated pre-tax earnings; net or gross revenues; net earnings; earnings before interest and taxes; cash flow; earnings per share; fleet in-market availability; safety criteria; environmental criteria; revenue growth; cash flow from operations; diluted or basic; return on sales; earnings per share from continuing operations, diluted or basic; earnings from continuing operations; net asset turnover; capital expenditures; income before income taxes; gross or operating margin; return on total assets; return on invested capital; return on investment; return on revenue; market share; economic value added; cost of capital; expense reduction levels; stock price; productivity; customer satisfaction; employee satisfaction; and total shareholder return for the applicable Performance Cycle, all as computed in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (if relevant) as in effect from time to time and as applied by the Company in the preparation of its financial statements and subject to such other special rules and conditions as the Compensation Committee may establish at any time ending on or before the 90th day of the applicable Performance Cycle. These performance factors may be absolute or relative (to prior performance of the Company or to the performance of one or more other entities or external indices) and may be expressed in terms of a progression within a specified range. The foregoing criteria shall have any reasonable definitions that the Committee may specify, which may include or exclude any or all of the following items, as the Committee may specify: extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring items; effects of accounting changes; effects of currency fluctuations; effects of financing activities (e.g., effect on earnings per share of issuing convertible debt securities); expenses for restructuring, productivity initiatives or new business initiatives; non-operating items; acquisition expenses; and effects of divestitures.

The Committee shall establish Performance Goals and objectives for each Performance Cycle on the basis of such criteria and objectives as the Committee may select from time to time, including, without limitation, the performance of the Participant, the Company, one or more of its Subsidiaries or divisions or any combination of the foregoing. During any Performance Cycle, the Committee shall have the authority to adjust the Performance Goals and objectives for such cycle for such reasons as it deems equitable.

The Committee shall determine the portion of each Performance Award that is earned by a Participant on the basis of the Company's performance over the Performance Cycle in relation to the Performance Goals for such cycle. The earned portion of a Performance Award may be paid out in Shares, Other Company Securities or any combination thereof, as the Committee may determine.

A Participant must be a director, officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its Subsidiaries at the end of the Performance Cycle in order to be entitled to payment of a Performance Award issued in respect of such cycle; provided, however, unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, each Performance Award shall be subject to the termination and forfeiture provisions as set forth in Section 6(g).

Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if there is a Change in Control of the Company, the Committee shall determine the level at which a Participant's Performance Awards shall become vested upon such Change in Control.

10. Deferred Stock Units.

Deferred Stock Units (A) may be granted to Participants at any time and from time to time as determined by the Committee, and (B) shall be issued to Participants who elected prior to the date the Restricted Stock Units were granted to defer delivery of shares of Common Stock that would otherwise be due by virtue of the lapse or waiver of the vesting requirements of their Restricted Stock Units. All elections with respect to Deferred Stock Units shall be made in accordance with the election and distribution timing rules in Code Section 409A.

Except as otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement, Deferred Stock Units shall be granted without payment of cash or other consideration to the Company but in consideration of services performed for or for the benefit of the Company or any Subsidiary by such Participant. Payment of the value of Deferred Stock Units shall be made by the Company in shares of Common Stock; provided that, the Participant shall receive a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of matured or earned Deferred Stock Units. Upon payment in respect of a Deferred Stock Unit, such unit shall be terminated and thereafter forfeited. Payments in respect of Deferred Stock Units shall be made only at the end of the Deferral Period applicable to such units, the duration of which Deferral Period shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant of such Deferred Stock Units and set forth in the applicable Grant Agreement (or by the Participant in the case of an election to defer the receipt of Common Stock beyond the Vesting Period).

Except as otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement, during such Deferral Period the Participant shall not have any rights as a shareholder of the Company; provided that, unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, the Participant shall have the right to receive accumulated dividends or distributions with respect to the corresponding number of shares of Common Stock underlying each Deferred Stock Unit at the end of the Deferral Period when such Deferred Stock Units are converted into shares of Common Stock.

Unless otherwise provided in the Participant's Grant Agreement or related election form, if a Participant dies while serving as a director, officer or employee of the Company or its Subsidiary prior to the end of the Deferral Period, the Participant shall receive payment in respect to such Participant's Deferred Stock Units which would have matured or been earned at the end of such Deferral Period as if the applicable Deferral Period had ended as of the date of such Participant's death.

Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement or related election form, if a Participant ceases to be a director, officer or employee of, or to otherwise perform services for, the Company or its Subsidiaries upon his or her Disability or Retirement prior to the end of the Deferral Period, the Participant shall receive payment in respect of such Participant's Deferred Stock Units at the end of such Deferral Period.

Unless otherwise provided in the Participant's Grant Agreement or related election form, at such time as a Participant ceases to be, or in the event a Participant does not become, a director, officer or employee of, or otherwise performing services for, the Company or its subsidiaries for any reason other than Disability, Retirement or death, such Participant shall immediately forfeit any unvested Deferred Stock Units which would have matured or been earned at the end of such Deferral Period.

11. Other Stock-Based Awards.

(a) *Generally.* The Committee is authorized to grant to Participants Other Stock-Based Awards that are payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to



shares of Common Stock, including but not limited to, shares of Common Stock awarded purely as a bonus and not subject to any restrictions or conditions, shares of Common Stock in payment of the amounts due under an incentive or performance plan sponsored or maintained by the Company or an Affiliate, stock equivalent units, and Awards valued by reference to book value of shares of Common Stock. Other Stock-Based Awards may be granted either alone or in addition to or in tandem with other Awards granted under the Plan. Subject to the provisions of this Plan, the Committee shall have authority to determine the Participants, to whom, and the time or times at which, such Awards shall be made, the number of shares of Common Stock to be awarded pursuant to such Awards, and all other conditions of the Awards. The Committee may also provide for the grant of Common Stock under such Awards upon the completion of a specified Performance Cycle. The Committee may condition the grant or vesting of Other Stock-Based Awards upon the attainment of specified Performance Goals as the Committee may determine, in its sole discretion; provided that to the extent that such Other Stock-Based Awards are intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee shall establish the objective Performance Goals for the grant or vesting of such Other Stock-Based Awards are intended to Cycle or at such later date as permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code and while the outcome of the Performance Goals are substantially uncertain. Such Performance Goals may incorporate, if and only to the extent permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code, provisions for disregarding (or adjusting for) changes in accounting methods, corporate transactions (including, without limitation, dispositions and acquisitions) and other similar type events or circumstances. To the extent any such provision shall be of no force or effect.

(b) Terms and Conditions. Other Stock-Based Awards made pursuant to this Section 9 shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(i) *Non-Transferability.* Subject to the applicable provisions of the Grant Agreement and this Plan, shares of Common Stock subject to Awards made under this Section 9 may not be Transferred prior to the date on which the shares are issued, or, if later, the date on which any applicable restriction, performance or deferral period lapses.

(ii) *Dividends.* Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of Award, subject to the provisions of the Grant Agreement and this Plan, the recipient of an Award under this Section 9 shall not be entitled to receive, currently or on a deferred basis, dividends or dividend equivalents with respect to the number of shares of Common Stock covered by the Award, as determined at the time of the Award by the Committee, in its sole discretion.

(iii) *Vesting.* Any Award under this Section 9 and any Common Stock covered by any such Award shall vest or be forfeited to the extent so provided in the Grant Agreement, as determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion.

(iv) *Price.* Common Stock issued on a bonus basis under this Section 9 may be issued for no cash consideration; Common Stock purchased pursuant to a purchase right awarded under this Section 9 shall be priced, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

12. Other Cash Based Awards.

The Committee may from time to time grant Other Cash-Based Awards to Participants in such amounts, on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, including no consideration or such minimum consideration as may be required by applicable law, as it shall determine in its sole discretion. Other Cash-Based Awards may be granted subject to the satisfaction of vesting conditions or may be awarded purely as a bonus and not subject to restrictions or conditions, and if subject to vesting conditions, the Committee may accelerate the vesting of such Awards at any time in its sole discretion.

The grant of an Other Cash-Based Award shall not require a segregation of any of the Company's assets for satisfaction of the Company's payment obligation thereunder.

13. Grant of Dividend Equivalent Rights.

The Committee may include in a Participant's Grant Agreement a dividend equivalent right entitling the grantee to receive amounts equal to all or any portion of the dividends that would be paid on the shares of Common Stock covered by such Award if such Shares had been delivered pursuant to such Award. In the event such a provision is included in a Grant Agreement, the Committee shall determine whether such payments shall be made in cash, in shares of Common Stock or in another form, whether they shall be conditioned upon the exercise of the Award to which they relate, the time or times at which they shall be made, and such other terms and conditions as the Committee shall deem appropriate. Any dividend equivalent rights that may be granted on account of Awards that vest based upon the satisfaction of any performance conditions may only be paid if the underlying performance conditions of the Award are satisfied.

14. Withholding Taxes.

(a) *Participant Election.* Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, a Participant may elect to deliver shares of Common Stock (or have the Company withhold Shares acquired upon exercise of an option or SAR or deliverable upon grant or vesting of Restricted Stock or vesting of Restricted Stock Units or Deferred Stock Units or the receipt of Common Stock, as the case may be) to satisfy, in whole or in part, the amount the Company is required to withhold for taxes in connection with the exercise of an option or SAR or the delivery of Restricted Stock upon grant or vesting or the receipt of Common Stock, as the case may be) to satisfy, in whole or in part, the amount the Company is required to withhold for taxes in connection with the exercise of an option or SAR or the delivery of Restricted Stock upon grant or vesting or the receipt of Common Stock, as the case may be. Such election must be made on or before the date the amount of tax to be withheld is determined. Once made, the election shall be irrevocable. The fair market value of the shares to be withheld or delivered will be the Fair Market Value as of the date the amount of tax to be withheld is determined. In the event a Participant elects to deliver or have the Company withhold shares of Common Stock pursuant to this Section 14(a), such delivery or withholding must be made subject to the conditions and pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 6(b) with respect to the delivery or withholding of Common Stock in payment of the exercise price of options.

(b) Company Requirement. The Company may require, as a condition to any grant or exercise under the Plan or to the delivery of certificates for Shares issued hereunder, that the grantee make provision for the payment to the Company, either pursuant to Section 14(a) or this Section 14(b), of federal, state or local taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to any grant, delivery or vesting of Shares. The Company, to the extent permitted or required by law, shall have the right to deduct from any payment of any kind (including salary or bonus) otherwise due to a grantee, an amount equal to any federal, state or local taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to any grant or delivery of Shares under the Plan. The Company shall in no event be liable for any taxes whatsoever (including, without limitation, taxes under Code Section 409A) associated with the grant, vesting, exercise, or settlement of any Award granted pursuant to this Plan, other than the Company's share of any payroll taxes.

15. Grant Agreement; Vesting.

Each employee to whom an Award is made under the Plan shall enter into a Grant Agreement with the Company that shall contain such provisions, including without limitation vesting requirements, consistent with the provisions of the Plan, as may be approved by the Committee. Unless the Committee determines otherwise and except as otherwise provided herein in connection with a Change of Control or certain occurrences of Termination, no Award under this Plan may be exercised, and no restrictions relating thereto may lapse, within six months of the date such Award is made.

16. Transferability.

No Award granted under the Plan shall be transferable by a Participant other than (a) by will or the laws of descent and distribution, (b) to a Participant's Family Member by gift or a qualified domestic relations order as defined by the Code or (c) to a charitable organization, but in each case only with Committee approval or as provided in a Grant Agreement. Unless otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement, an Option, SAR or Performance Award may be exercised only by the optionee or grantee thereof; by his or her Family Member if such person has acquired the option, SAR or Performance Award by gift or qualified domestic relations order; by the executor or administrator of the estate of any of the foregoing or any person to whom the Option is transferred by will or the laws of descent and distribution; or by the guardian or legal representative of any of the foregoing; provided that, Incentive Stock Options may be exercised by any Family Member, guardian or legal representative only if permitted by the Code and any regulations thereunder. All provisions of this Plan shall in any event continue to apply to any Award granted under the Plan and transferred as permitted by this Section 16, and any transferee of any such Award shall be bound by all provisions of this Plan as and to the same extent as the applicable original grantee.

17. Listing, Registration and Qualification.

If the Committee determines that the listing, registration or qualification upon any securities exchange or under any law of Shares subject to any Award is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the granting of same or the issue or purchase of Shares thereunder, no such option or SAR may be exercised in whole or in part, no such Performance Award, Restricted Stock Unit or Deferred Stock Unit may be paid out, and no Shares may be issued, unless such listing, registration or qualification is effected free of any conditions not acceptable to the Committee.

18. Lock-Up Period.

As a condition to the grant of an Award, if requested by the Company and the lead underwriter of any public offering of the Common Stock (the *"Lead Underwriter"*), a Participant shall irrevocably agree not to sell, contract to sell, grant any option to purchase, transfer the economic risk of ownership in, make any short sale of, pledge or otherwise transfer or dispose of, any interest in any Common Stock or any securities convertible into, derivative of, or exchangeable or exercisable for, or any other rights to purchase or acquire Common Stock (except Common Stock included in such public offering or acquired on the public market after such offering) during such period of time following the effective date of a registration statement of the Company filed under the Securities Act that the Lead Underwriter shall specify (the *"Lock-Up Period"*). The Participant shall further agree to sign such documents as may be requested by the Lead Underwriter to effect the foregoing and agree that the Company may impose stop-transfer instructions with respect to Common Stock acquired pursuant to an Award until the end of such Lock-Up Period.

19. Transfer of Employee.

The transfer of an employee from the Company to a Subsidiary, from a Subsidiary to the Company, or from one Subsidiary to another Subsidiary shall not be considered a Termination of Employment; nor shall it be considered a Termination of Employment if an employee is placed on military or sick leave or such other leave of absence which is considered by the Committee as continuing intact the employment relationship.

20. Section 162(m) of the Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, (i) prior to the Registration Date and during the Transition Period, the provisions of the Plan requiring compliance with Section 162(m)

of the Code for Awards intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" shall only apply to the extent required by Section 162(m) of the Code, and (ii) the provisions of the Plan requiring compliance with Section 162(m) of the Code shall not apply to Awards granted under the Plan that are not intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code.

21. Post-Transition Period.

Following the Transition Period, any Award granted under the Plan that is intended to be "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, shall be subject to the approval of the material terms of the Plan by a majority of the stockholders of the Company in accordance with Section 162(m) of the Code and the treasury regulations promulgated thereunder.

22. Adjustments.

(a) In the event that any reorganization, recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination of shares, merger, consolidation, distribution of assets, or any other change in the corporate structure or shares of the Company affects Shares such that an adjustment is appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of Participants under the Plan, the Committee shall make such equitable adjustments in any or all of the following in order to prevent such dilution or enlargement of rights: the number and kind of Shares or other property available for issuance under the Plan (including, without limitation, the total number of Shares available for issuance under the Plan pursuant to Section 4), the number and kind of Awards or other property covered by Awards previously made under the Plan, and the exercise price of outstanding options and SARs. Any such adjustment shall be final, conclusive and binding for all purposes of the Plan. In the event of any merger, consolidation or other reorganization in which the Company is not the surviving or continuing corporation or in which a Change in Control is to occur, all of the Company's obligations regarding any Awards that were granted hereunder and that are outstanding on the date of such event shall, on such terms as may be approved by the Committee prior to such event, be assumed by the surviving or continuing corporation or canceled in exchange for property (including cash).

(b) Without limitation of the foregoing, in connection with any transaction of the type specified by Section 2(d)(iii) in the definition of a Change in Control, the Committee may (i) cancel any or all outstanding options under the Plan in consideration for payment to the holders thereof of an amount equal to the portion of the consideration, if any, that would have been payable to such holders pursuant to such transaction if their options had been fully exercised immediately prior to such transaction, less the aggregate exercise price that would have been payable therefor, or (ii) if the amount that would have been payable to the option holders pursuant to such transaction if their options had been fully exercised immediately prior thereto would be equal to or less than the aggregate exercise price that would have been payable therefor, consideration or payment of any kind. Payment of any amount payable pursuant to the preceding sentence may be made in cash or, in the event that the consideration to be received in such transaction includes securities or other property, in cash and/or securities or other property in the Committee's discretion.

(c) *Change in Control.* Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if there is a Change in Control of the Company, all of the Participant's Awards shall become fully vested upon such Change in Control (and, with respect to the Participant's options, exercisable upon such Change in Control and shall remain so until the expiration date of the options), whether or not the Participant is subsequently terminated.

(d) *Clawback.* If the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of the Company with any financial reporting requirement under the securities laws, then any Participant who has been paid an Award under this Plan based upon or affected by the

restated financial report shall be required, at the discretion of the Board, to reimburse the Company for all or any portion of such Award.

23. Amendment and Termination of the Plan.

The Board or the Committee, without approval of the shareholders, may amend or terminate the Plan at any time, except that no amendment shall become effective without prior approval of the shareholders of the Company if (i) shareholder approval would be required by applicable law or regulations, including if required by any listing requirement of the principal stock exchange or national market on which the Common Stock is then listed, (ii) such amendment would remove from the Plan a provision which, without giving effect to such amendment, is subject to shareholder approval, or (iii) such amendment would directly or indirectly increase the Share limits set forth in Section 4 of the Plan.

24. Amendment or Substitution of Awards under the Plan.

The terms of any outstanding Award under the Plan may be amended from time to time by the Committee in any manner that it deems appropriate (including, but not limited to, acceleration of the date of exercise of any Award and/or payments thereunder or of the date of lapse of restrictions on Shares); provided that, except as otherwise provided in Section 22, no such amendment shall adversely affect in a material manner any right of a Participant under the Award without his or her written consent, and provided further that, the Committee shall not reduce the exercise price of any options or SARs awarded under the Plan without approval of the shareholders of the Company. The Committee may, in its discretion, permit holders of Awards under the Plan to surrender outstanding Awards as a condition precedent to the grant of new awards, or require holders of Awards to surrender outstanding adwards as a condition precedent to the grant of new awards under the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee shall not take any of the following actions without shareholder approval, except as provided in Section 22: (i) reduce the exercise price following the grant of an option or SAR in exchange for a replacement option or another Award with a lower exercise price. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, in no event shall the Committee amend the distribution terms in any Award or Grant Agreement that has a feature for the deferral of compensation if such amendment would result in taxes, additional interest and/or penalties pursuant to Code Section 409A.

25. Termination Date

The date of commencement of the Plan shall be May 14, 2015 (the "Effective Date").

Unless previously terminated upon the adoption of a resolution of the Board terminating the Plan, the Plan shall terminate on the tenth anniversary of the earlier of the date that the Plan is adopted or the date of stockholder approval. No termination of the Plan shall materially and adversely affect any of the rights or obligations of any person, without his or her written consent, under any Award or other incentives theretofore granted under the Plan.

26. Severability.

Whenever possible, each provision of the Plan shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of the Plan is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of the Plan.

27. Jurisdiction; Waiver of a Jury Trial.

Any suit, action or proceeding with respect to this Plan or any Grant Agreement, or any judgment entered by any court of competent jurisdiction in respect of any thereof, shall be resolved only in the courts of the State of Delaware or the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the appellate courts having jurisdiction of appeals in such courts. In that context, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company and each Participant shall irrevocably and unconditionally (a) submit in any proceeding relating to this Plan or any Grant Agreement, or for the recognition and enforcement of any judgment in respect thereof (a "*Proceeding*"), to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Delaware, the court of the United States of America for the District of Delaware, and appellate courts having jurisdiction of appeals from any of the foregoing, and agree that all claims in respect of any such Proceeding may and shall be brought in such Courts and waives any objection that the Company and each Participant may now or thereafter have to the venue or jurisdiction of any such Proceeding in any such Court or that such Proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agree relating to this Plan or any Grant Agreement, (d) agree that service of process in any such Proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy of such process by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such parts, in the case of a Participant, at the Participant's address shown in the books and records of the Company or, in the case of the Company, at the Company's principal offices, attention General Counsel, and (e) agree that nothing in this Agreement shall affect the right to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by the laws of the State of Delaware.

28. Governing Law.

The Plan shall be governed by the corporate laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any choice of law provisions that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of the Plan to the substantive law of another jurisdiction.

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NRG YIELD.

NRG Yield, Inc. Announces Completion of Recapitalization and Adjustment to the Conversion Rate of its 3.50% Convertible Senior Notes due 2019

PRINCETON, NJ; May 15, 2015— NRG Yield, Inc. (NYSE: NYLD) ("NRG Yield") announced that it has completed its previously announced recapitalization, whereby its new Class C common stock was distributed to holders of the Class A common stock through a split of each outstanding share of Class A common stock into one share of Class A common stock and one share of Class C common stock that became effective after the close of the market on May 14, 2015. The Class A common stock will continue to trade on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under a new symbol "NYLD.A" and the new Class C common stock will begin trading today on the NYSE under the original symbol "NYLD."

In connection with the stock split, NRG Yield announced an adjustment to the conversion rate of its 3.50% Convertible Senior Notes due 2019 (the "Notes"). The new conversion rate is 42.9644 shares of Class A common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes, and is effective immediately after the opening of business on May 15, 2015. The initial conversion rate was adjusted pursuant to Section 11.05(c)(i) of the indenture governing the Notes and effectively doubled to reflect the split. Notice of the conversion rate adjustment has been delivered to the holders of the Notes.

About NRG Yield

NRG Yield owns a diversified portfolio of contracted renewable and conventional generation and thermal infrastructure assets in the U.S., including fossil fuel, solar and wind power generation facilities that provide the capacity to support more than 1.8 million American homes and businesses. Our thermal infrastructure assets provide steam, hot water and/or chilled water, and in some instances electricity, to commercial businesses, universities, hospitals and governmental units in multiple locations. NRG Yield's Class A common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NYLD. A and NRG Yield's Class C common stock is traded on the New York St

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This communication contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with respect to NRG Yield. Such forward-looking statements

are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions and typically can be identified by the use of words such as "expect," "estimate," "should," "anticipate," "forecast," "plan," "guidance," "believe" and similar terms. Although NRG Yield believes that its expectations are reasonable, it can give no assurance that these expectations will prove to have been correct, and actual results may vary materially. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated above include, among others, general economic conditions, hazards customary in the power industry, weather conditions, the volatility of energy and fuel prices, failure of customers to perform under contracts, changes in the wholesale power markets, changes in government regulation, the condition of capital markets generally, our ability to access capital markets, unanticipated outages at generation facilities, adverse results in current and future litigation, failure to identify or successfully execute acquisitions, NRG Yield's ability to enter into new contracts as existing contracts expire, NRG Yield's ability to acquire assets from NRG Energy, Inc. or third parties, NRG Yield's ability to close the drop-down transactions, and NRG Yield's ability to maintain and grow its quarterly dividends.

NRG Yield undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. The foregoing review of factors that could cause NRG Yield's actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in the forward-looking statements included in this news release should be considered in connection with information regarding risks and uncertainties that may affect NRG Yield's future results included in NRG Yield's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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