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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999 Commission file number: 000-26091

TC PIPELINES, LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

52-2135448

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(Address of principal executive offices)(zip code)
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SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:

TITLES OF EACH CLASS

NAME OF EACH EXCHANGE ON WHICH REGISTERED

None

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT:

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [X] No []

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to be the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [X]

Aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on March 10, 2000, was approximately  $$188.6\ \text{million}.$ 

As of March 10, 2000, there were 14,690,694 of the registrant's common units outstanding.

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Certain written and oral statements made or incorporated by reference from time to time by TC PipeLines, LP, its general partner, or their representatives in this Form 10-K and other reports and filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission, press releases, conferences or otherwise, are forward-looking and relate to, among other things, anticipated financial performance, business prospects, strategies, market forces and commitments. Much of this information appears in the Management's Discussion and Analysis found herein. By its nature, such forward-looking information is subject to various risks and uncertainties, including those discussed below, which could cause TC PipeLines' actual results and experience to differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations expressed. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on this forward-looking information, which is as of the date of this Form 10-K, and TC PipeLines undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Forward-looking information typically contains statements with words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "plan," "target" or similar words suggesting future outcomes. The following discussion is intended to identify certain factors, though not necessarily all factors, which could cause future outcomes to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking information.

The risks and uncertainties that may affect the operations, performance, development and results of TC PipeLines' business and its ability to make cash distributions to unitholders include, but are not limited to, the following factors:

- regulatory decisions, particularly those of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC");
- cost of acquisitions, including related debt service payments;
- tariff and transportation charges to be collected by Northern Border Pipeline Company for transportation services on the Northern Border pipeline system;
- the amount of cash distributed to TC PipeLines by Northern Border Pipeline;
- the inability of Northern Border Pipeline to maintain or increase its rate base by successfully completing FERC approved projects;
- a decline in the availability of western Canadian natural gas;
- majority control of the Northern Border Pipeline management
- committee by Northern Border Partners, L.P.;
- the amount of cash required to be contributed by TC PipeLines to Northern Border Pipeline to fund its operations;
- competitive factors and pricing pressures;
- overcapacity in the natural gas transportation industry;
- shifts in market demand;
- changes in laws and regulations, including environmental and regulatory laws:
- increases in maintenance and operating costs that are not recovered by increased transportation rates;
- uncertainties of litigation;
- prevailing economic conditions, particularly conditions of the capital and equity markets;
- the effects of required compliance with debt covenants;
- timing of completion of capital or maintenance projects;
- the availability of adequate levels of insurance;
- currency and interest rate fluctuations;
- the potential that the Internal Revenue Service could treat TC PipeLines as a corporation;
- various events which could disrupt operations (including explosions, fires, and severe weather conditions); and
- dependence on TransCanada's management expertise.

All amounts are stated in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated.

## PART I

## ITEM 1. BUSINESS

## BUSINESS OF TC PIPELINES, LP

TC PipeLines, LP and its subsidiary limited partnership, TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership, collectively referred to herein as "TC PipeLines" or "the Partnership," were formed by TransCanada PipeLines Limited to acquire, own and participate in the management of United States based pipeline assets. A wholly-owned subsidiary of TransCanada, TC PipeLines GP, Inc., serves as the general partner of the Partnership.

On May 28, 1999, the Partnership issued 14,300,000 common units (11,500,000 to the public and 2,800,000 to an affiliate of the general partner) through its initial public offering for net proceeds of \$274.6 million. The Partnership used the net proceeds from this offering, along with 3,200,000 subordinated units, an aggregate 2% general partner interest and incentive distribution rights, to acquire the collective 30% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline Company previously held by TransCanada Border Pipeline Ltd. and TransCan Northern Ltd. (collectively, the predecessor companies), affiliates of the general partner. The remaining 70% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline is held by Northern Border Partners, L.P., a publicly traded limited partnership that is not affiliated with TC Pipelines.

Subsequent to the initial public offering, the underwriters exercised a portion of their over-allotment option and purchased 390,694 additional common units for net proceeds of \$7.5 million. The Partnership used these proceeds to redeem an equal number of subordinated units held by the general partner.

The general partner holds an aggregate 2% general partner interest in the Partnership. The general partner also owns 2,809,306 subordinated units and is entitled to incentive distribution rights if quarterly cash distributions on the units exceed specified levels.

For the period ended December 31, 1999, the Partnership's 30% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline represents its only material asset.

BUSINESS OF NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY

## **GENERAL**

Northern Border Pipeline Company is a general partnership formed in 1978. The general partners are TC Pipelines, LP and Northern Border Partners, L.P., both of which are publicly traded partnerships. Each of TC Pipelines and Northern Border Partners holds its interest in Northern Border Pipeline Company, 30% and 70% of voting power, respectively, through a subsidiary limited partnership. The general partner of TC Pipelines and its subsidiary limited partnership is TC Pipelines GP, Inc., a subsidiary of TransCanada. The general partners of Northern Border Partners and its subsidiary limited partnership are Northern Plains Natural Gas Company and Pan Border Gas Company, both subsidiaries of Enron Corp., and Northwest Border Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of The Williams Companies, Inc.

Northern Border Pipeline owns a 1,214-mile United States interstate pipeline system that transports natural gas from the Montana-Saskatchewan border to natural gas markets in the midwestern United States. The Northern Border pipeline system connects with multiple pipelines, which provides shippers with access to the various natural gas markets served by those pipelines.

The Northern Border pipeline system was initially constructed in 1982 and was expanded and/or extended in 1991, 1992 and 1998. The most recent expansion and extension, called The Chicago Project, was completed in late 1998, and increased the pipeline system's ability to receive natural gas by 42% to its current capacity of 2,373 million cubic feet per day. In the year ended December 31, 1999, TC PipeLines estimates that Northern Border Pipeline transported approximately 23% of the total amount of natural gas imported from Canada to the United States. Over the same period, approximately 91% of the natural gas Northern Border Pipeline transported was produced in the western Canadian sedimentary basin located in the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

Northern Border Pipeline transports natural gas for shippers under a tariff regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Northern Border Pipeline generates revenues from individual transportation contracts with shippers that provide for the receipt and delivery of natural gas at points along the Northern Border pipeline

system. The tariff allows Northern Border Pipeline an opportunity to recover from shippers its cost of service, including operations and maintenance costs, taxes other than income taxes, interest, depreciation and amortization, an allowance for income taxes and a regulated return on equity. Shippers contract to pay for a proportionate share of those costs through a mileage-based charge for the amount of capacity contracted. The shippers are obligated to pay the charge regardless of the amount of natural gas they transport. Northern Border Pipeline does not own the natural gas that it transports and therefore Northern Border Pipeline does not assume any natural gas commodity price risk.

The management of Northern Border Pipeline is overseen by a four-member management committee. TC PipeLines controls 30% of the voting power of the Northern Border Pipeline management committee and designates one member. Northern Border Partners controls 70% of the voting power of the Northern Border Pipeline management committee and designates three members.

Under the Northern Border Pipeline partnership agreement, voting power on the Northern Border Pipeline management committee is presently allocated among Northern Border Partners' three general partners in proportion to their general partner interests in Northern Border Partners. As a result, the 70% voting power of Northern Border Partners' three representatives on the management committee is allocated as follows: 35% to the representative designated by Northern Plains, 22.75% to the representative designated by Pan Border and 12.25% to the representative designated by Northwest Border. Northern Plains and Pan Border are subsidiaries of Enron Corp. Therefore, Enron controls 57.75% of the voting power of the management committee and has the right to select two of the members of the management committee.

The Northern Border pipeline system is operated by Northern Plains pursuant to an operating agreement. As of December 31, 1999, Northern Plains employed approximately 190 individuals located at its headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska and at locations along the pipeline route. Northern Plains' employees are not represented by any labor union and are not covered by any collective bargaining agreements.

## THE NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE SYSTEM

With the completion of The Chicago Project in December 1998, Northern Border Pipeline owns a 1,214-mile United States interstate pipeline system that transports natural gas from the Montana-Saskatchewan border near Port of Morgan, Montana, to interconnecting pipelines in the upper Midwest of the United States. Construction of the Northern Border pipeline system was initially completed in 1982 and was expanded and/or extended in 1991, 1992 and 1998.

The Northern Border pipeline system has pipeline access to natural gas reserves in the western Canadian sedimentary basin in the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan in Canada, as well as the Williston Basin in the United States. The Northern Border pipeline system also has access to synthetic gas produced at the Dakota Gasification plant in North Dakota. For the year ended December 31, 1999, of the natural gas transported on the Northern Border pipeline system, approximately 91% was produced in Canada, approximately 5% was produced by the Dakota Gasification plant, and approximately 4% was produced in the Williston Basin.

The Northern Border pipeline system consists of 822 miles of 42-inch diameter pipe designed to transport 2,373 million cubic feet per day from the Canadian border to Ventura, Iowa; 30-inch diameter pipe and 36-inch diameter pipe, each approximately 147 miles in length, designed to transport 1,300 million cubic feet per day in total from Ventura, Iowa to Harper, Iowa; and 226 miles of 36-inch diameter pipe and 19 miles of 30-inch diameter pipe designed to transport 645 million cubic feet per day from Harper, Iowa to a terminus near Manhattan, Illinois (Chicago area). Along the pipeline there are 15 compressor stations with total rated horsepower of 476,500 and measurement facilities to support the receipt and delivery of gas at various points. Other facilities include four field offices and a microwave communication system with 51 tower sites.

At its northern end, the Northern Border pipeline system is connected to TransCanada's majority-owned Foothills Pipe Lines (Sask.) Ltd. system in Canada, which is connected to the Alberta System, owned by TransCanada, and the pipeline system owned by Transgas Limited in Saskatchewan. The Alberta System gathers and transports approximately 19% of the total North American natural gas production and approximately 77% of the natural gas produced in the western Canadian sedimentary basin. The Northern Border pipeline system also connects

with facilities of Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline at Glen Ullin and Buford, North Dakota, facilities of Amerada Hess Corporation at Watford City, North Dakota and facilities of Dakota Gasification Company at Hebron, North Dakota in the northern portion of the Northern Border pipeline system.

The Northern Border pipeline system connects with multiple pipelines, which provides its shippers with access to the various natural gas markets served by those pipelines. The Northern Border pipeline system interconnects with pipeline facilities of:

- Northern Natural Gas Company, an Enron subsidiary, at Ventura, Iowa as well as multiple smaller interconnections in South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa;
- Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America at Harper, Iowa;
- MidAmerican Energy Company at Iowa City and Davenport, Iowa;
- Alliant Power Company at Prophetstown, Illinois; Northern Illinois Gas Company at Troy Grove and Minooka, Illinois;
- Midwestern Gas Transmission Company near Channahon, Illinois;
- ANR Pipeline Company near Manhattan, Illinois; and
- The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company near Manhattan, Illinois at the terminus of the Northern Border pipeline system.

The Ventura, Iowa interconnect with Northern Natural Gas Company functions as a large market center, where natural gas transported on the Northern Border pipeline system is sold, traded and received for transport to significant consuming markets in the Midwest and to interconnecting pipeline facilities destined for other markets.

## SHIPPERS

The Northern Border pipeline system serves more than 40 shippers with diverse operating and financial profiles. Based upon shippers' cost of service obligations, as of December 31, 1999, 93% of the firm capacity is contracted by producers and marketers. The remaining firm capacity is contracted to local distribution companies (5%) and interstate pipelines (2%). As of December 31, 1999, the termination dates of these contracts ranged from October 31, 2001 to December 21, 2013 and the weighted average contract life, based upon annual cost of service obligations was slightly under seven years with at least 97% of capacity contracted through mid-September 2003.

Based on their proportionate shares of the cost of service, as of December 31, 1999, the five largest shippers are: Pan-Alberta Gas (U.S.) Inc. (25.7%), TransCanada PipeLines Limited (10.8%), PanCanadian Energy Services Inc. (7.0%), Enron North America Corp. (formerly Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp.) (5.7%) and PetroCanada Hydrocarbons Inc. (4.9%). The 20 largest shippers, in total, are responsible for an estimated 88.4% of Northern Border Pipeline's cost of service.

As of December 31, 1999, Northern Border Pipeline's largest shipper, Pan-Alberta holds firm capacity of 690 million cubic feet per day under three contracts with terms to October 31, 2003. An affiliate of Enron provides guaranties for 300 million cubic feet per day of Pan-Alberta's contractual obligations through October 31, 2001. In addition, Pan-Alberta's remaining capacity is supported by various credit support arrangements, including, among others, a letter of credit, a guaranty from an interstate pipeline company through October 31, 2001

for 132 million cubic feet per day, an escrow account and an upstream capacity transfer agreement. In January 2000, it was announced that Southern Company Energy Marketing has agreed in principle to manage the assets of Pan-Alberta Gas Ltd., which would include Pan-Alberta's contracts with Northern Border Pipeline. Subject to the necessary approvals, this arrangement is expected to go into effect in the second quarter of 2000.

Some of Northern Border Pipeline's shippers are affiliated with the general partners of TC PipeLines and Northern Border Partners. TransCanada holds contracts representing 10.8% of the cost of service. Enron North America Corp., a subsidiary of Enron, holds contracts representing 5.3% of the cost of service, which was 5.7% at 1999 year end. Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, a subsidiary of Williams, holds a contract representing 0.8% of the cost of service. See Item 13. "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

## DEMAND FOR TRANSPORTATION CAPACITY

Northern Border Pipeline's long-term financial condition is dependent on the continued availability of economic western Canadian natural gas for import into the United States. Natural gas reserves may require significant capital expenditures by others for exploration and development drilling and the installation of production, gathering, storage, transportation and other facilities that permit natural gas to be produced and delivered to pipelines that interconnect with the Northern Border pipeline system. Low prices for natural gas, regulatory limitations or the lack of available capital for these projects could adversely affect the development of additional reserves and production, gathering, storage and pipeline transmission and import and export of natural gas supplies. Additional pipeline export capacity also could accelerate depletion of these reserves.

Northern Border Pipeline's business depends in part on the level of demand for western Canadian natural gas in the markets the Northern Border pipeline system serves. The volumes of natural gas delivered to these markets from other sources affect the demand for both western Canadian natural gas and use of the Northern Border pipeline system. Demand for western Canadian natural gas to serve other markets also influences the ability and willingness of shippers to use the Northern Border pipeline system to meet demand in the market that Northern Border Pipeline serves.

A variety of factors could affect the demand for natural gas in the markets that the Northern Border pipeline system serves. These factors include:

- economic conditions;
- fuel conservation measures;
- alternative energy requirements and prices;
- climatic conditions;
- government regulation; and
- technological advances in fuel economy and energy generation devices.

TC PipeLines cannot predict whether these or other factors will have an adverse effect on demand for use of the Northern Border pipeline system or how significant that adverse effect could be.

## FUTURE DEMAND AND COMPETITION

In October 1998, Northern Border Pipeline applied to the FERC for approval of Project 2000 to expand and extend its pipeline system into Indiana. If constructed, Project 2000 will strategically position Northern Border Pipeline to move natural gas east of Chicago and will place Northern Border Pipeline in direct contact with major industrial natural gas consumers. Project 2000 would afford shippers on the expanded/extended pipeline system access to the northern Indiana industrial zone. The proposed pipeline extension will interconnect with Northern Indiana Public Service Company, a major midwest local distribution company with a large industrial load requirement, at the terminus near North Hayden, Indiana.

Permanent reassignments of contracted transportation capacity, or "capacity releases," were negotiated between several existing and project shippers originally included in the October 1998 application. On March 25, 1999, Northern Border Pipeline amended its application to the FERC to reflect these changes. Numerous parties filed to intervene in this proceeding. Several parties protested this application asking that the FERC deny Northern Border Pipeline's request for rolled-in rate treatment for the new facilities and that Northern Border Pipeline be required to solicit indications of interest from existing shippers for capacity releases that would possibly eliminate the construction of certain new facilities. "Rolled-in rate treatment" is the combining of the cost of service of the existing system with the cost of service related to the new facilities for purposes of calculating a system-wide transportation charge.

On September 15, 1999, the FERC issued a policy statement on certification and pricing of new construction projects. The policy statement indicated a preference for establishing the transportation charge for newly constructed facilities on a separate, stand-alone basis, also known as "incremental pricing." This reversed the existing presumption in favor of rolled-in pricing when the impact of the new capacity is not more than a 5% increase to existing rates and results in system-wide benefits. As set forth above, Northern Border Pipeline's amended application to construct facilities to expand its system was filed based upon rolled-in rate treatment. On December 17, 1999, Northern Border Pipeline filed an amendment to the March 25, 1999 certificate application to support rolled-in rate treatment in light of the FERC's new policy statement, and to modify the proposed facilities. Several parties renewed their protests of Northern Border Pipeline's application. On March 16, 2000, the FERC issued an order granting Northern Border Pipeline's application for a certificate to construct and operate the proposed facilities and finding that Northern Border Pipeline's project meets the requirements of the new policy statement. The FERC approved Northern Border Pipeline's request for rolled-in-rate treatment based upon Northern Border Pipeline's proposed project costs. Upon acceptance of Northern Border Pipeline's certificate and completion of acquisition of necessary right-of-way, permits and equipment construction will proceed. The revised capital expenditures for Project 2000 are estimated to be approximately \$94 million. Proposed facilities include approximately 34.4 miles of 30-inch pipeline, new equipment and modifications at three compressor stations resulting in a net increase of 22,500 compressor horsepower, and at one meter station.

As a result of the proposed Project 2000 expansion, the Northern Border pipeline system will have the ability to transport 1,484 million cubic feet per day from Ventura to Harper, Iowa, 844 million cubic feet per day from Harper to Manhattan, Illinois, and 544 million cubic feet per day on the new extension from Manhattan to North Hayden, Indiana.

Under precedent agreements, five project shippers have agreed to take all of the transportation capacity, subject to the satisfaction of specific conditions. With the issuance of the certificate, Northern Border Pipeline is negotiating with the project shippers to resolve those conditions and execute transportation contracts. The Project 2000 shippers are: Bethlehem Steel Corporation, El Paso Energy Marketing Company, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Peoples Energy Services Corporation and The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company.

Northern Border Pipeline competes with other pipeline companies that transport natural gas from the western Canadian sedimentary basin or that transport natural gas to markets in the midwestern United States. The competitors for the supply of natural gas include six pipelines, one of which is under construction and is described below, and the Canadian domestic users in the western Canadian sedimentary basin region. Northern Border Pipeline's competitive position is affected by the availability of Canadian natural gas for export, the prices of natural gas in alternative markets, the cost of producing natural gas in Canada, and demand for natural gas in the United States.

The Alliance Pipeline, which will transport natural gas from the western Canadian sedimentary basin to the midwestern United States, has received Canadian and United States regulatory approvals and is under construction. Its sponsors have announced their plans for the Alliance Pipeline to be in service by late 2000. Upon its completion, Northern Border Pipeline will compete directly with the Alliance Pipeline.

TC PipeLines expects that the Alliance Pipeline would transport for its shippers gas containing high-energy liquid hydrocarbons. Additional facilities to extract the natural gas liquids are being constructed near the Alliance Pipeline's terminus in Chicago to permit Alliance to transport natural gas with the liquids-rich element.

As a consequence of the Alliance Pipeline, there may be a large increase in natural gas moving from the western Canadian sedimentary basin to Chicago. There are several additional projects proposed to transport natural gas from the Chicago area to growing eastern markets that would provide access to additional markets for Northern Border Pipeline's shippers. The proposed projects currently being pursued by third parties and TransCanada are targeting markets in eastern Canada and the northeast United States. These proposed projects are in various stages of regulatory approval. One such project, Vector Pipeline L.P., has commenced construction.

Williams has a minority interest (14.6%) in the Alliance Pipeline. TransCanada and other unaffiliated companies own and operate pipeline systems, which transport natural gas from the same natural gas reserves in western Canada that supply Northern Border Pipeline's customers.

Natural gas is also produced in the United States and transported by competing pipeline systems to the same destinations as the Northern Border pipeline system.

## FERC REGULATION

## **GENERAL**

Northern Border Pipeline is subject to extensive regulation by the FERC as a "natural gas company" under the Natural Gas Act. Under the Natural Gas Act and the Natural Gas Policy Act, the FERC has jurisdiction with respect to virtually all aspects of Northern Border Pipeline's business, including:

- transportation of natural gas;
- rates and charges;
- construction of new facilities;
- extension or abandonment of services and facilities;
- accounts and records;
- depreciation and amortization policies;
- the acquisition and disposition of facilities; and
- the initiation and discontinuation of services.

Where required, Northern Border Pipeline holds certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the FERC covering its facilities, activities and services. Under Section 8 of the Natural Gas Act, the FERC has the power to prescribe the accounting treatment for items for regulatory purposes. Northern Border Pipeline's books and records are periodically audited under Section 8.

The FERC regulates Northern Border Pipeline's rates and charges for transportation in interstate commerce. Natural gas companies may not charge rates exceeding rates judged just and reasonable by the FERC. In addition, the FERC prohibits natural gas companies from unduly preferring or unreasonably discriminating against any person with respect to pipeline rates or terms and conditions of service. Some types of rates may be discounted without further FERC authorization.

Northern Border Pipeline's firm transportation shippers contract to pay for a proportionate share of the pipeline system's cost of service. During any given month, each of these shippers pays a uniform mileage-based charge for the amount of capacity contracted, calculated under a cost of service tariff. The shippers are obligated to pay their proportionate share of the cost of service regardless of the amount of natural gas they actually transport. The cost of service tariff is regulated by the FERC and provides an opportunity to recover operations and maintenance costs of the Northern Border pipeline system, taxes other than income taxes, interest, depreciation and amortization, an allowance for income taxes and a return on equity approved by the FERC. Northern Border Pipeline may not charge or collect more than its cost of service under its tariff on file with the FERC.

Northern Border Pipeline's investment in its pipeline system is reflected in various accounts referred to collectively as its regulated "rate base." The cost of service includes a return, with related income taxes, on the rate base. Over time, the rate base declines as a result of, among other things, monthly depreciation and amortization. Northern Border Pipeline's rate base currently includes, as an additional amount, a one-time ratemaking adjustment to reflect the receipt of a financial incentive on the original construction of the pipeline. Since inception, the rate base adjustment, called an incentive rate of return, has been amortized through monthly additions to the cost of service. The amortization continues until November 2001 when the incentive rate of return will be fully amortized.

Northern Border Pipeline bills the cost of service on an estimated basis for a six-month cycle. Any net excess or deficiency between the cost of service determined for that period according to the FERC tariff and the estimated billing is accumulated, including carrying charges. This amount is then either billed to or credited back to the shippers' accounts.

Northern Border Pipeline also provides interruptible transportation service. Interruptible transportation service is transportation in circumstances when surplus capacity is available after satisfying firm service requests. The maximum rate charged to interruptible shippers is calculated from cost of service estimates on the basis of contracted capacity. Except for certain limited situations, Northern Border Pipeline credits all revenue from the interruptible transportation service to the cost of service for the benefit of its firm shippers.

In Northern Border Pipeline's 1995 rate case, it reached a settlement that was filed in a stipulation and agreement. Although it was contested, the settlement was approved by the FERC on August 1, 1997. In the settlement, the depreciation rate was established at 2.5% from January 1, 1997 through the in-service date of The Chicago Project and, at that time, it was reduced to 2.0%. Starting in the year 2000, the depreciation rate is scheduled to increase gradually on an annual basis until it reaches 3.2% in 2002.

The settlement also determined several other cost of service parameters. In accordance with the effective tariff, Northern Border Pipeline's allowed equity rate of return is 12.0%. For at least seven years from the date The Chicago Project was completed, under the terms of the settlement, Northern Border Pipeline may continue to calculate its allowance for income taxes as a part of its cost of service in the manner it has historically used. In addition, a settlement adjustment mechanism of \$31 million was implemented, which effectively reduces the allowed return on rate base.

Also as agreed to in the settlement, Northern Border Pipeline implemented a project cost containment mechanism for The Chicago Project. The purpose of the project cost containment mechanism was to limit Northern Border Pipeline's ability to include cost overruns for The Chicago Project in their rate base and to provide incentives for cost underruns. The settlement agreement required the budgeted cost for The Chicago Project, which had been initially filed with the FERC for approximately \$839 million, to be adjusted for the effects of inflation and for costs attributable to changes in project scope, as defined in the settlement agreement.

In the determination of The Chicago Project cost containment mechanism, the actual cost of the project is compared to the budgeted cost. If there is a cost overrun of \$6 million or less, the shippers will bear the actual cost of the project through its inclusion in Northern Border Pipeline's rate base. If there is a cost savings of \$6 million or less, the full budgeted cost will be included in Northern Border Pipeline's rate base. If there is a cost overrun or cost savings of more than \$6 million but less than 5% of the budgeted cost, the \$6 million plus 50% of the excess will be included in Northern Border Pipeline's rate base. All cost overruns exceeding 5% of the budgeted cost are excluded from Northern Border Pipeline's rate base.

Northern Border Pipeline has determined the budgeted cost of The Chicago Project, as adjusted for the effects of inflation and project scope changes, to be \$897 million, with the final construction cost estimated to be \$894 million. Northern Border Pipeline's notification to the FERC and its shippers in June 1999 in its final report reflects the conclusion that there will be a \$3 million addition to its rate base related to the project cost containment mechanism

The stipulation required the calculation of the project cost containment mechanism to be reviewed by an independent national accounting firm. The independent accountants completed their examination of Northern Border Pipeline's calculation of the project cost containment mechanism in October 1999. The independent accountants concluded Northern Border Pipeline had complied in all material respects with the requirements of the stipulation related to the project cost containment mechanism.

Although TC PipeLines believes that the computations in the final report have been properly completed under the terms of the stipulation, TC PipeLines is unable to predict at this time whether any adjustments will be required. Later developments in the pending rate case, discussed below, may prevent recovery of amounts originally calculated under the project cost containment mechanism, which may result in a non-cash charge to write down Northern Border Pipeline's balance sheet transmission plant line item, and that charge could be material to Northern Border Pipeline's operating results.

In May 1999, Northern Border Pipeline filed a rate case wherein it proposed, among other things, to increase its allowed equity rate of return to 15.25%. The total annual cost of service increase due to Northern Border Pipeline's proposed changes is approximately \$30 million. A number of Northern Border Pipeline's shippers and competing pipelines have filed interventions and protests. In June 1999, the FERC issued an order in which the proposed changes were suspended until December 1, 1999, after which they were implemented with subsequent billings subject to refund. The order set for hearing not only Northern Border Pipeline's proposed changes but also several issues raised by intervenors including the appropriateness of the cost of service tariff, Northern Border Pipeline's depreciation schedule and its creditworthiness standards. Several parties, including Northern Border Pipeline, asked for clarification or rehearing of various aspects of the June order. On August 31, 1999, the FERC issued an order that provided that the issue of rolled-in rate treatment of The Chicago Project may be examined in this proceeding. Also, since the amount of The Chicago Project costs to be included in rate base is governed by the settlement in Northern Border Pipeline's previous rate case, the FERC consolidated that proceeding with this case and directed that the presiding Administrative Law Judge conduct any further proceedings that may be appropriate. Under the order issued August 31, 1999, Northern Border Pipeline filed its June 1999 final report and independent accountants' report on the calculation of the project cost containment mechanism. While Northern Border Pipeline had not proposed in this case to change the depreciation rates approved in its last rate case, the order also provided that Northern Border Pipeline has the burden of proving that its depreciation rates are just and reasonable. Testimony filed by FERC staff and intervenors has advocated positions on among other things, rate of return on equity ranging from 9.85% to 11.5%, a depreciation straight line rate ranging from 2.34% to 2.5%, a reduction in rate base under the project cost containment mechanism ranging from \$31.8 million to \$43.1 million, and modification of the cost of service form of tariff to adoption of a stated rate form of tariff with various rate designs. A procedural schedule has been established which calls for the hearing to commence in July 2000. At this time, TC PipeLines can give no assurance as to the outcome on any of these issues.

#### OPEN ACCESS REGULATION

Beginning on April 8, 1992, the FERC issued a series of orders, known as Order 636, which required pipeline companies to unbundle their services and offer sales, transportation, storage, gathering and other services separately, to provide all transportation services on a basis that is equal in quality for all shippers and to implement a program to allow firm holders of pipeline capacity to resell or release their capacity to other shippers. Since Northern Border Pipeline has been a transportation only pipeline since inception, implementation was easily met. Capacity release provisions were adopted which allowed Northern Border Pipeline's shippers to release all or part of their capacity either permanently or temporarily. If a shipper temporarily releases part or all of its firm capacity to a third party, then that releasing shipper receives credit against amounts due under its firm transportation contract for revenues received by Northern Border Pipeline as a result of the temporary release. The releasing shipper is not relieved of its obligations under its contract. Shippers on the Northern Border pipeline system have temporarily released capacity as well as permanently released capacity to other shippers who have agreed to comply with the underlying contractual and regulatory obligations associated with that capacity.

Order 636 adopted "right of first refusal" procedures, imposed by the FERC as a condition to the pipeline's right to abandon long-term transportation service, to govern a shipper's continuing rights to transportation services when its contract with the pipeline expires. The FERC's rules require existing shippers to match any bid of up to five years in order to renew those contracts. As discussed below, the FERC narrowed the scope of this right.

Beginning in 1996, the FERC issued a series of orders, referred to together as Order 587, amending its open access regulations to standardize business practices and procedures governing transactions between interstate natural gas pipelines, their customers, and others doing business with the pipelines. The intent of Order 587 was to assist shippers that deal with more than one pipeline by establishing standardized business practices and procedures. These business standards, developed by the Gas Industry Standards Board, govern important business practices including shipper supplied service nominations, allocation of available capacity, accounting and invoicing of transportation service, standardized internet business transactions and capacity release. Northern Border Pipeline has implemented the necessary changes to its tariff and internal systems so it can fully comply with the business standards as required by these orders.

In 1998, the FERC initiated a number of proceedings to further amend its open access regulations. In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on July 29, 1998, the FERC proposed changes to its regulations governing short-term transportation services. In the resulting order, Order 637, issued February 9, 1999, the FERC revised the short-term transportation regulations by (i) waiving the maximum rate ceiling in its capacity release regulations until September 30, 2002 for short-term releases of capacity of less than one year; (ii) permitting value-oriented peak/off-peak rates to better allocate revenue responsibility between short-term and long-term markets; (iii) permitting term-differentiated rates to better allocate risks between shippers and the pipelines; (iv) revising the regulations related to scheduling procedures, capacity segmentation, imbalance management and penalties; (v) retaining the right of first refusal and the five-year matching cap but limiting the right to customers with maximum rate contracts for twelve or more consecutive months of service; and (vi) adopting new reporting requirements to take effect September 1, 2000 that include reporting daily transactional data on all firm and interruptible contracts, daily reporting of scheduled quantities at points or segments, and the posting of corporate and pipeline organizational charts, names and functions.

On September 15, 1999, the FERC issued a policy statement on certification and pricing of new construction projects. The policy statement announces a preference for pricing new construction incrementally. This reverses the existing presumption in favor of rolled-in pricing when the impact of the new capacity is not more than a 5% increase to existing rates and results in system-wide benefits. Also, in examining new projects, the FERC will evaluate the efforts by the applicant to minimize adverse impact to its existing customers, to competitor pipelines and their captive customers, and to landowners and communities affected by the proposed route of the pipeline. If the public benefits outweigh any residual adverse effects, the FERC will proceed with the environmental analysis of the project. This policy is to be applied on a case-by-case basis. In an order issued February 9, 2000, the FERC addressed requests for rehearing of the policy statement and generally affirmed the policy statement with a few changes and clarifications.

TC PipeLines does not believe that these regulatory initiatives will have a material adverse impact to Northern Border Pipeline's operations.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY MATTERS**

Northern Border Pipeline's operations are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to safety and the protection of the environment which include the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, the Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1969, and the Pipeline Safety Act of 1992. Although TC PipeLines believes that Northern Border Pipeline's operations and facilities comply in all material respects with applicable environmental and safety regulations, risks of substantial costs and liabilities are inherent in pipeline operations, and TC PipeLines cannot provide any assurances that Northern Border Pipeline will not incur these costs and liabilities. Northern Border Pipeline has ongoing environmental and safety audit programs.

## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

 ${\tt TC}$  PipeLines does not hold the right, title or interest in any properties.

Northern Border Pipeline holds the right, title and interest in its pipeline system. Northern Border Pipeline owns all of its material equipment and personal property and leases office space in Omaha, Nebraska. With respect to real property, Northern Border Pipeline's ownership falls into two basic categories: (i) parcels which it owns in fee, including nearly all of the compressor stations, meter stations and pipeline field office sites; and (ii) parcels where its interest derives from leases, easements, rights-of-way, permits or licenses from landowners or governmental authorities permitting the use of the land for the construction and operation of its pipeline system. The right to construct and operate the pipeline across some property was obtained through exercise of the power of eminent domain. Northern Border Pipeline continues to have the power of eminent domain in each of the states in which it operates its pipeline system, although Northern Border Pipeline may not have the power of eminent domain with respect to Native American tribal lands.

Approximately 90 miles of the pipeline is located on fee, allotted and tribal lands within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana. Tribal lands are lands owned in trust by the United States for the Fort Peck Tribes and allotted lands are lands owned in trust by the United States for an individual Indian or Indians. While it is unclear if Northern Border Pipeline has the right of eminent domain over tribal lands, it has the right of eminent domain over allotted lands.

In 1980, Northern Border Pipeline entered into a pipeline right-of-way lease with the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board, for and on behalf of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. This pipeline right-of-way lease, which was approved by the Department of the Interior in 1981, granted the right and privilege to construct and operate the Northern Border pipeline on certain tribal lands, for a term of 15 years, renewable for an additional 15-year term at Northern Border Pipeline's option without additional rental. Northern Border Pipeline continues to operate this portion of the pipeline located on tribal lands in accordance with its renewal rights.

In conjunction with obtaining a pipeline right-of-way lease across tribal lands located within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Northern Border Pipeline also obtained a right-of-way across allotted lands located within the reservation boundaries. This right-of-way, granted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on March 25, 1981, for and on behalf of individual Indian owners, expired on March 31, 1996. Before the termination date, Northern Border Pipeline undertook efforts to obtain voluntary consents from individual Indian owners for a new right-of-way, and Northern Border Pipeline filed applications with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for new right-of-way grants across those tracts of allotted lands where a sufficient number of consents from the Indian owners had been obtained. During 1999, the Bureau of Indian Affairs issued formal right-of-way grants for those tracts for which sufficient landowners' consents were obtained. Also, a condemnation action was filed in Federal Court in the District of Montana concerning those remaining tracts of allotted land for which a majority of consents were not received on a timely basis. An order was entered on March 18, 1999 condemning permanent easements in Northern Border Pipeline's favor on the tracts in question.

#### ITEM 3. LITIGATION

TC PipeLines is not currently a party to any legal proceedings.

In addition to the condemnation actions and matters related to FERC regulation, various legal actions that have arisen in the ordinary course of business are pending with respect to Northern Border Pipeline. In TC PipeLines' opinion, none of these proceedings would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse impact on TC PipeLines' financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

## ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

There were no matters submitted to a vote of security holders, through solicitation of proxies or otherwise, during 1999.

## ITEM 5. MARKET FOR THE REGISTRANT'S COMMON UNITS AND RELATED SECURITY HOLDER MATTERS

The common units, representing limited partner interests in the Partnership, were issued pursuant to an initial public offering at a price of \$20.50 per common unit. The common units are quoted on the Nasdaq National Market and trade under the symbol TCLPZ. The common units began trading on May 28, 1999.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sale prices per common unit, as reported by the Nasdaq National Market, and the amount of cash distributions per common unit paid with respect to the corresponding periods.

	Price Range		Cash Distributions	
	High	Low	Paid per Unit	
1999				
Second Quarter (1)	\$21.000	\$20.375	\$0.1681	
Third Quarter	\$20.625	\$17.625	\$0.4500	
Fourth Quarter	\$18.500	\$13.875	\$0.4500	

## (1) The Partnership commenced operations on May 28, 1999.

As of March 10, 2000, there were approximately 55 record holders of common units and approximately 5,351 beneficial owners of the common units, including common units held in street name.

The Partnership currently has 14,690,694 common units outstanding, of which 11,890,694 are held by the public and 2,800,000 are held by an affiliate of the general partner. The Partnership also has 2,809,306 subordinated units outstanding, all of which are held by the general partner, for which there is no established public trading market. The common units and the subordinated units represent an aggregate 98% limited partner interest and the general partner interest represents an aggregate 2% general partner interest in the Partnership.

In general, the general partner is entitled to 2% of all cash distributions and the holders of common units and subordinated units (collectively referred to as unitholders) are entitled to the remaining 98% of all cash distributions. The Partnership will make quarterly distributions to its partners (including holders of subordinated units), comprising all of its Available Cash. Available Cash is defined in the partnership agreement and generally means, with respect to any quarter of the Partnership, all cash on hand at the end of such quarter less the amount of cash reserves that is necessary or appropriate in the reasonable discretion of the general partner to (i) provide for the proper conduct of the business of the Partnership (including reserves for future capital expenditures and for anticipated credit needs), (ii) comply with applicable law or any Partnership debt instrument or agreement, or (iii) provide funds for distributions to unitholders and the general partner in respect of any one or more of the next four quarters. Distributions of Available Cash to the holder of subordinated units are subject to the prior rights of the holders of common units to receive the minimum quarterly distribution for each quarter while the subordinated units are outstanding (subordination period), and to receive any arrearages in the distribution of minimum quarterly distributions on the common units for prior quarters during the subordination period. The partnership agreement defines the minimum quarterly distribution as \$0.45 for each full fiscal quarter (prorated for the initial partial fiscal quarter commencing May 28, 1999, the closing date of the initial public offering, through June 30, 1999). The subordination period will generally not end before June 30, 2004. Upon expiration of the subordination period, all subordinated units will be converted on a one-for-one basis into common units and will participate pro rata with all other common units in future distributions of Available Cash. Under certain circumstances, up to 66.7% of the subordinated units may convert into common units prior to the expiration of the subordination period.

The general partner is entitled to incentive distributions if the amount distributed with respect to any quarter exceeds \$0.45 per common unit (\$1.80 annualized). Under the incentive distribution provisions, the general partner is entitled to 15% of amounts distributed in excess of \$0.45 per common unit, 25% of amounts distributed in excess of \$0.5275 per common unit, and 50% of amounts distributed in excess of \$0.69 per common unit. The amounts that trigger incentive distributions at various levels are subject to adjustment in certain events, as described in the partnership agreement.

In 1999, the Partnership made cash distributions to the limited partners and the general partner which amounted to \$11.0 million, including a prorated minimum quarterly distribution for the initial period of May 28, 1999 to June 30, 1999, and the minimum quarterly distribution for the three months ending September 30, 1999. On February 14, 2000, the Partnership paid a cash distribution of \$8.0 million to the limited partners and the general partner, representing the minimum quarterly distribution for the three months ending December 31, 1999.

## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The selected financial data should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, including the notes thereto, and Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

TC PIPELINES, LP (thousands of dollars, except per unit amount)

	MAY 28 - DECEMBER 31, 1999
INCOME DATA: Equity income from investment in Northern Border Pipeline General and administrative	20,923
expenses Net income	699  20,224 
Basic and fully diluted	
net income per unit	\$1.13
Units outstanding (thousands)  CASH FLOW DATA: Net cash provided by	17,500
operating activities	11,832
Distributions paid	11,037
BALANCE SHEET DATA (AT END OF PERIOD): Investment in	
Northern Border Pipeline	250,450
Total assets	251,245
Partners' capital	250,838

## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussions of the financial condition and results of operations for the Partnership and Northern Border Pipeline should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto of the Partnership and Northern Border Pipeline included elsewhere in this report. For more detailed information regarding the basis of presentation for the following financial information, see the notes to the financial statements of the Partnership and Northern Border Pipeline. All amounts are stated in United States dollars.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OF TC PIPELINES, LP

Currently, the only material asset of the Partnership is its 30% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline. TC PipeLines accounts for its interest in Northern Border Pipeline using the equity method of accounting. The Partnership's initial investment in Northern Border Pipeline was recorded at \$241.7 million, the combined carrying values of the investment in Northern Border Pipeline as reflected in the accounts of the predecessor companies as at May 28, 1999. This amount equated to 30% of Northern Border Pipeline's partners' capital as at May 28, 1999.

Since the general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline is currently the Partnership's only source of income, the Partnership's results of operations are influenced by and reflect the same factors that influence the financial results of Northern Border Pipeline.

TC PipeLines recorded \$20.9 million of equity income from Northern Border Pipeline for the period May 28 to December 31, 1999 and incurred general and administrative expenses of \$0.7 million, resulting in net income of \$20.2 million for the same period.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES OF TC PIPELINES, LP

CASH DISTRIBUTION POLICY OF TC PIPELINES, LP

During the subordination period, which generally cannot end before June 30, 2004, the Partnership will make distributions of Available Cash as defined in the partnership agreement in the following manner:

- First, 98% to the common units, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until there has been distributed for each outstanding common unit an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter;
- Second, 98% to the common units, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until there has been distributed for each outstanding common unit an amount equal to any arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units for that quarter and for any prior quarters during the subordination period;
- Third, 98% to the subordinated units, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until there has been distributed for each outstanding subordinated unit an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter; and
- Thereafter, in a manner whereby the general partner has rights (referred to as incentive distribution rights) to receive increasing percentages of excess quarterly distributions over specified distribution thresholds.

## PERIOD MAY 28 TO DECEMBER 31, 1999

The May 24, 1999 initial public offering prospectus states that the initial cash distribution of the Partnership would be adjusted to reflect the actual number of days from the closing of the offering to June 30, 1999. On August 12, 1999, TC PipeLines paid a cash distribution of \$0.1681 per unit for the period May 28 to June 30, 1999, to unitholders of record as of July 30, 1999. This cash distribution of \$3.0 million was paid out in the following manner: \$2.5 million to common unitholders and \$0.5 million to the general partner as holder of the subordinated units and in respect of its 2% general partner interest.

The Partnership funded this cash distribution with its share of Northern Border Pipeline's second quarter cash distribution.

On November 12, 1999, TC PipeLines paid a cash distribution \$0.45 per unit for the three months ended September 30, 1999, to unitholders of record as of October 29, 1999. This was the Partnership's first distribution for a full quarter. This cash distribution, totaling \$8.0 million, was paid out in the following manner: \$6.6 million to common unitholders, \$1.2 million to the general partner as holder of the subordinated units, and \$0.2 million to the general partner in respect of its 2% general partner interest.

The Partnership funded this cash distribution with its share of Northern Border Pipeline's third quarter cash distribution.

On January 19, 2000, the Board of Directors of the general partner declared a cash distribution of \$0.45 per unit for the three months ended December 31, 1999. This distribution was paid on February 14, 2000 to unitholders of record as of January 31, 2000. This cash distribution amounted to \$8.0 million, which was paid out in the following manner: \$6.6 million to common unitholders, \$1.2 million to the general partner as holder of the subordinated units, and \$0.2 million to the general partner in respect of its 2% general partner interest.

The Partnership funded this cash distribution with its share of Northern Border Pipeline's fourth quarter cash distribution.

The payment of distributions to the general partners of Northern Border Pipeline is restricted under the terms of its 1997 Pipeline Credit Agreement and the 1992 Note Purchase Agreement. See Note 4, "Credit Facilities and Long-Term Debt," in the Notes to Financial Statements of Northern Border Pipeline referred to in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." Under the most restrictive covenants, approximately \$132 million of Northern Border Pipeline's partners' capital could be distributed as of December 31, 1999.

In accordance with Northern Border Pipeline's cash distribution policy, a distribution was made to its general partners on August 3, 1999, for the second quarter ending June 30, 1999. As stated in the amended general partnership agreement for Northern Border Pipeline, the predecessor companies received their proportionate share of this cash distribution for the period April 1 to May 27, 1999. TC Pipelines received \$3.3 million, representing 30% of Northern Border Pipeline's cash distribution for the period May 28 to June 30, 1999.

In accordance with Northern Border Pipeline's cash distribution policy, a distribution for the third quarter ending September 30, 1999 was paid on November 2, 1999. TC PipeLines received \$8.8 million, representing 30% of that cash distribution.

In accordance with Northern Border Pipeline's cash distribution policy, a distribution for the fourth quarter ending December 31, 1999 was paid on February 2, 2000. TC PipeLines received \$9.3 million, representing 30% of that cash distribution.

#### CREDIT FACTUATY AND SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS

On May 28, 1999, the Partnership entered into a \$40 million unsecured two-year revolving credit facility with TransCanada PipeLine USA Ltd., an affiliate of the general partner. The credit facility bears interest at a London Interbank Offered Rate plus 1.25%. The purpose of the revolving credit facility is to provide borrowings to fund capital expenditures, to fund capital contributions to Northern Border Pipeline and for working capital and other general business purposes, including funding cash distributions to partners, if necessary. At December 31, 1999, the Partnership had no amount outstanding under this credit facility.

On June 28, 1999, the Partnership received a short-term, non-interest bearing working capital advance in the amount of \$0.3 million from its general partner. The Partnership repaid this advance in December 1999.

## CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Partnership does not expect to have any capital requirements with respect to its investment in Northern Border Pipeline in 2000. To the extent TC PipeLines makes acquisitions in 2000, TC PipeLines expects to finance these acquisitions with debt and/or equity.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OF NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 COMPARED WITH THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

Operating revenues, net increased \$101.7 million (52%) for the year ended December 31, 1999, as compared to the same period in 1998, due primarily to additional revenue from the operation of The Chicago Project facilities.

Additional receipt capacity of 700 million cubic feet per day, a 42% increase, and new firm transportation agreements with 27 shippers resulted from The Chicago Project. Northern Border Pipeline's FERC tariff provides an opportunity to recover operations and maintenance costs of the pipeline, taxes other than income taxes, interest, depreciation and amortization, an allowance for income taxes and a regulated return on equity. Northern Border Pipeline is generally allowed an opportunity to collect from its shippers a return on unrecovered rate base as well as recover that rate base through depreciation and amortization. The return amount Northern Border Pipeline collects from its shippers declines as the rate base is recovered. The Chicago Project increased Northern Border Pipeline's rate base, which increased return for the year ended December 31, 1999. Also reflected in the increase in 1999 revenues are recoveries of increased pipeline operating expenses due to the new facilities.

Operations and maintenance expense increased \$9.3 million (31%) for the year ended December 31, 1999, from the same period in 1998, due primarily to operations and maintenance expenses for The Chicago Project facilities and increased employee payroll and benefit expenses.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$10.9 million (27%) for the year ended December 31, 1999, as compared to the same period in 1998, due primarily to The Chicago Project facilities placed into service. The impact of the additional facilities on depreciation and amortization expense was partially offset by a decrease in the depreciation rate applied to transmission plant from 2.5% to 2.0%. Northern Border Pipeline agreed to reduce the depreciation rate at the time The Chicago Project was placed into service as part of a previous rate case settlement.

Taxes other than income increased \$8.9 million (42%) for the year ended December 31, 1999, as compared to the same period in 1998, due primarily to ad valorem taxes attributable to the facilities placed into service for The Chicago Project.

For the year ended December 31, 1998, Northern Border Pipeline recorded a regulatory credit of \$8.9 million. During the construction of The Chicago Project, Northern Border Pipeline placed new facilities into service in advance of the December 1998 project in-service date to maintain gas flow at firm contracted capacity while existing facilities were being modified. The regulatory credit deferred the cost of service of these new facilities. Northern Border Pipeline is allowed to recover from its shippers the regulatory asset that resulted from the cost of service deferral over a ten-year period commencing with the in-service date of The Chicago Project.

Interest expense, net increased \$34.7 million (136%) for the year ended December 31, 1999, as compared to the same period in 1998, due to an increase in interest expense of \$15.8 million and a decrease in interest expense capitalized of \$18.9 million. Interest expense increased due primarily to an increase in Northern Border Pipeline's average debt outstanding, reflecting amounts borrowed to finance a portion of the capital expenditures for The Chicago Project. The impact of the increased borrowings on interest expense was partially offset by a decrease in average interest rates between 1998 and 1999. The decrease in interest expense capitalized is due to the completion of construction of The Chicago Project in December 1998.

Other income decreased \$10.7 million (89%) for the year ended December 31, 1999, as compared to the same period in 1998, primarily due to a decrease in the allowance for equity funds used during construction. The decrease in the allowance for equity funds used during construction is due to the completion of construction of The Chicago Project in December 1998.

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 COMPARED WITH THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

Operating revenues, net increased \$10.6 million (6%) for the year ended December 31, 1998, as compared to the results for 1997 due primarily to returns on higher levels of invested equity.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$2.3 million (6%) for the year ended December 31, 1998, as compared to 1997, primarily due to facilities that were placed in service in 1998.

For the year ended December 31, 1998, Northern Border Pipeline recorded a regulatory credit of approximately \$8.9 million. During the construction of The Chicago Project, Northern Border Pipeline placed certain new facilities into service in advance of the December 1998 project in-service date to maintain gas flow at firm contracted capacity while existing facilities were being modified. The regulatory credit results in deferral of the cost of service of these new facilities. Northern Border Pipeline is allowed to recover from its shippers the regulatory asset that resulted from the cost of service deferral over a ten-year period commencing with the in-service date of The Chicago Project.

Interest expense, net decreased \$3.8 million (13%) for the year ended December 31, 1998, as compared to the results for 1997, due to an increase in interest expense of \$11.5 million offset by an increase in the amount of interest expense capitalized of \$15.3 million. The increase in interest expense was due primarily to an increase in average debt outstanding, reflecting amounts borrowed to finance a portion of the capital expenditures for The Chicago Project. The increase in interest expense capitalized primarily relates to expenditures for The Chicago Project.

Other income increased \$6.4 million (112%) for the year ended December 31, 1998, as compared to 1997. The increase was primarily due to an \$8.8 million increase in the allowance for equity funds used during construction. The increase in the allowance for equity funds used during construction primarily relates to expenditures for The Chicago Project.

Other income for 1997 included \$4.8 million received for vacating certain microwave frequency bands. The amounts received were a one-time occurrence and Northern Border Pipeline does not expect to receive any material payments for vacating microwave frequency bands in the future.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES OF NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE

#### GENERAL

In August 1999, Northern Border Pipeline completed a private offering of \$200 million of 7.75% Senior Notes due 2009 which notes were subsequently exchanged in a registered offering for notes with substantially identical terms (Senior Notes). The indenture under which the Senior Notes were issued does not limit the amount of unsecured debt Northern Border Pipeline may incur, but does contain material financial covenants, including restrictions on incurence of secured indebtedness. The proceeds from the Senior Notes were used to reduce indebtedness under a June 1997 credit agreement.

In June 1997, Northern Border Pipeline entered into a credit agreement (Pipeline Credit Agreement) with certain financial institutions to borrow up to an aggregate principal amount of \$750 million. The Pipeline Credit Agreement is comprised of a \$200 million five-year revolving credit facility maturing in June 2002 to be used for the retirement of Northern Border Pipeline's prior credit facilities and for general business purposes, and a \$550 million three-year revolving credit facility to be used for the construction of The Chicago Project. Effective March 31, 1999, the three-year revolving credit facility converted to a term loan maturing in June 2002. At December 31, 1999, \$439.0 million was outstanding under the term loan. No funds were outstanding under the five-year revolving credit facility.

At December 31, 1999, Northern Border Pipeline also had outstanding \$250 million of senior notes issued in a private placement under a July 1992 note purchase agreement. The note purchase agreement provides for four series of notes, Series A through D, maturing between August 2000 and August 2003. The Series A Notes with a principal amount of \$66 million mature in August 2000. Northern Border Pipeline anticipates borrowing on the Pipeline Credit Agreement to repay the Series A Notes.

Short-term liquidity needs will be met by internal sources and through the revolving credit facility discussed above. Long-term capital needs may be met through the ability to issue long-term indebtedness.

## CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash flows provided by operating activities increased \$67.7 million to \$171.5 million for the year ended December 31, 1999, as compared to the same period in 1998, primarily attributed to The Chicago Project facilities placed into service in late December 1998.

Cash flows provided by operating activities decreased \$11.6 million to \$103.8 million for the year ended December 31, 1998 as compared to 1997 primarily related to a \$25.4 million reduction for changes in accounts payable, exclusive of accruals for The Chicago Project. In addition, for the year ended December 31, 1998, there was a \$7.4 million reduction for changes in over/under recovered cost of service. These reductions were partially offset by the effect of the refund activity of 1997 discussed below. The over/under recovered cost of service is the difference between estimated billings to Northern Border Pipeline's shippers, which are determined on a six-month cycle, and the actual cost of service determined in accordance with the FERC tariff. The difference is either billed to or credited back to the shippers' accounts. Cash flows provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 1997 reflected a \$52.6 million refund in October 1997 in accordance with the stipulation approved by the FERC to settle the November 1995 rate case. During 1997, Northern Border Pipeline collected \$40.4 million subject to refund as a result of the rate case.

## CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Capital expenditures of \$101.7 million for the year ended December 31, 1999 include \$85.5 million for The Chicago Project and \$2.5 million for Project 2000. The remaining capital expenditures for 1999 are primarily related to renewals and replacements of existing facilities. For the same period in 1998, capital expenditures were \$651.2 million, which included \$638.7 million for The Chicago Project and \$11.7 million for linepack gas purchased from Northern Border Pipeline's shippers. Linepack gas is the natural gas required to fill the pipeline system. The cost of the linepack gas is included in Northern Border Pipeline's rate base. The remaining capital expenditures for 1998 are primarily related to renewals and replacements of existing facilities.

Total capital expenditures for 2000 are estimated to be \$25 million, including \$10 million for Project 2000. The remaining capital expenditures planned for 2000 are for renewals and replacements of existing facilities. Northern Border Pipeline currently anticipates funding its 2000 capital expenditures primarily by using internal sources.

## CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Cash flows used in financing activities were \$89.9 million for the year ended December 31, 1999, as compared to cash flows provided by financing activities of \$564.8 million for the same period in 1998. During the year ended December 31, 1998, Northern Border Pipeline's general partners contributed \$223.0 million to finance a portion of the capital expenditures for The Chicago Project. Distributions paid to the general partners increased \$66.0 million to \$127.2 million for the year ended December 31, 1999 as compared to the same period of 1998. The distributions for 1999 were impacted by increased earnings and included distributions for 13 months' activity, rather than 12 months, resulting from a change in the timing of distribution payments. The distributions for 1998 were impacted by a rate case refund during the fourth quarter of 1997 and by the change in the timing of distribution payments. Financing activities for the year ended December 31, 1999 included \$197.4 million from the issuance of the Senior Notes, net of associated debt discounts and issuance costs, and \$12.9 million from the termination of interest rate forward agreements. Advances under the Pipeline Credit Agreement, which were primarily used to finance a portion of the capital expenditures for The Chicago Project, were \$90 million for the year ended December 31, 1999 as compared to advances of \$403 million for the same period in 1998. Payments on Northern Border Pipeline's credit agreement were \$263 million for the year ended December 31, 1999.

Cash flows provided by financing activities increased \$512.4 million to \$564.8 million for the year ended December 31, 1998, as compared to the same period in 1997. Financing activities for 1998 include borrowings under the Pipeline Credit Agreement of \$403.0 million and were used primarily for capital expenditures related to The Chicago Project. Contributions received from Northern Border Pipeline's general partners increased \$142.0 million to \$223.0 million and were used to fund a portion of the capital expenditures. Distributions to the general partners decreased \$38.1 million to \$61.2 million primarily due to a change in the timing of distribution payments. Distributions for 1998 were also reduced due to the impact of the rate case refund during the fourth quarter of 1997.

## YEAR 2000

TC PipeLines and the general partner are not materially dependent upon computer systems to conduct their businesses. Accordingly, the Year 2000 issue has not had a material adverse effect on the Partnership's business, financial condition or results of operations. Management does not anticipate any future interruptions to its operations, except as to any material adverse effect that may result from any Year 2000 issue affecting Northern Border Pipeline as discussed below.

Similar to most businesses, Northern Border Pipeline relies heavily on information systems technology to operate in an efficient and effective manner. Much of this technology takes the form of computers and associated hardware for data processing and analysis. In addition, a great deal of information processing technology is embedded in microelectronic devices. A Year 2000 issue was anticipated which could result from the use in computer hardware and software of two digits rather than four digits to define the applicable year. As a result, computer programs that have date-sensitive software may recognize a date using "00" as the year 1900 rather than the year 2000.

Before January 1, 2000, Northern Border Pipeline identified, inventoried and assessed computer software, hardware, embedded chips and third-party interfaces. Where necessary, remediation and replacements were identified and implemented. All of Northern Border Pipeline's mission-critical and non-mission-critical systems have operated to date, with no interruption in business operations. The Year 2000 issue has resulted in no material costs. Northern Border Pipeline will remain vigilant for Year 2000 related issues that may yet occur, due to hidden defects in Northern Border Pipeline's computer hardware or software or at mission-critical external entities. TC Pipelines anticipates that the Year 2000 issue will not create material disruptions to Northern Border Pipeline's mission-critical facilities or operations, and will not result in material costs for TC Pipelines.

## NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." In June 1999, the FASB issued SFAS No. 137 which deferred the effective date of SFAS No. 133 to fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. See Note 9 to the Financial Statements of TC PipeLines.

## ITEM 7a. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

For the period May 28 to December 31, 1999, TC PipeLines has not entered into any forms of financial instruments that are market risk sensitive, either for trading or non-trading purposes. Therefore, TC PipeLines is not exposed to any interest rate risk, market price risk, or foreign exchange risk, except to the extent that its 30% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline exposes the Partnership to the market risks disclosed below.

Northern Border Pipeline's interest rate exposure results from variable rate borrowings from commercial banks. To mitigate potential fluctuations in interest rates, Northern Border Pipeline attempts to maintain a significant portion of its debt portfolio in fixed rate debt. Northern Border Pipeline also uses interest rate swap agreements to increase the portion of fixed rate debt. As of December 31, 1999, approximately 55% of Northern Border Pipeline's debt portfolio, after considering the effect of the interest rate swap agreements, is in fixed rate debt.

If interest rates average one percentage point more than rates in effect as of December 31, 1999, annual interest expense would increase by approximately \$4.0 million. This amount has been determined by considering the impact of the hypothetical interest rates on variable rate borrowings and interest rate swap agreements outstanding as of December 31, 1999. Northern Border Pipeline's tariff provides the pipeline an opportunity to recover, among other items, interest expense. TC Pipelines believes that under Northern Border Pipeline's current tariff it would be allowed to recover any increase in interest expense, and that there would not be any material impact on its annual earnings and cash flow from a hypothetical one percentage point increase in interest rates.

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The information required hereunder is included in this report as set forth in the "Index to Financial Statements" on page F-1.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

## ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL PARTNER

TC PipeLines is a limited partnership and has no officers, directors or employees. Set forth below is certain information concerning the directors and officers of the general partner. Each director holds office for a one-year term or until his or her successor is earlier appointed. All officers of the general partner serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the general partner.

NAME	AGE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1999	POSITION WITH GENERAL PARTNER AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1999
Garry P. Mihaichuk	46	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Russell K. Girling	37	Chief Financial Officer and Director
Paul F. MacGregor	42	Vice-President, Business Development
Donald A. Marchand	37	Vice-President and Treasurer
Gary G. Penrose	57	Vice-President, Taxation
Karyn A. Brooks	45	Vice-President
Theresa Jang	35	Controller
Rhondda E.S. Grant	42	Secretary
Robert A. Helman	65	Independent Director
Jack F. Jenkins-Stark	48	Independent Director
David L. Marshall	60	Independent Director
Walentin Mirosh	54	Director
Ronald J. Turner	46	Director

Mr. Mihaichuk was appointed a director of the general partner in August 1999 and in October 1999 also became the President and Chief Executive Officer of the general partner. Mr. Mihaichuk's principal occupation is Senior Vice-President and President, Transmission of TransCanada and he has held that position since August 1999. Mr. Mihaichuk was Senior Vice-President and President, International of TransCanada from July 1996 to August 1999. Prior to July 1996, he was Senior Vice-President of Amoco Corporation (oil and gas) and Chairman of Amoco Orient Company. Mr. Mihaichuk has been a member of Northern Border Pipeline's management committee since September 1999. Mr. Mihaichuk is also a director of NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd., an affiliate of the general partner.

Mr. Girling was appointed Chief Financial Officer and a director of the general partner in April 1999. Mr. Girling's principal occupation is Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of TransCanada and he has held that position since September 1999. Prior to that time and since January 1999, he was Vice-President, Finance of TransCanada. Prior to January 1999, he held various management positions with the Power business of TransCanada. Mr. Girling is a director of the general partners of TransCanada Power, L.P. and TransCanada Gas Processing, L.P., both of which are Canadian master limited partnerships. Mr. Girling is also a director of NOVA Gas Transmission.

Mr. MacGregor was appointed Vice-President, Business Development of the general partner in April 1999. Mr. MacGregor's principal occupation is Vice-President of North American Pipeline Ventures of TransCanada's Transmission division and he has held that position since September 1999. Prior to that time and since July 1998, Mr. MacGregor was Vice-President, North American Pipeline Investments for TransCanada's Transmission division. Prior to that time and since 1997, Mr. MacGregor was a Vice-President of Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd. (ANG) (energy services), a former subsidiary of TransCanada which has since amalgamated with TransCanada. In 1996, Mr. MacGregor was Director of Field Operations of TransCanada. From 1993 to 1995, Mr. MacGregor was Regional Manager, Field Operations for TransCanada in North Bay, Ontario.

Mr. Marchand was appointed Vice-President and Treasurer of the general partner in October 1999. Mr. Marchand's principal occupation is Vice-President, Finance and Treasurer of TransCanada and he has held that position since September 1999. Prior to that time and since January 1998 he was Director, Finance of TransCanada. Prior to that time and since August 1996 he was Manager, Finance and prior to August 1996 he was Assistant Manager, Finance of TransCanada. Prior to July 1995 he was Senior Financial Analyst, Finance of TransCanada.

Mr. Penrose was appointed Vice-President, Taxation of the general partner in April 1999. Mr. Penrose's principal occupation is Vice-President, Taxation of TransCanada and he has held that position since February 1997. Prior to that time, Mr. Penrose was General Manager, Taxation for TransCanada.

Ms. Brooks was appointed Vice-President of the general partner in April 1999. Ms. Brooks' principal occupation is Vice-President, Financial Services of TransCanada's Transmission division and she has held that position since September 1999. Prior to that time and since February 1997, she was Vice-President and Controller of TransCanada. Prior to February 1997, Ms. Brooks was Director of Corporate Accounting and Budgets. Prior to January 1995, she was Manager, Financial Accounting at TransCanada.

Ms. Jang was appointed Controller of the general partner in June 1999. Prior to that time and since May 1997, Ms. Jang was a Specialist in TransCanada's Financial Reporting department. Prior to that time and since February 1996, Ms. Jang was Supervisor, Corporate Accounting of TransCanada. Prior to that time, Ms. Jang was Senior Financial Analyst, Corporate Accounting of TransCanada

Ms. Grant was appointed Secretary of the general partner in April 1999. Ms. Grant's principal occupation is Vice-President and Corporate Secretary of TransCanada and she has held that position since September 1999. Prior to that time and since July 1998, Ms. Grant was Corporate Secretary and Associate General Counsel, Corporate of TransCanada. Prior to that time and since October 1994, Ms. Grant was Corporate Secretary and Associate General Counsel, Corporate of NOVA Corporation (energy services and commodity chemicals).

Mr. Helman was appointed a director of the general partner in July 1999. Mr. Helman is and has been a partner of Mayer, Brown & Platt (law firm) since 1967. Mr. Helman also serves as a director on the boards of Brambles USA, Inc., Dreyers Grand Ice Cream, Inc., The Chicago Stock Exchange and Northern Trust Corporation and Northern Trust Company.

Mr. Marshall was appointed a director of the general partner in July 1999. Mr. Marshall was Vice-Chairman of The Pittston Company (diversified energy, security and transportation services firm) from 1994 to 1998 and was the Chief Financial Officer and a director of The Pittston Company from 1983 to 1994. Mr. Marshall also serves as a director on the board of M&S Austin One, LLC.

Mr. Jenkins-Stark was appointed a director of the general partner in July 1999. Mr. Jenkins-Stark is currently Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of GATX Capital (commercial finance), a position he has held since December 1998. Prior to that time and since September 1998 he was Senior Vice-President, Finance of GATX Capital. Prior to that time and since May 1987, Mr. Jenkins-Stark was Senior Vice-President of PG&E Corp. (diversified energy) and President and Chief Executive Officer of PG&E Gas Transmission Company (natural gas transmission).

Mr. Mirosh has been a director of the general partner since October 1999. Mr. Mirosh is currently Senior Vice-President, Corporate Strategy and Business Development of TransCanada, a position he has held since July 1998. Prior to that time and since April 1996, Mr. Mirosh was President of ANG and prior to that time, Mr. Mirosh was Executive Vice-President, Operations of ANG. Mr. Mirosh is also a director of the general partner of TransCanada Gas Processing, L.P. and a director of NOVA Gas Transmission.

Mr. Turner has been a director of the general partner since April 1999. Currently, Mr. Turner is Senior Vice-President and President, International of TransCanada, a position he has held since September 1999. Prior to that time and since July 1998, Mr. Turner was Senior Vice-President and President, Alberta Gas Transmission of TransCanada. Prior to that time, Mr. Turner held various management positions with NOVA Chemicals Ltd. (commodity chemicals) and NOVA Gas Transmission (natural gas transmission). Mr. Turner is also a director of NOVA Gas Transmission.

## ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table summarizes certain information regarding the annual salaries of Messrs. Garry P. Mihaichuk and John W. Carruthers for the year ended December 31, 1999 by TransCanada, parent company of the general partner. Mr. Mihaichuk is an employee of TransCanada and was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the general partner in October 1999. Mr. Carruthers was an employee of TransCanada until December 1999 and served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the general partner from April 1999 to October 1999. Through the general partner, TC PipeLines reimburses TransCanada for the services contributed by Messrs. Mihaichuk and Carruthers to its operations. Although TC PipeLines and the general partner were formed in December 1998, the general partner began compensating its directors and officers on May 28, 1999.

## ANNUAL TRANSCANADA SALARY

NAME AND POSITION	YEAR 	CANADIAN DOLLARS	UNITED STATES DOLLAR EQUIVALENT (1)
Garry P. Mihaichuk President and Chief Executive Officer	1999	345,839	232,763
John W. Carruthers Former President and Chief Executive Officer	1999	178,547	120,169

(1) United States dollar equivalents have been calculated using the 1999 average noon spot exchange rate of 0.6730 as reported by the Bank of Canada.

Each director who is not an employee of TransCanada, the general partner or its affiliates (independent director) is entitled to a directors' fee of \$10,000 per annum and an additional fee of \$2,000 per annum for each committee of the board of which he or she is Chair. These fees are paid by the Partnership on a semi-annual basis. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the independent directors were paid half of these annual fees as they were appointed in July 1999. Each independent director is also paid a fee of \$1,500 for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors and a fee of \$750 for attendance at each meeting of a committee of the Board. The independent directors are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the course of attending such meetings. Under a directors' compensation plan adopted effective July 19, 1999, each independent director receives 50% of his or her annual board retainer that is payable on the applicable date in common units of the Partnership. The common units are purchased on the open market and the number of common units purchased under the directors' compensation plan is based on the trading price of common units on the day preceding the applicable payment date.

## ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth the beneficial ownership of the voting securities of the Partnership as of March 21, 2000 by the general partner's directors, officers and certain beneficial owners. Officers of the general partner own shares of TransCanada which in the aggregate amount to less than 1% of TransCanada's issued and outstanding shares. Other than as set forth below, no person is known by the general partner to own beneficially more than 5% of the voting securities of the Partnership.

Name and Business Address	Beneficial Owne	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership of Common Units		Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership of Subordinated Units	
	Number of Units	Percent of Class	Number of Units	Percent of Class	
TC PipeLines GP, Inc. (2)(3) 111 5th Avenue, SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 3Y6			2,809,306	100	16.1
TransCan Northern Ltd. (2) 111 5th Avenue, SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 3Y6	2,800,000	19.1			16.0
Robert A. Helman 190 S. LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60603	2,168	*			*
Jack F. Jenkins-Stark Suite 2200, 4 Embarcadero Center San Francisco, California 94111	2,168	*			*
David L. Marshall 111 5th Avenue, SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 3Y6	4,168	*			*

- A total of 17,500,000 common and subordinated units are issued and outstanding.
- (2) TC PipeLines GP, Inc. and TransCan Northern Ltd. are wholly-owned subsidiaries of TransCanada.
- (3) TC PipeLines GP, Inc. owns an aggregate 2% general partner interest of TC PipeLines and its subsidiary on a combined basis.
- \* Less than 1%.

An affiliate of the general partner owns 2,800,000 common units and the general partner owns 2,809,306 subordinated units, representing an aggregate 31.4% limited partner interest in the Partnership. In addition, the general partner owns an aggregate 2% general partner interest in the Partnership through which it manages and operates the Partnership.

The general partner is accountable to TC PipeLines and the unitholders as a fiduciary. Neither the Delaware Act nor case law defines with particularity the fiduciary duties owed by general partners to limited partners of a limited partnership. The Delaware Act does provide that Delaware limited partnerships may, in their partnership agreements, restrict or expand the fiduciary duties owed by a general partner to limited partners and the partnership.

In order to induce the general partner to manage the business of TC PipeLines, the partnership agreement contains various provisions restricting the fiduciary duties that might otherwise be owed by the general partner. The following is a summary of the material restrictions of the fiduciary duties owed by the general partner to the limited partners.

- The partnership agreement permits the general partner to make a number of decisions in its "sole discretion." This entitles the general partner to consider only the interests and factors that it desires and it shall have no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of, or factors affecting, TC PipeLines, its affiliates or any limited partner. Other provisions of the partnership agreement provide that the general partner's actions must be made in its reasonable discretion.
- The partnership agreement generally provides that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not involving a required vote of unitholders must be "fair and reasonable" to TC PipeLines. In determining whether a transaction or resolution is "fair and reasonable" the general partner may consider interests of all parties involved, including its own. Unless the general partner has acted in bad faith, the action taken by the general partner shall not constitute a breach of its fiduciary duty.
- The partnership agreement specifically provides that it shall not be a breach of the general partner's fiduciary duty if its affiliates engage in business interests and activities in competition with, or in preference or to the exclusion of, TC PipeLines. Also, the general partner and its affiliates have no obligation to present business opportunities to TC PipeLines.
- The partnership agreement provides that the general partner and its officers and directors will not be liable for monetary damages to TC PipeLines, the limited partners or assignees for errors of judgment or for any acts or omissions if the general partner and those other persons acted in good faith.

TC PipeLines is required to indemnify the general partner and its officers, directors, employees, affiliates, partners, members, agents and trustees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, against liabilities, costs and expenses incurred by the general partner or these other persons. This indemnification is required if the general partner or these persons acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in, or (in the case of a person other than the general partner) not opposed to, the best interests of TC PipeLines. Indemnification is required for criminal proceedings if the general partner or these other persons had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful.

The Partnership does not directly employ any persons to manage or operate its business. These functions are provided by the general partner. The general partner does not receive a management fee or other compensation in connection with its management of the Partnership. The Partnership reimburses the general partner for all costs of services provided, including the costs of employee, officer and director compensation and benefits, and all other expenses necessary or appropriate to the conduct of the business of, and allocable to the Partnership. The partnership agreement provides that the general partner will determine the expenses that are allocable to the Partnership in any reasonable manner determined by the general partner in its sole discretion. Total costs reimbursed to the general partner by the Partnership were approximately \$0.2 million for the period from May 28, 1999 to December 31, 1999. Such costs include, (i) personnel costs (such as salaries and employee benefits) of the personnel providing such services, (ii) overhead costs (such as office space and equipment) and (iii) out-of-pocket expenses related to the provision of such services.

On May 28, 1999, the Partnership entered into a \$40 million unsecured two-year revolving credit facility with TransCanada PipeLine USA Ltd., an affiliate of the general partner. The credit facility bears interest at a London Interbank Offered Rate plus 1.25%. The purpose of the revolving credit facility is to provide borrowings to fund capital expenditures, to fund capital contributions to Northern Border Pipeline and for working capital and other general business purposes, including funding cash distributions to partners, if necessary. At December 31, 1999, the Partnership had no amount outstanding under this credit facility.

On June 28, 1999, the Partnership received a short-term, non-interest bearing working capital advance in the amount of \$0.3 million from its general partner. The Partnership repaid this advance in December 1999.

As of February 1, 2000, TransCanada is one of Northern Border Pipeline's transportation customers and is currently obligated to pay 10.8% of Northern Border Pipeline's annual cost of service pursuant to a transportation contract wherein TransCanada Gas Services Inc. acts as the agent of its parent, TransCanada. The terms of this transaction are no less favorable to Northern Border Pipeline than those which Northern Border Pipeline would expect to negotiate with unrelated third parties on an arm's length basis.

- ITEM 14. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K
  - (a) (1) and (2) Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules The financial statements filed as part of this report are listed in the "Index to Financial Statements" on Page F-1.
  - (b) The Registrant filed the following reports on Form 8-K during the fourth quarter of 1999:

A report on Form 8-K was filed on October 8, 1999 incorporating the Northern Border Pipeline Company registration statement on form S-4 relating to the offering of up to \$200,000,000 of Northern Border Pipeline Company's 7.75% Senior Notes due 2009.

A report on Form 8-K was filed on October 21, 1999 announcing changes to the officers and directors of the general partner of the Partnership.

(c) Exhibits

## EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of TC PipeLines, LP dated May 28, 1999.
- \*3.2 Certificate of Limited Partnership of TC PipeLines, LP (Exhibit 3.2 to TC PipeLines, LP's Form S-1 Registration Statement Registration No. 333-69947 ("1999 Form S-1")).
- \*3.3 Certificate of Limited Partnership of TC PipeLines
  Intermediate Limited Partnership (Exhibit 3.3 to the 1999
  Form S-1).
- \*4.1 Indenture, dated as of August 17, 1999 between Northern Border Pipeline Company and Bank One Trust Company, NA, successor to The First National Bank of Chicago, as trustee (Exhibit 4.1 to Northern Border Pipeline Company's Form S-4 Registration Statement Registration No. 333-88577).
- 10.1 Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership dated May 28, 1999.
- 10.2 Contribution, Conveyance and Assumption Agreement among TC PipeLines, LP and certain other parties dated May 28,
- \*10.3 Northern Border Pipeline Company General Partnership
  Agreement between Northern Border Intermediate Limited
  Partnership, TransCanada Border PipeLine Ltd., and
  TransCan Northern Ltd., effective March 9, 1978 as
  amended (Exhibit 3.2 to Northern Border Partners,
  L.P.'s Form S-1 Registration Statement No. 33-66158).
- \*10.3.1 Seventh Supplement Amending Northern Border Pipeline Company General Partnership Agreement dated as of September 23, 1993 Partnership (Exhibit 10.3.1 to the 1999 Form S-1).
- 10.3.2 Eighth Supplement Amending Northern Border Pipeline
  Company General Partnership Agreement dated May 21,
  1999 by and among TransCanada Border PipeLine Ltd.,
  TransCan Northern Ltd., Northern Border Intermediate
  Limited Partnership and TC PipeLines Intermediate
  Limited Partnership.
- \*10.4 Note Purchase Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and the parties listed therein, dated July 15, 1992 (Exhibit 10.6 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s Form S-1 Registration Statement No. 33-66158).
- \*10.4.1 Supplemental Agreement to the Note Purchase Agreement dated as of June 1, 1995 (Exhibit 10.6.1 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s Form S-1 Registration Statement No. 33-66158).
  - 10.5 U.S. \$40,000,000 Two Year Revolving Credit Facility between TC PipeLines, LP, as borrower, and TransCanada PipeLine USA Ltd., as lender dated May 28, 1999.
  - \*10.6 Form of Credit Agreement among Northern Border Pipeline Company, The First National Bank of Chicago, as Administrative Agent, The First National Bank of Chicago, Royal Bank of Canada, and Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, as Syndication Agents, First Chicago Capital Markets, Inc., Royal Bank

of Canada, and BancAmerica Securities, Inc. as Joint Arrangers and Lenders (as defined therein) dated as of June 16, 1997 (Exhibit 10(c) to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 33-40601).

- \*10.7 Operating Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and Northern Plains Natural Gas Company, dated February 28, 1980. (Exhibit 10.3 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s Form S-1 Registration Statement No. 33-66158).
- \*10.8 Guaranty made by Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company, dated October 31, 1992 (Exhibit 10.9 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s Form S-1 Registration Statement No. 33-65158).

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- \*10.9 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service
  Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and
  Enron Gas Marketing, Inc., dated June 22, 1990 (Exhibit
  10.10 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s Form S-1
  Registration Statement No. 33-66158).
- \*10.9.1 Amended Exhibit A to Northern Border Pipeline Company
  U.S. Shipper Service Agreement effective April 1, 1998.
  (Exhibit 10.10.4 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s
  1997 Form 10-K SEC File No. 1-12202).
- \*10.10 Amended Exhibit A to Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and Enron Gas Marketing, Inc. (Exhibit 10.10.1 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1993, SEC file No. 1-12202).
- \*10.11 Amended Exhibit A to Northern Border Pipeline U.S.
  Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border
  Pipeline Company and Enron Gas Marketing, Inc.,
  effective November 1, 1994 (Exhibit 10.10.2 to the
  Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s Form 10-K for the year
  ended December 31, 1994, SEC File No. 1-12202).
- \*10.12 Amended Exhibit A's to Northern Border Pipeline Company
  U.S. Shipper Service Agreement effective August 1, 1995
  and November 1, 1995 (Exhibit 10.10.3 to Northern
  Border Partners, L.P.'s Form 10-K for the year ended
  December 31, 1995).
- \*10.13 Amended Exhibit A to Northern Border Pipeline Company
  U.S. Shipper Service Agreement effective April 1, 1998
  (Exhibit 10.10.4 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s
  Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997, SEC
  File No. 1-12202).
- \*10.14 Guaranty made by Northern Natural Gas Company, dated October 7, 1993 (Exhibit 10.11.1 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s 1993 Form 10-K SEC File No. 1-12202).
- \*10.14.1 Guaranty made by Northern Natural Gas Company, dated October 7, 1993 (Exhibit 10.11.2 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s 1993 Form 10-K SEC File No. 1-12202).
  - \*10.15 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service
    Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and
    Western Gas Marketing Limited, as agent for TransCanada
    PipeLines Limited, dated December 15, 1980 (Exhibit
    10.13 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s Form S-1
    Registration Statement No. 33-66158).
- \*10.15.1 Amended Exhibit A to Northern Border Pipeline Company
  U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border
  Pipeline Company and Western Gas Marketing Limited
  extending the term effective April 2, 1999 (Exhibit
  10.11.1 to 1999 Form S-1).
  - \*10.16 Amendment to Northern Border Pipeline Company Service
    Agreement extending the term effective November 1, 1995
    (Exhibit 10.13.1 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s
    Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995).
  - \*10.17 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, dated July 14, 1983, with Amended Exhibit A effective February 11, 1994 (Exhibit 10.17 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s 1995 Form 10-K SEC File No. 1-12202).
  - \*10.18 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. dated October 15, 1997 (Exhibit 10.21 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s 1997 Form 10-K SEC File No. 1-12202).
  - \*10.19 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service
    Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and
    Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. dated October 15,
    1997 (Exhibit 10.22 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s
    1997 Form 10-K SEC File No. 1-12202).
  - \*10.20 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. dated August 5, 1997 with Amendment dated September 25, 1997 (Exhibit 10.25 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s 1997 Form 10-K SEC File No. 1-12202).

- \*10.20.1 Amended Exhibit A to Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. effective November 1, 1998 (Exhibit 10.15.1 to 1999 Form S-1).
  - \*10.22 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service
    Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and
    Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. dated August 5,
    1997 (Exhibit 10.26 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s
    1997 Form 10-K SEC File No. 1-12202).

- \*10.22.1 Amended Exhibit A to Northern Border Pipeline Company
  U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border
  Pipeline Company and Enron Capital & Trade Resources
  Corp. effective April 2, 1999 (Exhibit 10.16.1 to 1999
  Form S-1).
  - \*10.23 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and TransCanada Gas Services Inc., as agent for TransCanada Pipelines Limited, dated August 14, 1997 (Exhibit 10.28 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s 1997 Form 10-K SEC File No. 1-12202).
  - \*10.24 Agreement among Northern Plains Natural Gas Company, Pan Border Gas Company, Northwest Border Pipeline Company, TransCanada Border Pipeline Ltd., TransCan Northern Ltd., Northern Border Intermediate Limited Partnership, Northern Border Partners, L.P., and the Management Committee of Northern Border Pipeline, dated as of March 17, 1999 (Exhibit 10.21 to Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s 1998 Form 10-K SEC File No. 1-12202).
  - \*10.25 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service
    Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and
    TransCanada Gas Services Inc. as agent for TransCanada
    Pipelines Limited, dated October 10, 1996, with Amended
    Exhibit A effective April 2, 1999 (Exhibit 10.19 to
    1999 Form S-1).
  - \*10.26 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service
    Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and
    TransCanada Gas Services Inc., as agent for TransCanada
    Pipelines Limited dated August 5, 1997 with Amended
    Exhibit A, effective April 2, 1999 (Exhibit 10.27 to
    Northern Border Partners, L.P.'s Form 10-K for the year
    ended December 31, 1997).
  - \*10.27 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and TransCanada Gas Services Inc. as agent for TransCanada Pipelines Limited, dated October 5, 1998, with Amended Exhibit A effective April 2, 1999 (Exhibit 10.20 to 1999 Form S-1).
  - \*10.28 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service
    Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and
    TransCanada Gas Services Inc. as agent for TransCanada
    Pipelines Limited, dated October 5, 1998, with Amended
    Exhibit A effective April 2, 1999 (Exhibit 10.21 to
    1999 Form S-1).
  - \*10.29 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service
    Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and
    TransCanada Gas Services Inc. as agent for TransCanada
    Pipelines Limited, dated October 5, 1998, with Amended
    Exhibit A effective April 2, 1999 (Exhibit 10.22 to
    1999 Form S-1).
  - \*10.30 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and TransCanada Gas Services Inc. as agent for TransCanada Pipelines Limited, dated October 5, 1998, with Amended Exhibit A effective April 2, 1999 (Exhibit 10.23 to 1999 Form S-1).
  - \*10.31 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and TransCanada Gas Services Inc. as agent for TransCanada Pipelines Limited, dated December 18, 1998 (Exhibit 10.24 to 1999 Form S-1).
  - \*10.32 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and Pan-Alberta Gas (U.S.) Inc. dated October 1, 1993, with Amended Exhibit A effective June 22, 1998 (Exhibit 10.25 to 1999 Form S-1).
  - \*10.33 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and Pan-Alberta Gas (U.S.) Inc. (successor to Natgas U.S. Inc.), dated October 6, 1989, with Amended Exhibit A effective April 2, 1999 (Exhibit 10.26 to 1999 Form S-1).
  - \*10.34 Northern Border Pipeline Company U.S. Shippers Service Agreement between Northern Border Pipeline Company and Pan-Alberta Gas (U.S.) Inc., dated October 1, 1992, with Amended Exhibit A effective June 22, 1998 (Exhibit 10.27 to 1999 Form S-1).

- \*10.35 Project Management Agreement by and between Northern Plains Natural Gas Company and Enron Engineering & Construction Company, dated March 1, 1996. (Exhibit No. 10.39 to Northern Border Pipeline Company, Form S-4 Registration Statement, Registration No. 333-88577).
- 10.36 Directors' Compensation Plan of TC PipeLines GP, Inc. dated effective July 19, 1999.
- 21.1 Subsidiaries of the Registrant
  - 27 Financial Data Schedule

\* Indicates exhibits incorporated by reference.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on this 21st day of March, 2000.

TC PIPELINES, LP (A Delaware Limited Partnership) by its general partner, TC PipeLines GP, Inc.

/s/ Garry P. Mihaichuk
By: -----Garry P. Mihaichuk
President and Chief Executive Officer
TC PipeLines GP, Inc.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

SIGNATURE	TITLE 	DATE 
/s/ Garry P. Mihaichuk		
Garry P. Mihaichuk	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 21, 2000
/s/ Russell K. Girling		
Russell K. Girling	Chief Financial Officer and Director (Principal Financial Officer)	March 21, 2000
/s/ Theresa Jang		
Theresa Jang	Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	March 21, 2000
/s/ Walentin Mirosh		
Walentin Mirosh	Director	March 21, 2000
/s/ Ronald J. Turner		
Ronald J. Turner	Director	March 21, 2000
Robert A. Helman	Director	March , 2000
Jack F. Jenkins-Stark	Director	March , 2000
David L. Marshall	Director	March , 2000

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of TC PipeLines GP, Inc., General Partner of TC PipeLines, LP:

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of TC PipeLines, LP (a Delaware limited partnership) as of December 31, 1999 and May 28, 1999 and the related statements of income, cash flows and changes in partners' capital for the period from the commencement of operations on May 28, 1999 to December 31, 1999. These financial statements are the responsibility of the General Partner. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with United States generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of TC PipeLines, LP as of December 31, 1999 and May 28, 1999 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period from the commencement of operations on May 28, 1999 to December 31, 1999 in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP Calgary, Canada March 21, 2000

# TC PIPELINES, LP

# BALANCE SHEET

(thousands of dollars)	DECEMBER 31, 1999	
ASSETS Cash Investment in Northern Border Pipeline Company	795 250,450	- 241,651
	251,245	241,651
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL Accounts payable	407	
	407	-
Partners' Capital Common units Subordinated units General partner	208,573 37,248 5,017	
	250,838	
	251,245	241,651

# STATEMENT OF INCOME

(thousands of dollars, except per unit amount)	MAY 28(1) - DECEMBER 31, 1999
EQUITY INCOME FROM INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	20,923 699
NET INCOME	20,224
NET INCOME PER UNIT	\$1.13
UNITS OUTSTANDING (THOUSANDS)	17,500

# (1) Commencement of operations

# TC PIPELINES, LP

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(thousands of dollars)	MAY 28(1) - DECEMBER 31, 1999
CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS Net income Add/(Deduct): Equity income in excess of distributions received Decrease in operating working capital	20,224 (8,799) 407 11,832
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Distributions paid Common units issued Common units redeemed Subordinated units redeemed	(11,037) 282,061 (274,560) (7,501)
INCREASE IN CASH	(11,037)  795
CASH, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	-
CASH, END OF PERIOD	795

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PARTNERS' CAPITAL

		MMON NITS	SUBORD UN	INATED ITS	GENERAL PARTNER	PARTNI CAPI	
	(thousands of units)	(thousands of dollars)	(thousands of units)	(thousands of dollars)	(thousands of dollars)	(thousands of units)	(thousands of dollars)
PARTNERSHIP UNITS							
Initial public offering Contribution of assets	14,300 14,300	274,560 193,515	3,200	43,303	4,833	14,300 17,500	274,560 241,651
Redemption of common units Exercise of over-allotment	(14,300)	(274,560)	-	-	-	(14,300)	(274,560)
option	391	7,501	(391)	(7,501)	-	-	-
NET INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS PAID	14,691	201,016 16,637 (9,080)	2,809	35,802 3,182 (1,736)	4,833 405 (221)	17,500	241,651 20,224 (11,037)
PARTNERS' CAPITAL AT DECEMBER 31, 1999	14,691	208,573	2,809	37,248	5,017	17,500	250,838

# (1) Commencement of operations

#### TC PIPELINES, LP

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the period May 28 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 1999

#### NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION

TC PipeLines, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and its subsidiary limited partnership, TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, are collectively referred to herein as TC PipeLines or the Partnership. TC PipeLines was formed by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) to acquire, own and participate in the management of United States based pipeline assets.

TC PipeLines owns a 30% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border Pipeline), a Texas general partnership. The remaining 70% general partner interest is owned by Northern Border Partners, L.P. (Northern Border Partners), a publicly traded limited partnership that is not affiliated with TC PipeLines. Northern Border Pipeline owns a 1,214-mile natural gas transmission line extending from the United States-Canadian border near Port of Morgan, Montana, to a terminus near Manhattan. Illinois.

TC PipeLines is managed by its general partner, TC PipeLines GP, Inc. (General Partner), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TransCanada. The General Partner provides certain administrative services for the Partnership and is reimbursed for its costs and expenses. In addition to its 2% general partner interest, the General Partner owns 2,809,306 Subordinated Units, representing an effective 15.7% limited partner interest in the Partnership at December 31, 1999.

#### INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING AND CONCURRENT TRANSACTIONS

TC PipeLines commenced operations on May 28, 1999, when it issued 14,300,000 Common Units (11,500,000 to the public and 2,800,000 to an affiliate of the General Partner) for net proceeds of \$274.6 million, after deducting underwriters' fees of \$15.0 million. These proceeds, along with 3,200,000 Subordinated Units, a 2% general partner interest and incentive distribution rights, were issued to TransCanada Border PipeLine Ltd. and TransCan Northern Ltd. (collectively, the predecessor companies), affiliates of the General Partner, to acquire the predecessor companies' 30% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline.

On June 25, 1999, the underwriters exercised a portion of their over-allotment option under the terms of the underwriting agreement and purchased 390,694 additional Common Units for net proceeds of \$7.5 million. The Partnership used those proceeds to redeem 390,694 Subordinated Units from the General Partner.

#### NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements and related notes present the financial position of the Partnership as of December 31, 1999 and the results of its operations, cash flows and changes in partners' capital for the period from May 28, 1999 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 1999. The Partnership uses the equity method of accounting for its investment in Northern Border Pipeline, over which it is able to exercise significant influence. Amounts are stated in United States dollars.

# (b) USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported

amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Although management believes these estimates are reasonable, actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### (c) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these investments.

#### (d) PARTNERS' CAPITAL

Costs incurred in connection with the issuance of Units are deducted from the proceeds received.

#### (e) INCOME TAXES

No provision for income taxes related to the operations of the Partnership is included in the accompanying financial statements because, as a partnership, it is not subject to Federal or state income tax. The tax effect of the Partnership's activities accrues to its partners.

#### NOTE 3 INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE

The Partnership owns a 30% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline, a partnership which owns a natural gas pipeline extending from the Montana-Saskatchewan border near Port of Morgan, Montana, to a terminus near Manhattan, Illinois. Northern Border Pipeline is subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Northern Border Pipeline's accounting policies conform to United States generally accepted accounting principles, as applied in the case of regulated entities.

The Partnership uses the equity method of accounting for its investment in Northern Border Pipeline, over which it is able to exercise significant influence. The Partnership's investment balance as at May 28, 1999 represents the combined carrying values of the investment in Northern Border Pipeline as reflected in the accounts of the predecessor companies at the same date. TC PipeLines' equity income for the period May 28 to December 31, 1999 represents 30% of the net income of Northern Border Pipeline for the same period.

The following sets out summarized financial information for Northern Border Pipeline for the year ended December 31, 1999. TC PipeLines has held its general partner interest since May 28, 1999 and has recorded equity income from Northern Border Pipeline of \$20.9 million for the period May 28 to December 31, 1999.

(millions of dollars)	DECEMBER 31, 1999
NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE BALANCE SHEET	
Cash and cash equivalents	17.3
Other current assets	33.8
Plant, property and equipment, net	1,731.4
Other assets	14.2
Current liabilities	(116.7)
Reserves and deferred credits	(10.7)
Long-term debt	(834.5)
Partners' capital	834.8

#### NOTE 4 PARTNERS' CAPITAL AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Partner's capital consists of 14,690,694 Common Units representing an 82.3% limited partner interest (an affiliate of the General Partner owns 2,800,000 of such Common Units), 2,809,306 Subordinated Units owned by the General Partner representing a 15.7% limited partner interest and a 2% general partner interest. In the aggregate, the General Partner's and its affiliate's interests represent an effective 33.4% ownership of the Partnership's equity.

The Partnership will make distributions to its partners with respect to each calendar quarter within 45 days after the end of each quarter. Distributions are based on available cash which includes all cash and cash equivalents of the Partnership and working capital borrowings less reserves established by the General Partner. Amounts will generally be distributed 98% to the Unitholders and 2% to the General Partner. The Unitholders are entitled to receive the minimum quarterly distribution (MQD) of \$0.45 per Unit if and to the extent there is sufficient available cash. Distributions to holders of the Subordinated Units are subject, while Subordinated Units remain outstanding (Subordination Period), to the prior rights of holders of the Common Units to receive the MQD. The Subordination Period generally cannot end before June 30, 2004. Upon expiration of the Subordination Period, all Subordinated Units will be converted on a one-for-one basis into Common Units and will participate pro rata with all other Common Units in future distributions. Under certain circumstances, up to 66.7% of the Subordinated Units may convert into Common Units prior to the expiration of the Subordination Period. Common Units will not accrue arrearages with respect to distributions for any quarter after the Subordination Period and Subordinated Units will not accrue any arrearages with respect to distributions for any

Partnership income is allocated to the General Partner and the limited partners in accordance with their respective partnership percentages, after giving effect to any priority income allocations for incentive distributions that are allocated 100% to the General Partner. As an incentive, the General Partner's percentage interest in quarterly distributions is increased after certain specified target levels are met. At the time the quarterly distributions exceed \$0.45 per Unit, the General Partner will receive 15% of the excess. As the quarterly distributions are increased above \$0.5275 per Unit, the General Partner will receive increasing percentages in excess of the targets reaching a maximum of 50% of the excess of the highest target level.

#### NOTE 5 CREDIT FACILITY

On May 28, 1999, the Partnership entered into a \$40 million unsecured two-year revolving credit facility with TransCanada PipeLine USA Ltd., an affiliate of the General Partner. The credit facility bears interest at a London Interbank Offered Rate plus 1.25%. The purpose of the revolving credit facility is to provide borrowings to fund capital expenditures, to fund capital contributions to Northern Border Pipeline and for working capital and other general business purposes, including funding cash distributions to partners, if necessary. At December 31, 1999, the Partnership had no amount outstanding under this credit facility.

#### NOTE 6 NET INCOME PER UNIT

Net income per Unit is computed by dividing net income, after deduction of the General Partner's allocation, by the number of Common and Subordinated Units outstanding.

#### NOTE 7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Partnership does not directly employ any persons to manage or operate its business. These functions are provided by the General Partner. The General Partner does not receive a management fee or other compensation in connection with its management of the Partnership. The Partnership reimburses the General Partner for all costs of services provided, including the costs of employee, officer and director compensation and benefits, and all other expenses necessary or appropriate to the conduct of the business of, and allocable to the Partnership. The Partnership Agreement provides that the General Partner will determine the expenses that are allocable to the Partnership in any reasonable manner determined by the General Partner in its sole discretion. Total costs reimbursed to the General Partner by the Partnership were approximately \$0.2 million for the period from May 28, 1999 to December 31, 1999. Such costs include, (i) personnel costs (such as salaries and employee benefits) of the personnel providing such services, (ii) overhead costs (such as office space and equipment) and (iii) out-of-pocket expenses related to the provision of such services.

### NOTE 8 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

(thousands of dollars)	EQUITY INCOME	NET INCOME	NET INCOME PER UNIT	CASH DISTRIBUTIONS
1999 Second Quarter(1) Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	3,130 8,738 9,055	2,986 8,499 8,739	0.167 0.476 0.489	3,001 8,036 8,036

(1) The Partnership commenced operations on May 28, 1999.

#### NOTE 9 ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities". SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts).

In June 1999, the FASB issued SFAS No. 137 that deferred the effective date of SFAS No. 133 to fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. TC PipeLines does not believe SFAS No. 133 will have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

#### NOTE 10 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On January 19, 2000, the Board of Directors of the General Partner declared a cash distribution of \$0.45 per Unit for the three months ended December 31, 1999. The \$8.0 million distribution was paid on February 14, 2000 in the following manner: \$6.6 million to the holders of Common Units as of the close of business on January 31, 2000, \$1.2 million to the General Partner as holder of the Subordinated Units, and \$0.2 million to the General Partner in respect of its 2% general partner interest.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To Northern Border Pipeline Company:

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Northern Border Pipeline Company (a Texas partnership) as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, and the related statements of income, cash flows and changes in partners' capital for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1999. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Northern Border Pipeline Company as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1999, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Omaha, Nebraska, January 20, 2000

# BALANCE SHEET

(IN THOUSANDS)

	DECEMBER 31,		
	1999	1998	
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS  Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Related party receivables Materials and supplies, at cost Under recovered cost of service	\$ 17,310 21,929 5,120 3,645 3,068	\$ 37,389 16,434 2,470 3,360 2,781	
Total current assets	51,072	62,434	
NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION PLANT In service Construction work in progress  Total property, plant and equipment Less: Accumulated provision for depreciation and amortization  Property, plant and equipment, net  OTHER ASSETS  Total assets	2,363,291 4,730 	2,302,457 1,530 	
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL			
CURRENT LIABILITIES  Current maturities of long-term debt  Accounts payable  Accrued taxes other than income  Accrued interest  Accumulated provision for rate refunds	\$ 66,000 5,588 26,290 16,504 2,317	\$ 44,042 19,828 11,763	
Total current liabilities	116,699	75,633	
LONG-TERM DEBT, NET OF CURRENT MATURITIES	834,459	862,000	
RESERVES AND DEFERRED CREDITS	10,698	9,818	
PARTNERS' CAPITAL  Total liabilities and partners' capital	834,835  \$1,796,691	\$43,438  \$1,790,889	

# STATEMENT OF INCOME

(IN THOUSANDS)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	1999	1998	1997
OPERATING REVENUES			
Operating revenues	\$300,664		•
Provision for rate refunds	(2,317)		(39,969)
Operating revenues, net	298,347	196,600	196 050
operacing revenues, her	290,347	190,000	186,050
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Operations and maintenance	38,708	29,447	28,522
Depreciation and amortization	51,908	40,989	38,708
Taxes other than income	30,320	21,381	22,393
Regulatory credit		(8,878)	
0	100.000		
Operating expenses	120,936	•	89,623
OPERATING INCOME		113,661	96,427
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INTEREST EXPENSE			
Interest expense		44,542	
Interest expense capitalized		(19,001)	
Interest expense not	60 214	2E E41	20 260
Interest expense, net	60,214	25,541	29,360
OTHER INCOME			
Allowance for equity funds used			
during construction	101	10,237	1,400
Other income, net	1,262	1,874	4,305
Other income	1,363	12,111	5,705
NET INCOME TO PARTNERS	\$118,560		
NET INCOME TO PARTNERS	φ110,500	Φ100,231 	Φ 12,112

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(IN THOUSANDS)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
		1998	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income to partners	\$ 118,560 	\$ 100,231 	\$ 72,772 
Adjustments to reconcile net income to partners to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization Provision for rate refunds	51,962	41,005	38,715
Refunds to shippers Allowance for equity funds used	2,317		40,403 (52,630)
during construction	(101)	(10,237)	(1,400)
Regulatory credit	(2.442)	(9,105) (18,471)	10.000
Changes in components of working capital Other	(2,112) 840	(18,471)	16,389
		354 	
Total adjustments	52,906	3,546	42,556
•		3,546	
Net cash provided by operating activities	171,466	103,777	115,328
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Capital expenditures for property, plant and equipment, net		(651,169)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Contributions from partners Distributions to partners	 (127 162)		81,000 (99,322) 209,000
Issuance of long-term debt, net	(127,163) 289.026	(61,205) 403,000	209,000
Retirement of long-term debt	(263,000)		(127,500)
Proceeds received upon termination of			
interest rate forward agreements	12,896		(744)
Long-term debt financing costs Repayment of note payable	(1,626)		(744) (10,000)
Repayment of note payable			
Net cash provided by (used in)			
financing activities	(89,867)	564,795	52,434
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(20,079)	17,403	15,692
Cash and cash equivalents-beginning of year	37,389	19,986	4,294
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Cash and cash equivalents-end of year	<b>Φ</b> 17,310	\$ 37,389	\$ 19,986 
Changes in components of working capital:			
Accounts receivable	\$ (8,145)	\$ (1,567)	
Materials and supplies	(285) (4,598)	(10.760)	170 14,587
Accounts payable Accrued taxes other than income	6,462	(10,769) (466)	(674)
Accrued interest	4,741	1,396	14
Over/under recovered cost of service	(287)	(466) 1,396 (7,382)	365
Total		\$ (18,471)	

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PARTNERS' CAPITAL

(IN THOUSANDS)

	TRANSCANADA BORDER PIPELINE LTD.	TRANSCAN NORTHERN LTD.	TC PIPELINES INTERMEDIATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	NORTHERN BORDER INTERMEDIATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	TOTAL PARTNERS' CAPITAL
Partners' Capital at December 31, 1996	\$ 31,618	\$ 126,471	\$	\$368,873	\$ 526,962
Net income to partners	4,366	17,466		50,940	72,772
Contributions received	4,860	19,440		56,700	81,000
Distributions paid	(5,959)	(23,838)		(69,525)	(99,322)
Partners' Capital at					
December 31, 1997	34,885	139,539		406,988	581,412
Net income to partners	6,014	24,055		70,162	100,231
Contributions received	13,380	53,520		156,100	223,000
Distributions paid	(3,673)	(14,689)		(42,843)	(61,205)
Partners' Capital at					
December 31, 1998	50,606	202,425		590,407	843,438
Net income to partners	2,930	11,715	20,923	82,992	118,560
Distributions paid	(5,206)	(20,819)	(12,124)	(89,014)	(127,163)
Ownership transfer	(48,330)	(193,321)	241,651		
Boutaged Conited at					
Partners' Capital at December 31, 1999	\$	\$	\$250,450	\$584,385	\$ 834,835

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border Pipeline) is a general partnership, formed in 1978, pursuant to the Texas Uniform Partnership Act. The ownership percentages of the partners in Northern Border Pipeline (Partners) at December 31, 1999 and 1998, are as follows:

PARTNER	1999	1998
Northern Border Intermediate Limited Partnership	70	70
TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership	30	
TransCan Northern Ltd.		24
TransCanada Border PipeLine Ltd.		6

Net income and distributions are allocated to the Partners based on ownership percentage. Effective May 28, 1999, TransCanada Border PipeLine Ltd. and TransCan Northern Ltd. transferred their combined 30% ownership interest in Northern Border Pipeline to TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership (TC Pipelines) in connection with an initial public offering of limited partner interests in TC PipeLines, LP. In accordance with the partnership agreement, net income and distributions were prorated at the effective date of the ownership transfer.

Northern Border Pipeline owns a 1,214-mile natural gas transmission pipeline system extending from the United States-Canadian border near Port of Morgan, Montana, to a terminus near Manhattan, Illinois.

Northern Border Pipeline is managed by a Management Committee that includes three representatives from Northern Border Intermediate Limited Partnership (Partnership) and one representative from TC PipeLines. The Partnership's representatives selected by its general partners, Northern Plains Natural Gas Company (Northern Plains), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Enron Corp. (Enron), Pan Border Gas Company (Pan Border), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Northern Plains, and Northwest Border Pipeline Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Williams Companies, Inc., have 35%, 22.75% and 12.25%, respectively, of the voting interest on the Management Committee. The representative designated by TC PipeLines votes the remaining 30% interest. In December 1998, Northern Plains acquired Pan Border from a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation. At the closing of the acquisition, Pan Border's sole asset consisted of its general partner interest in the Partnership. The day-to-day management of Northern Border Pipeline's affairs is the responsibility of Northern Plains (the Operator), as defined by the operating agreement between Northern Border Pipeline and Northern Plains. Northern Border Pipeline is charged for the salaries, benefits and expenses of the Operator. For the years ended December 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997, Northern Border Pipeline reimbursed the Operator approximately \$29.7 million, \$30.0 million and \$24.6 million, respectively. Additionally, an Enron affiliate was responsible for project management on Northern Border Pipeline's expansion and extension of its pipeline from near Harper, Iowa to a point near Manhattan, Illinois (The Chicago Project).

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (A) USE OF ESTIMATES

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The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### (B) GOVERNMENT REGULATION

Northern Border Pipeline is subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Northern Border Pipeline's accounting policies conform to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 71, "Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation." Accordingly, certain assets that result from the regulated ratemaking process are recorded that would not be recorded under generally accepted accounting principles for nonregulated entities. At December 31, 1999 and 1998, Northern Border Pipeline has reflected regulatory assets of approximately \$12.1 million and \$12.8 million, respectively, in Other Assets on the balance sheet. During the construction of The Chicago Project, Northern Border Pipeline placed certain new facilities into service in advance of the December 1998 project in-service date to maintain gas flow at firm contracted capacity while existing facilities were being modified. As required by the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the FERC, Northern Border Pipeline recorded a regulatory credit of approximately \$8.9 million in 1998, which deferred the cost of service of these new facilities. Northern Border Pipeline is allowed to recover the regulatory asset that resulted from the cost of service deferral from its shippers over a ten-year period commencing with the in-service date of The Chicago Project. At December 31, 1999 and 1998, the unrecovered regulatory asset related to The Chicago Project facilities was approximately \$8.2 million and \$8.9 million, respectively. The remaining regulatory asset at both December 31, 1999 and 1998, of approximately \$3.9 million, relates to costs recorded from previous expansions and extensions of the pipeline system. Northern Border Pipeline is seeking recovery of these amounts in its current rate proceeding (see Note 5).

#### (C) INCOME TAXES

Income taxes are the responsibility of the Partners and are not reflected in these financial statements. However, the Northern Border Pipeline FERC tariff establishes the method of accounting for and calculating income taxes and requires Northern Border Pipeline to reflect in its cost of service the income taxes which would have been paid or accrued if Northern Border Pipeline were organized during the period as a corporation. As a result, for purposes of calculating the

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### (C) INCOME TAXES (CONTINUED)

return allowed by the FERC, Partners' capital and rate base are reduced by the amount equivalent to the net accumulated deferred income taxes. Such amounts were approximately \$316 million and \$300 million at December 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively, and are primarily related to accelerated depreciation and other plant-related differences.

# (D) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND RELATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

Property, plant and equipment is stated at original cost. In December 1998, Northern Border Pipeline placed into service the facilities for The Chicago Project. At December 31, 1999 and 1998, approximately \$3.5 million and \$37.4 million, respectively, of project costs incurred but not paid for The Chicago Project were recorded in accounts payable and natural gas transmission plant on the balance sheet and were excluded from the change in accounts payable and capital expenditures for property, plant and equipment, net on the statement of cash flows.

Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations in the period incurred. The provision for depreciation and amortization of the transmission line is an integral part of Northern Border Pipeline's FERC tariff. The effective depreciation rate applied to Northern Border Pipeline's transmission plant in 1999, 1998 and 1997 was 2.0%, 2.5% and 2.5%, respectively. In 2000, the depreciation rate increases to 2.3% and is scheduled to continue to increase gradually on an annual basis until it reaches 3.2% in 2002. Composite rates are applied to all other functional groups of property having similar economic characteristics. The depreciation rate for transmission plant is being reviewed in Northern Border Pipeline's current rate proceeding (see Note 5).

The original cost of property retired is charged to accumulated depreciation and amortization, net of salvage and cost of removal. No retirement gain or loss is included in income except in the case of extraordinary retirements or sales.

#### (E) REVENUE RECOGNITION

Northern Border Pipeline bills the cost of service on an estimated basis for a six month cycle. Any net excess or deficiency resulting from the comparison of the actual cost of service determined for that period in accordance with the FERC tariff to the estimated billing is accumulated, including carrying charges thereon and is either billed to or credited back to the shippers. Revenues reflect actual cost of service. An amount equal to differences between billing estimates and the actual cost of service, including carrying charges, is reflected in current assets or current liabilities.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### (F) ALLOWANCE FOR FUNDS USED DURING CONSTRUCTION

The allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC) represents the estimated costs, during the period of construction, of funds used for construction purposes. For regulated activities, Northern Border Pipeline is permitted to earn a return on and recover AFUDC through its inclusion in rate base and the provision for depreciation. The rate employed for the equity component of AFUDC is the equity rate of return stated in Northern Border Pipeline's FERC tariff.

#### (G) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these investments.

#### (H) RISK MANAGEMENT

Financial instruments are used by Northern Border Pipeline in the management of its interest rate exposure. A control environment has been established which includes policies and procedures for risk assessment and the approval, reporting and monitoring of financial instrument activities. As a result, Northern Border Pipeline has entered into various interest rate swap agreements with major financial institutions which hedge interest rate risk by effectively converting certain of its floating rate debt to fixed rate debt. Northern Border Pipeline does not use these instruments for trading purposes. The cost or benefit of the interest rate swap agreements is recognized currently as a component of interest expense.

#### 3. SHIPPER SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Operating revenues are collected pursuant to the FERC tariff which directs that Northern Border Pipeline collect its cost of service through firm transportation service agreements (firm service agreements). Northern Border Pipeline's FERC tariff provides an opportunity to recover all operations and maintenance costs of the pipeline, taxes other than income taxes, interest, depreciation and amortization, an allowance for income taxes and a regulated equity return. Billings for the firm service agreements are based on contracted volumes to determine the allocable share of the cost of service and are not dependent upon the percentage of available capacity actually used.

Northern Border Pipeline's firm service agreements extend for various terms with termination dates that range from October 2001 to December 2013. Northern Border Pipeline also has interruptible service contracts with numerous other shippers as a result of its self-implementing blanket transportation authority. Revenues received from the interruptible service contracts are credited to the cost of service reducing the billings for the firm service agreements.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 3. SHIPPER SERVICE AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Northern Border Pipeline's largest shipper, Pan-Alberta Gas (U.S.) Inc. (PAGUS), is presently obligated for approximately 25.7% of the cost of service through three firm service agreements which expire in October 2003. Financial guarantees exist through October 2001 for approximately 16.3% of the total cost of service related to the contracted capacity of PAGUS, including 10.5% guaranteed by Northern Natural Gas Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Enron. The remaining cost of service obligation of PAGUS is supported by various credit support arrangements, including among others, a letter of credit, an escrow account and an upstream capacity transfer agreement. Operating revenues from the PAGUS firm service agreements and interruptible service contracts for the years ended December 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997 were \$76.6 million, \$87.3 million and \$86.8 million, respectively.

Shippers affiliated with the Partners of Northern Border Pipeline have firm service agreements representing approximately 17.3% of the cost of service. These firm service agreements extend for various terms with termination dates that range from October 2003 to May 2009. Operating revenues from the affiliated firm service agreements and interruptible service contracts for the years ended December 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997 were \$52.5 million, \$22.4 million and \$20.2 million, respectively.

#### 4. CREDIT FACILITIES AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Detailed information on long-term debt is as follows:

	December 31,		
(Thousands of dollars)	1999	1998	
Senior notes - average 8.43%,			
due from 2000 to 2003	\$250,000	\$250,000	
Pipeline credit agreement	•	•	
Term loan, due 2002	439,000	484,500	
Five-year revolving credit facility	,	127,500	
Senior notes - 7.75%, due 2009	200,000	·	
Unamortized proceeds from termination	,		
of interest rate forward agreements	12,397		
Unamortized debt discount	(938)		
Total	900,459	862,000	
Less: Current maturities of long-term debt	66,000		
Long-term debt	\$834,459	\$862,000	

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 4. CREDIT FACILITIES AND LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

In August 1999, Northern Border Pipeline completed a private offering of \$200 million of 7.75% Senior Notes due 2009, which notes were subsequently exchanged in a registered offering for notes with substantially identical terms (Senior Notes). Also in August 1999, Northern Border Pipeline received approximately \$12.9 million from the termination of interest rate forward agreements, which is included in long-term debt on the balance sheet and is being amortized against interest expense over the life of the Senior Notes. The interest rate forward agreements, which had an aggregate notional amount of \$150 million, had been executed in September 1998 to hedge the interest rate on a planned issuance of fixed rate debt in 1999. The proceeds from the private offering, net of debt discounts and issuance costs, and the termination of the interest rate forward agreements were used to reduce existing indebtedness under a June 1997 credit agreement.

In June 1997, Northern Border Pipeline entered into a credit agreement (Pipeline Credit Agreement) with certain financial institutions to borrow up to an aggregate principal amount of \$750 million. The Pipeline Credit Agreement is comprised of a \$200 million five-year revolving credit facility to be used for the retirement of a previously existing bank loan agreement and for general business purposes, and a \$550 million three-year revolving credit facility to be used for the construction of The Chicago Project. Effective March 1999, in accordance with the provisions of the Pipeline Credit Agreement, Northern Border Pipeline converted the three-year revolving credit facility to a term loan maturing in June 2002. The Pipeline Credit Agreement permits Northern Border Pipeline to choose among various interest rate options, to specify the portion of the borrowings to be covered by specific interest rate options and to specify the interest rate period, subject to certain parameters. Northern Border Pipeline is required to pay a facility fee on the remaining aggregate principal commitment amount of

At December 31, 1999 and 1998, Northern Border Pipeline had outstanding interest rate swap agreements with notional amounts of \$40 million and \$90 million, respectively. The agreement outstanding at December 31, 1999, will terminate in November 2001. Under the agreements, Northern Border Pipeline makes payments to counterparties at fixed rates and in return receives payments at variable rates based on the London Interbank Offered Rate. At December 31, 1999 and 1998, Northern Border Pipeline was in a payable position relative to its counterparties. The average effective interest rate of Northern Border Pipeline's variable rate debt, taking into consideration the interest rate swap agreements, was 6.73% and 6.17% at December 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### . CREDIT FACILITIES AND LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Interest paid, net of amounts capitalized, during the years ended December 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997 was \$55.5 million, \$23.8 million and \$29.0 million, respectively.

Aggregate required repayments of long-term debt are as follows: \$66 million, \$41 million, \$517 million and \$65 million for 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively. There are no required repayment obligations for 2004

Certain of Northern Border Pipeline's long-term debt and credit arrangements contain requirements as to the maintenance of minimum partners' capital and debt to capitalization ratios which restrict the incurrence of other indebtedness by Northern Border Pipeline and also place certain restrictions on distributions to the partners of Northern Border Pipeline. Under the most restrictive of the covenants, as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively, \$132 million and \$173 million of partners' capital of Northern Border Pipeline could be distributed.

The following estimated fair values of financial instruments represent the amount at which each instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties. Based on quoted market prices for similar issues with similar terms and remaining maturities, the estimated fair value of the senior notes due from 2000 to 2003 was approximately \$273 million and \$287 million at December 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. The estimated fair value of the senior notes due 2009 was approximately \$201 million at December 31, 1999. At December 31, 1999 and 1998, the estimated fair value which would be payable to terminate the interest rate swap agreements, taking into account current interest rates, was approximately \$1 million and \$3 million, respectively. Northern Border Pipeline presently intends to maintain the current schedule of maturities for the senior notes and the interest rate swap agreements which will result in no gains or losses on their respective repayment. The carrying value of Northern Border Pipeline's variable rate debt approximates the fair value since the interest rates are periodically adjusted to current market conditions.

#### 5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS

Northern Border Pipeline filed a rate proceeding with the FERC in May 1999 for, among other things, a redetermination of its allowed equity rate of return. The total annual cost of service increase due to Northern Border Pipeline's proposed changes is approximately \$30 million. A number of Northern Border Pipeline's shippers and competing pipelines have filed interventions and protests. In June 1999, the FERC issued an order in which the proposed changes were suspended until December 1, 1999, after which the proposed changes were implemented with subsequent billings subject to refund. At December 31, 1999, Northern Border Pipeline recorded a \$2.3 million provision for rate refunds. The June order and a subsequent clarification issued by the FERC in August 1999 set for hearing not only

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

#### REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS (CONTINUED)

Northern Border Pipeline's proposed changes but also several issues raised by intervenors including the appropriateness of Northern Border Pipeline's cost of service tariff, rolled-in rate treatment of The Chicago Project, capital project cost containment mechanism amount recorded for The Chicago Project, depreciation schedule and creditworthiness standards. A procedural schedule has been established which provides for the hearing to commence in July 2000. At this time, Northern Border Pipeline can give no assurance as to the outcome on any of these issues.

In October 1998, Northern Border Pipeline filed a certificate application with the FERC to seek approval to expand and extend its pipeline system into Indiana (Project 2000). If approved and constructed, Project 2000 would afford shippers on the expanded and extended pipeline system access to industrial gas consumers in northern Indiana. As a result of permanent releases of capacity between several existing and project shippers originally included in the October 1998 application, Northern Border Pipeline amended its application with the FERC in March 1999. Numerous parties filed to intervene in this proceeding. Several parties protested this application asking that the FERC deny Northern Border Pipeline's request for rolled-in rate treatment for the new facilities and that Northern Border Pipeline be required to solicit indications of interest from existing shippers for capacity releases that would possibly eliminate the construction of certain new facilities. In September 1999, the FERC issued a policy statement on certification and pricing of new construction projects. The policy statement announces a preference for establishing the transportation charge for newly constructed facilities on a separate, stand-alone basis. This reverses the existing presumption in favor of rolled-in pricing once certain conditions were met. In response to the policy statement, Northern Border Pipeline amended its application with the FERC in December 1999. The December amended application reflects estimated capital expenditures of approximately \$94 million. Several parties renewed their protests on this latest amended application. While Northern Border Pipeline cannot predict when the FERC will issue its final order on the Project 2000 amended application, Northern Border Pipeline has requested such action by March 15, 2000.

In January 1998, Northern Border Pipeline filed an application with the FERC to acquire the linepack gas required to operate the pipeline from the shippers and to provide the linepack gas in the future for its operations. The cost of the linepack gas acquired in 1998, which is included in rate base, totaled approximately \$11.7 million.

In August 1997, Northern Border Pipeline received FERC approval of a Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation) filed on October 15, 1996 to settle its November 1995 rate case. In accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, Northern Border Pipeline's allowed equity rate of return was reduced from the requested 14.25% to 12.75% for the period June 1, 1996 to September 30, 1996 and to 12% thereafter. Additionally, Northern Border Pipeline

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

#### REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS (CONTINUED)

agreed to reduce its transmission plant depreciation rate retroactively to June 1, 1996, and agreed to implement a \$31 million settlement adjustment mechanism (SAM) when The Chicago Project was placed in service. The SAM effectively reduces the allowed return on rate base. In October 1997, Northern Border Pipeline used a combination of cash on hand and borrowings on a revolving credit facility to pay refunds to its shippers of approximately \$52.6 million.

Also as agreed to in the Stipulation, Northern Border Pipeline implemented a capital project cost containment mechanism (PCCM). The purpose of the PCCM was to limit Northern Border Pipeline's ability to include cost overruns on The Chicago Project in rate base and to provide incentives to Northern Border Pipeline for cost underruns. The PCCM amount is determined by comparing the final cost of The Chicago Project to the budgeted cost. The Stipulation required the budgeted cost for The Chicago Project, which had been initially filed with the FERC for approximately \$839 million, to be adjusted for the effects of inflation and project scope changes, as defined in the Stipulation. Such adjusted budgeted cost of The Chicago Project has been estimated to be \$897 million, with the final construction cost estimated to be \$894 million. Thus, Northern Border Pipeline's notification to the FERC and its shippers in June 1999 reflects the conclusion that there is a \$3 million addition to rate base as a result of the PCCM. The Stipulation required that the calculation of the PCCM be reviewed by an independent national accounting firm. The independent accountants completed their examination of Northern Border Pipeline's PCCM calculation in October 1999. The independent accountants concluded Northern Border Pipeline had complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Stipulation related to the PCCM. Northern Border Pipeline filed its June 1999 report and the independent accountants' report in its current rate case proceeding discussed previously. Testimony filed by the FERC staff and intervenors in the current rate case proceeding has proposed changes to the PCCM computation, which would result in rate base reductions ranging from \$32 million to \$43 million. Although Northern Border Pipeline believes the computation has been made in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, it is unable to predict at this time whether any adjustments will be required. Should developments in the rate case result in rate base reductions, a non-cash charge to write down transmission plant would result and such charge could be material to the operating results of Northern Border Pipeline.

# ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Northern Border Pipeline is not aware of any material contingent liabilities with respect to compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations.

#### OTHER

Various legal actions that have arisen in the ordinary course of business are pending. Northern Border Pipeline believes that the resolution of these issues will not have a material adverse impact on Northern Border Pipeline's results of operations or financial position.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 6. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM

Total capital expenditures for 2000 are estimated to be \$25 million. This includes approximately \$10 million for Project 2000 (see Note 5) and approximately \$13 million for renewals and replacements of the existing facilities. Funds required to meet the capital expenditures for 2000 are anticipated to be provided primarily from internal sources.

#### 7. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

(IN THOUSANDS)		OPERATING REVENUES, NET	OPERATING INCOME	NET INCOME TO PARTNERS
1999				
	First Quarter	\$73,635	\$44,271	\$30,315
	Second Quarter	73,022	43,788	28,933
	Third Quarter	73,925	44,017	29, 127
	Fourth Quarter	77,765	45, 335	30,185
1998		•	•	,
	First Quarter	\$47,504	\$24,939	\$20,262
	Second Quarter	48,851	27,509	24,844
	Third Quarter	49,121	28,829	26,945
	Fourth Quarter	51,124	32,384	28,180

#### 8. ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that every derivative instrument (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts) be recorded on the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value. The statement requires that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Special accounting for qualifying hedges allows a derivative's gains and losses to offset related results on the hedged item in the income statement, and requires that a company must formally document, designate and assess the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting.

In June 1999, the FASB issued SFAS No. 137 which deferred the effective date of SFAS No. 133 to fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. A company may implement SFAS No. 133 as of the beginning of any fiscal quarter after issuance, however, the statement cannot be applied retroactively. Northern Border Pipeline does not plan to adopt SFAS No. 133 early. Northern Border Pipeline believes that SFAS No. 133 will not have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Northern Border Pipeline makes distributions to its general partners approximately one month following the end of the quarter. The distribution computed for the fourth quarter of 1999 of approximately \$30.9 million is payable February 2, 2000.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ON SCHEDULE

To Northern Border Pipeline Company:

We have audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the financial statements of Northern Border Pipeline Company included in this Form 10-K and have issued our report thereon dated January 20, 2000. Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of Northern Border Pipeline Company listed in Item 14 of Part IV of this Form 10-K is the responsibility of the Company's management and is presented for purposes of complying with the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and is not part of the basic financial statements. This schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, fairly states in all material respects the financial data required to be set forth therein in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Omaha, Nebraska, January 20, 2000

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# SCHEDULE II

# NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY SCHEDULE II - VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999, 1998 AND 1997 (IN THOUSANDS)

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Additions Deductions					
Description	Balance at Beginning of Year	Charged to Costs and Expenses	Charged to Other Accounts	For Purpose For Which Reserves Were Created	Balance at End of Year
Reserve for regulatory issues 1999 1998 1997	\$6,726 \$6,726 \$5,953	\$650 \$ \$773	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	\$7,376 \$6,726 \$6,726

Exhibit 3.1

AMENDED AND RESTATED
AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
OF
TC PIPELINES, LP

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# AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF TC PIPELINES, LP

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF TC PIPELINES, LP dated as of May 28, 1999, is entered into by and among TC PipeLines GP, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as the General Partner, and TransCan Northern Ltd., a Delaware corporation, as the Organizational Limited Partner, together with any other Persons who become Partners in the Partnership or parties hereto as provided herein. In consideration of the covenants, conditions and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 DEFINITIONS.

The following definitions shall be for all purposes, unless otherwise clearly indicated to the contrary, applied to the terms used in this Agreement.

"ACQUISITION" means (a) any transaction in which any Group Member acquires (through an asset acquisition, merger, stock acquisition or other form of investment) control over all or substantially all of the assets, properties or business of another Person (or a division or line of business of such Person) for the purpose of increasing the operating capacityor revenues of the Partnership Group from the operating capacity or revenues of the Partnership Group existing immediately prior to such transaction, (b) any similar transaction entered into by a JV Entity as a result of which a Group Member becomes obligated to make a capital contribution or similar payment to such JV Entity; and (c) any similar transaction entered into by a JV Entity as a result of which a Group Member is requested, but not obligated, to make a capital contribution or similar payment to such JV Entity and such Group Member reasonably believes such capital contribution or similar payment to be necessary to protect or enhance its investment in the JV Entity.

"ADDITIONAL BOOK BASIS" means the portion of any remaining Carrying Value of an Adjusted Property that is attributable to positive adjustments made to such Carrying Value as a result of Book-Up Events. For purposes of determining the extent that Carrying Value constitutes Additional Book Basis:

- (i) Any negative adjustment made to the Carrying Value of an Adjusted Property as a result of either a Book-Down Event or a Book-Up Event shall first be deemed to offset or decrease that portion of the Carrying Value of such Adjusted Property that is attributable to any prior positive adjustments made thereto pursuant to a Book-Up Event or Book-Down Event.
- (ii) If Carrying Value that constitutes Additional Book Basis is reduced as a result of a Book-Down Event and the Carrying Value of other property is increased as a result of such Book-Down Event, an allocable portion of any such increase in Carrying Value shall be treated as Additional Book Basis; provided that the amount treated as Additional Book Basis pursuant hereto as a result of such Book-Down Event shall not exceed the amount by which the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments after such Book-Down Event exceeds the remaining Additional Book Basis attributable to all of the Partnership's Adjusted Property after such Book-Down Event (determined without regard to the application of this clause (ii) to such Book-Down Event).

"ADDITIONAL BOOK BASIS DERIVATIVE ITEMS" means any Book Basis Derivative Items that are computed with reference to Additional Book Basis. To the extent that the Additional Book Basis attributable to all of the Partnership's Adjusted Property as of the beginning of any taxable period

exceeds the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of the beginning of such period (the "EXCESS ADDITIONAL BOOK BASIS"), the Additional Book Basis Derivative Items for such period shall be reduced by the amount that bears the same ratio to the amount of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items determined without regard to this sentence as the Excess Additional Book Basis bears to the Additional Book Basis as of the beginning of such period.

"ADDITIONAL LIMITED PARTNER" means a Person admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner pursuant to Section 10.4 and who is shown as such on the books and records of the Partnership.

"ADJUSTED CAPITAL ACCOUNT" means the Capital Account maintained for each Partner as of the end of each taxable period of the Partnership, (a) increased by any amounts that such Partner is obligated to restore under the standards set by Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(c) (or is deemed obligated to restore under Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5)) and (b) decreased by (i) the amount of all losses and deductions that, as of the end of such period, are reasonably expected to be allocated to such Partner in subsequent years under Sections 704(e)(2) and 706(d) of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.751-1(b)(2)(ii), and (ii) the amount of all distributions that, as of the end of such period, are reasonably expected to be made to such Partner in subsequent years in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or otherwise to the extent they exceed offsetting increases to such Partner's Capital Account that are reasonably expected to occur during (or prior to) the year in which such distributions are reasonably expected to be made (other than increases as a result of a minimum gain chargeback pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(i) or 6.1(d)(ii)). The foregoing definition of Adjusted Capital Account is intended to comply with the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith. The "Adjusted Capital Account" of a Partner in respect of a General Partner Interest, a Common Unit, a Subordinated Unit or an Incentive Distribution Right or any other specified interest in the Partnership shall be the amount which such Adjusted Capital Account would be if such General Partner Interest, Common Unit, Subordinated Unit, Incentive Distribution Right or other interest in the Partnership were the only interest in the Partnership held by a Partner from and after the date on which such General Partner Interest, Common Unit, Subordinated Unit, Incentive Distribution Right or other interest was first issued.

"ADJUSTED OPERATING SURPLUS" means, with respect to any period, Operating Surplus generated during such period (a) less (i) any net increase in Working Capital Borrowings during such period and (ii) any net reduction in cash reserves for Operating Expenditures during such period not relating to an Operating Expenditure made during such period, and (b) plus (i) any net decrease in Working Capital Borrowings during such period and (ii) any net increase in cash reserves for Operating Expenditures during such period required by any debt instrument for the repayment of principal, interest or premium. Adjusted Operating Surplus does not include that portion of Operating Surplus included in clause (a)(i) of the definition of Operating Surplus.

"ADJUSTED PROPERTY" means any property the Carrying Value of which has been adjusted pursuant to Section 5.5(d)(i) or 5.5(d)(ii).

"AFFILIATE" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Person in question. As used herein, the term "CONTROL" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"AGGREGATE REMAINING NET POSITIVE ADJUSTMENTS" means, as of the end of any taxable period of the Partnership, the sum of the Remaining Net Positive Adjustments of all the Partners.

"AGREED ALLOCATION" means any allocation, other than a Required Allocation, of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.1, including, without

limitation, a Curative Allocation (if appropriate to the context in which the term "AGREED ALLOCATION" is used).

"AGREED VALUE" of any Contributed Property means the fair market value of such property or other consideration at the time of contribution as determined by the General Partner using such reasonable method of valuation as it may adopt. The General Partner shall, in its discretion, use such method as it deems reasonable and appropriate to allocate the aggregate Agreed Value of Contributed Properties contributed to the Partnership in a single or integrated transaction among each separate property on a basis proportional to the fair market value of each Contributed Property.

"AGREEMENT" means this Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of TC PipeLines, LP, as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time

"ASSIGNEE" means a Non-citizen Assignee or a Person to whom one or more Limited Partner Interests have been transferred in a manner permitted under this Agreement and who has executed and delivered a Transfer Application as required by this Agreement, but who has not been admitted as a Substituted Limited Partner.

"ASSOCIATE" means, when used to indicate a relationship with any Person, (a) any corporation or organization of which such Person is a director, officer or partner or is, directly or indirectly, the owner of 20% or more of any class of voting stock or other voting interest; (b) any trust or other estate in which such Person has at least a 20% beneficial interest or as to which such Person serves as trustee or in a similar fiduciary capacity; and (c) any relative or spouse of such Person, or any relative of such spouse, who has the same principal residence as such Person.

- (a) the sum of (i) all cash and cash equivalents of the Partnership on hand at the end of such Quarter, and (ii) all additional cash and cash equivalents of the Partnership on hand on the date of determination of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter resulting from Working Capital Borrowings made subsequent to the end of such Quarter, less
- (b) the amount of any cash reserves that is necessary or appropriate in the reasonable discretion of the General Partner to (i) provide for the proper conduct of the business of the Partnership (including reserves for future capital expenditures and for anticipated future credit needs of the Partnership Group or any JV Entity) subsequent to such Quarter, (ii) comply with applicable law or any loan agreement, security agreement, mortgage, debt instrument or other agreement or obligation to which any Group Member is a party or by which it is bound or its assets are subject or (iii) provide funds for distributions under Section 6.4 or 6.5 in respect of any one or more of the next four Quarters; provided, however, that the General Partner may not establish cash reserves pursuant to (iii) above if the effect of such reserves would be that the Partnership is unable to distribute the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all Common Units, plus any Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage on all Common Units, with respect to such Quarter; and, provided further, that disbursements made by the Partnership or cash reserves established, increased or reduced after the end of such Quarter but on or before the date of determination of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter shall be deemed to have been made, established, increased or reduced, for purposes of determining Available Cash, within such Quarter if the General Partner so determines.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, "AVAILABLE CASH" with respect to the Quarter in which the Liquidation Date occurs and any subsequent Quarter shall equal zero.

"BOOK BASIS DERIVATIVE ITEMS" means any item of income, deduction, gain or loss included in the determination of Net Income or Net Loss that is computed with reference to the Carrying Value of an Adjusted Property (e.g., depreciation, depletion, gain or loss with respect to an Adjusted Property).

"BOOK-DOWN EVENT" means an event which triggers a negative adjustment to the Capital Accounts of the Partners pursuant to Section 5.5(d).

"BOOK-TAX DISPARITY" means with respect to any item of Contributed Property or Adjusted Property, as of the date of any determination, the difference between the Carrying Value of such Contributed Property or Adjusted Property and the adjusted basis thereof for federal income tax purposes as of such date. A Partner's share of the Partnership's Book-Tax Disparities in all of its Contributed Property and Adjusted Property will be reflected by the difference between such Partner's Capital Account balance as maintained pursuant to Section 5.5 and the hypothetical balance of such Partner's Capital Account computed as if it had been maintained strictly in accordance with federal income tax accounting principles.

"BOOK-UP EVENT" means an event which triggers a positive adjustment to the Capital Accounts of the Partners pursuant to Section 5.5(d).

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

"CAPITAL ACCOUNT" means the capital account maintained for a Partner pursuant to Section 5.5. The "CAPITAL ACCOUNT" of a Partner in respect of a General Partner Interest, a Common Unit, a Subordinated Unit, an Incentive Distribution Right or any other Partnership Interest shall be the amount which such Capital Account would be if such General Partner Interest, Common Unit, Subordinated Unit, Incentive Distribution Right or other Partnership Interest were the only interest in the Partnership held by a Partner from and after the date on which such General Partner Interest, Common Unit, Subordinated Unit, Incentive Distribution Right or other Partnership Interest was first issued.

"CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION" means any cash, cash equivalents or the Net Agreed Value of Contributed Property that a Partner contributes to the Partnership pursuant to this Agreement or the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement.

"CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT" means any (a) addition or improvement to the capital assets owned by any Group Member, (b) acquisition of existing, or the construction of new, capital assets (including, without limitation, pipeline systems, terminalling and storage facilities and related assets), in each case made to increase the operating capacity or revenues of the Partnership Group from the operating capacity or revenues of the Partnership Group existing immediately prior to such addition, improvement, acquisition or construction, (c) any similar addition, improvement, acquisition or construction by a JV Entity as a result of which a Group Member becomes obligated to make a capital contribution or similar payment to such JV Entity; and (d) any similar addition, improvement, acquisition or construction by a JV Entity as a result of which a Group Member is requested, but not obligated, to make a capital contribution or similar payment to such JV Entity and such Group Member reasonably believes such capital contribution or similar payment to be necessary to protect or enhance its investment in the JV Entity.

"CAPITAL SURPLUS" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.3(a).

"CARRYING VALUE" means (a) with respect to a Contributed Property, the Agreed Value of such property reduced (but not below zero) by all depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions charged to the Partners' Capital Accounts in respect of such Contributed Property, and

(b) with respect to any other Partnership property, the adjusted basis of such property for federal income tax purposes, all as of the time of determination. The Carrying Value of any property shall be adjusted from time to time in accordance with Sections 5.5(d)(i) and 5.5(d)(ii) and to reflect changes, additions or other adjustments to the Carrying Value for dispositions and acquisitions of Partnership properties, as deemed appropriate by the General Partner.

"CAUSE" means a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a final, non-appealable judgment finding the General Partner liable for actual fraud, gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct in its capacity as general partner of the Partnership.

"CERTIFICATE" means a certificate (i) substantially in the form of Exhibit A to this Agreement, (ii) issued in global form in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Depositary or (iii) in such other form as may be adopted by the General Partner in its discretion, issued by the Partnership evidencing ownership of one or more Common Units or a certificate, in such form as may be adopted by the General Partner in its discretion, issued by the Partnership evidencing ownership of one or more other Partnership Securities.

"CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP" means the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as referenced in Section 2.1, as such Certificate of Limited Partnership may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATION" means a properly completed certificate in such form as may be specified by the General Partner by which an Assignee or a Limited Partner certifies that he (and if he is a nominee holding for the account of another Person, that to the best of his knowledge such other Person) is an Eligible Citizen.

"CLAIM" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.12(c).

"CLOSING DATE" means the first date on which Common Units are sold by the Partnership to the Underwriters pursuant to the provisions of the Underwriting Agreement.

"CLOSING PRICE" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 15.1(a).

"CODE" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and in effect from time to time. Any reference herein to a specific section or sections of the Code shall be deemed to include a reference to any corresponding provision of successor law.

"COMBINED INTEREST" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 11.3(a).

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

"COMMON UNIT" means a Unit representing a fractional part of the Partnership Interests of all Limited Partners and Assignees other than holders of Incentive Distribution Rights) and having the rights and obligations specified with respect to Common Units in this Agreement. The term "COMMON UNIT" does not refer to a Subordinated Unit prior to its conversion into a Common Unit pursuant to the terms hereof.

"COMMON UNIT ARREARAGE" means, with respect to any Common Unit, whenever issued, as to any Quarter within the Subordination Period, the excess, if any, of (a) the Minimum Quarterly Distribution with respect to a Common Unit in respect of such Quarter over (b) the sum of all Available Cash distributed with respect to a Common Unit in respect of such Quarter pursuant to Section 6.4(a)(i).

"CONFLICTS COMMITTEE" means a committee of the Board of Directors of the General Partner composed entirely of two or more directors who are neither security holders, officers nor employees of the General Partner nor officers or employees of any Affiliate of the General Partner.

"CONTRIBUTED PROPERTY" means each property or other asset, in such form as may be permitted by the Delaware Act, but excluding cash, contributed to the Partnership (or deemed contributed to a new partnership on termination of the Partnership pursuant to Section 708 of the Code). Once the Carrying Value of a Contributed Property is adjusted pursuant to Section 5.5(d), such property shall no longer constitute a Contributed Property, but shall be deemed an Adjusted Property.

"CONTRIBUTION AND CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT" means that certain Contribution, Conveyance and Assumption Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the General Partner, the Partnership, the Intermediate Partnership, TransCan Northern, TransCanada Border Pipeline and certain other parties, together with the additional conveyance documents and instruments contemplated or referenced thereunder.

"CUMULATIVE COMMON UNIT ARREARAGE" means, with respect to any Common Unit, whenever issued, and as of the end of any Quarter, the excess, if any, of (a) the sum resulting from adding together the Common Unit Arrearage as to an Initial Common Unit for each of the Quarters within the Subordination Period ending on or before the last day of such Quarter over (b) the sum of any distributions theretofore made pursuant to Section 6.4(a)(ii) and the second sentence of Section 6.5 with respect to an Initial Common Unit (including any distributions to be made in respect of the last of such Quarters).

"CURATIVE ALLOCATION" means any allocation of an item of income, gain, deduction, loss or credit pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.1(d)(xi).

"CURRENT MARKET PRICE" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 15.1(a).

"DELAWARE ACT" means the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, 6 Del C. Section 17-101, et seq., as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and any successor to such statute.

"DEPARTING PARTNER" means a former General Partner from and after the effective date of any withdrawal or removal of such former General Partner pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2.

"DEPOSITARY" means, with respect to any Units issued in global form, The Depository Trust Company and its successors and permitted assigns.

"ECONOMIC RISK OF LOSS" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-2(a).

"ELIGIBLE CITIZEN" means a Person qualified to own interests in real property in jurisdictions in which any Group Member or JV Entity does business or proposes to do business from time to time, and whose status as a Limited Partner or Assignee does not or would not subject such Group Member or JV Entity to a significant risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any of its properties or any interest therein.

"EVENT OF WITHDRAWAL" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 11.1(a).

"FINAL SUBORDINATED UNITS" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.1(d)(x).

"FIRST LIQUIDATION TARGET AMOUNT" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.1(c)(i)(D).

"FIRST TARGET DISTRIBUTION" means \$0.5275 per Unit per Quarter (or, with respect to the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on June 30, 1999, it means the product of \$0.5275 multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of days in such period, and of which the denominator is 91), subject to adjustment in accordance with Sections 6.6 and 6.9.

"GENERAL PARTNER" means TC PipeLines GP, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its successors and permitted assigns as general partner of the Partnership.

"GENERAL PARTNER INTEREST" means the ownership interest of the General Partner in the Partnership (in its capacity as a general partner without reference to any Limited Partner Interest held by it), and includes any and all benefits to which the General Partner is entitled as provided in this Agreement, together with all obligations of the General Partner to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

"GROUP" means a Person that with or through any of its Affiliates or Associates has any agreement, arrangement or understanding for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting (except voting pursuant to a revocable proxy or consent given to such Person in response to a proxy or consent solicitation made to 10 or more Persons) or disposing of any Partnership Securities with any other Person that beneficially owns, or whose Affiliates or Associates beneficially own, directly or indirectly, Partnership Securities.

"GROUP MEMBER" means a member of the Partnership Group.

"HOLDER" as used in Section 7.12, has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.12(a).

"INCENTIVE DISTRIBUTION RIGHT" means a non-voting Limited Partner Interest initially held by the General Partner, which Partnership Interest will confer upon the holder thereof only the rights and obligations specifically provided in this Agreement with respect to Incentive Distribution Rights (and no other rights otherwise available to or other obligations of a holder of a Partnership Interest). Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the holder of an Incentive Distribution Right shall not be entitled to vote such Incentive Distribution Right on any Partnership matter except as may otherwise be required by law.

"INCENTIVE DISTRIBUTIONS" means any amount of cash distributed to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights pursuant to Sections 6.4(a)(iv), (v) and (vi) and 6.4(b)(ii), (iii) and (iv).

"INDEMNIFIED PERSONS" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.12(c).

"INDEMNITEE" means (a) the General Partner, (b) any Departing Partner, (c) any Person who is or was an Affiliate of the General Partner or any Departing Partner, (d) any Person who is or was a member, partner, officer, director, employee, agent or trustee of any Group Member, the General Partner or any Departing Partner or any Affiliate of any Group Member, the General Partner or any Departing Partner, and (e) any Person who is or was serving at the request of the General Partner or any Departing Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner or any Departing Partner as an officer, director, employee, member, partner, agent or trustee of another Person; provided, that a Person shall not be an Indemnitee by reason of providing, on a fee-for-services basis, trustee, fiduciary or custodial services.

"INITIAL COMMON UNITS" means the Common Units sold in the Initial Offering.

"INITIAL LIMITED PARTNERS" means TC PipeLines GP, Inc. (with respect to the Common Units, Subordinated Units and the Incentive Distribution Rights received by it pursuant to Section 5.2) and the Underwriters, in each case upon being admitted to the Partnership in accordance with Section 10.1.

"INITIAL UNIT PRICE" means (a) with respect to the Common Units and the Subordinated Units, the initial public offering price per Common Unit at which the Underwriters offered the Common Units to the public for sale as set forth on the cover page of the prospectus included as part of the Registration Statement and first issued at or after the time the Registration Statement first became effective or (b) with respect to any other class or series of Units, the price per Unit at which such class or series of Units is initially sold by the Partnership, as determined by the General Partner, in each case adjusted as the General Partner determines to be appropriate to give effect to any distribution, subdivision or combination of Units.

"INTERIM CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS" means the following transactions if they occur prior to the Liquidation Date: (a) borrowings, refinancings or refundings of indebtedness and sales of debt securities (other than Working Capital Borrowings and other than for items purchased on open account in the ordinary course of business) by any Group Member or JV Entity; (b) sales of equity interests by any Group Member or JV Entity (other than the Common Units sold to the Underwriters pursuant to the exercise of their over-allotment option); and (c) sales, exchanges or other voluntary or involuntary dispositions of any assets of any Group Member or JV Entity other than (i) sales, exchanges or other dispositions of inventory, accounts receivable and other assets in the ordinary course of business, and (ii) sales, exchanges or other dispositions of assets as part of normal retirements or replacements.

"INTERMEDIATE PARTNERSHIP" means TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, and any successors thereto.

"INTERMEDIATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT" means the Agreement of Limited Partnership of TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership, as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"ISSUE PRICE" means the price at which a Unit is purchased from the Partnership, after taking into account any sales commission or underwriting discount charged to the Partnership.

"JV ENTITY" means a Person other than an individual in which a Group Member holds a interest but which does not constitute a Subsidiary, including, without limitation, Northern Border Pipeline.

"LIMITED PARTNER" means, unless the context otherwise requires, (a) the Organizational Limited Partner prior to its withdrawal from the Partnership, each Initial Limited Partner, each Substituted Limited Partner, each Additional Limited Partner and any Partner upon the change of its status from General Partner to Limited Partner pursuant to Section 11.3 or (b) solely for purposes of Articles V, VI, VII and IX and Sections 12.3 and 12.4, each Assignee; provided, however, that when the term "LIMITED PARTNER" is used herein in the context of any vote or other approval, including without limitation Articles XIII and XIV, such term shall not, solely for such purpose, include any holder of an Incentive Distribution Right except as may otherwise be required by law.

"LIMITED PARTNER INTEREST" means the ownership interest of a Limited Partner or Assignee in the Partnership, which may be evidenced by Common Units, Subordinated Units, Incentive Distribution Rights or other Partnership Securities or a combination thereof or interest therein, and includes any and all benefits to which such Limited Partner or Assignee is entitled as provided in this Agreement, together with all obligations of such Limited Partner or Assignee to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement; provided, however, that when the term "LIMITED PARTNER INTEREST" is used herein in the context of any vote or other approval, including without limitation Articles XIII and XIV, such term shall not, solely for such purpose, include any holder of an Incentive Distribution Right except as may otherwise be required by law.

"LIQUIDATION DATE" means (a) in the case of an event giving rise to the dissolution of the Partnership of the type described in clauses (a) and (b) of the first sentence of Section 12.2, the date on which the applicable time period during which the holders of Outstanding Units have the

right to elect to reconstitute the Partnership and continue its business has expired without such an election being made, and (b) in the case of any other event giving rise to the dissolution of the Partnership, the date on which such event occurs

"LIQUIDATOR" means one or more Persons selected by the General Partner to perform the functions described in Section 12.3 as liquidating trustee of the Partnership within the meaning of the Delaware Act.

"MERGER AGREEMENT" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 14.1.

"MINIMUM QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION" means \$0.45 per Unit per Quarter (or with respect to the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on June 30, 1999, it means the product of \$0.45 multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of days in such period and of which the denominator is 91), subject to adjustment in accordance with Sections 6.6 and 6.9.

"NATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE" means an exchange registered with the Commission under Section 6(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and any successor to such statute, or the Nasdaq Stock Market or any successor thereto.

"NET AGREED VALUE" means, (a) in the case of any Contributed Property, the Agreed Value of such property reduced by any liabilities either assumed by the Partnership upon such contribution or to which such property is subject when contributed, and (b) in the case of any property distributed to a Partner or Assignee by the Partnership, the Partnership's Carrying Value of such property (as adjusted pursuant to Section 5.5(d)(ii)) at the time such property is distributed, reduced by any liabilities either assumed by such Partner or Assignee upon such distribution or to which such property is subject at the time of distribution, in either case, as determined under Section 752 of the Code.

"NET INCOME" means, for any taxable period, the excess, if any, of the Partnership's items of income and gain (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period over the Partnership's items of loss and deduction (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period. The items included in the calculation of Net Income shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items specially allocated under Section 6.1(d); provided that the determination of the items that have been specially allocated under Section 6.1(d) shall be made as if Section 6.1(d)(xii) were not in this Agreement.

"NET LOSS" means, for any taxable period, the excess, if any, of the Partnership's items of loss and deduction (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period over the Partnership's items of income and gain (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period. The items included in the calculation of Net Loss shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items specially allocated under Section 6.1(d); provided that the determination of the items that have been specially allocated under Section 6.1(d) shall be made as if Section 6.1(d)(xii) were not in this Agreement.

"NET POSITIVE ADJUSTMENTS" means, with respect to any Partner, the excess, if any, of the total positive adjustments over the total negative adjustments made to the Capital Account of such Partner pursuant to Book-Up Events and Book-Down Events.

"NET TERMINATION GAIN" means, for any taxable period, the sum, if positive, of all items of income, gain, loss or deduction recognized by the Partnership after the Liquidation Date. The items included in the determination of Net Termination Gain shall be determined in accordance with

Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items of income, gain, loss or deduction specially allocated under Section 6.1(d).

"NET TERMINATION LOSS" means, for any taxable period, the sum, if negative, of all items of income, gain, loss or deduction recognized by the Partnership after the Liquidation Date. The items included in the determination of Net Termination Loss shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items of income, gain, loss or deduction specially allocated under Section 6.1(d).

"NON-CITIZEN ASSIGNEE" means a Person whom the General Partner has determined in its discretion does not constitute an Eligible Citizen and as to whose Partnership Interest the General Partner has become the Substituted Limited Partner, pursuant to Section 4.9.

"NONRECOURSE BUILT-IN GAIN" means with respect to any Contributed Properties or Adjusted Properties that are subject to a mortgage, pledge or other lien securing a Nonrecourse Liability, the amount of any taxable gain that would be allocated to the Partners pursuant to Sections 6.2(b)(i)(A), 6.2(b)(ii)(A) and 6.2(b)(iii) if such properties were disposed of in a taxable transaction in full satisfaction of such liabilities and for no other consideration.

"NONRECOURSE DEDUCTIONS" means any and all items of loss, deduction or expenditures (described in Section 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code) that, in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(b), are attributable to a Nonrecourse Liability.

"NONRECOURSE LIABILITY" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-1(a)(2).

"NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE" means Northern Border Pipeline Company, a Texas general partnership.

"NOTICE OF ELECTION TO PURCHASE" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 15.1(b).

"OPERATING EXPENDITURES" means all Partnership expenditures, including, but not limited to, operating expenses, taxes, reimbursements of the General Partner, debt service payments, and capital expenditures, subject to the following:

- (a) Payments (including prepayments) of principal of and premium on indebtedness shall not be an Operating Expenditure if the payment is (i) required in connection with the sale or other disposition of assets or (ii) made in connection with the refinancing or refunding of indebtedness with the proceeds from new indebtedness or from the sale of equity interests. For purposes of the foregoing, at the election and in the reasonable discretion of the General Partner, any payment of principal or premium shall be deemed to be refunded or refinanced by any indebtedness incurred or to be incurred by the Partnership within 180 days before or after such payment to the extent of the principal amount of such indebtedness.
- (b) Operating Expenditures shall not include (i) capital expenditures made for Acquisitions or for Capital Improvements, (ii) payment of transaction expenses relating to Interim Capital Transactions or (iii) distributions to Partners. Where capital expenditures are made in part for Acquisitions or for Capital Improvements and in part for other purposes, the General Partner's good faith allocation between the amounts paid for each shall be conclusive.

"OPERATING SURPLUS" means, with respect to any period ending prior to the Liquidation Date, on a cumulative basis and without duplication,

(a) the sum of (i) \$20 million plus all cash and cash equivalents of the Partnership on hand as of the close of business on the Closing Date, (ii) all cash receipts of the Partnership for the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending with the last day of such period, other than cash receipts from Interim Capital Transactions (except to the extent specified in Section 6.5) and (iii) all cash receipts of the Partnership after the end of such period but on or before the date of determination of Operating Surplus with respect to such period resulting from Working Capital Borrowings, less

(b) the sum of (i) Operating Expenditures for the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending with the last day of such period and (ii) the amount of cash reserves that is necessary or advisable in the reasonable discretion of the General Partner to provide funds for future Operating Expenditures; provided, however, that disbursements made (including contributions to a Group Member or disbursements on behalf of a Group Member) or cash reserves established, increased or reduced after the end of such period but on or before the date of determination of Available Cash with respect to such period shall be deemed to have been made, established, increased or reduced, for purposes of determining Operating Surplus, within such period if the General Partner so determines.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, "OPERATING SURPLUS" with respect to the Quarter in which the Liquidation Date occurs and any subsequent Quarter shall equal zero.

"OPINION OF COUNSEL" means a written opinion of counsel (who may be regular counsel to the Partnership or the General Partner or any of its Affiliates) acceptable to the General Partner in its reasonable discretion.

"ORGANIZATIONAL LIMITED PARTNER" means TransCan Northern in its capacity as the organizational limited partner of the Partnership pursuant to this Agreement.

"OUTSTANDING" means, with respect to Partnership Securities, all Partnership Securities that are issued by the Partnership and reflected as outstanding on the Partnership's books and records as of the date of determination; provided, however, that if at any time any Person or Group (other than the General Partner or its Affiliates) beneficially owns 20% or more of any Outstanding Partnership Securities of any class then Outstanding, all Partnership Securities owned by such Person or Group shall not be voted on any matter and shall not be considered to be Outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of Limited Partners to vote on any matter (unless otherwise required by law), calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes under this Agreement, except that Common Units so owned shall be considered to be Outstanding for purposes of Section 11.1(b)(iv) (such Common Units shall not, however, be treated as a separate class of Partnership Securities for purposes of this Agreement); provided, further, that the foregoing limitation shall not apply (i) to any Person or Group who acquired 20% or more of any Outstanding Partnership Securities of any class then Outstanding directly from the General Partner or its Affiliates or (ii) to any Person or Group who acquired 20% or more of any Outstanding Partnership Securities of any class then Outstanding directly or indirectly from a Person or Group described in clause (i) provided that the General Partner shall have notified such Person or Group in writing that such limitation shall not apply.

"OVER-ALLOTMENT OPTION" means the over-allotment option granted to the Underwriters by the Partnership pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement.

"PARITY UNITS" means Common Units and all other Units having rights to distributions or in liquidation ranking on a parity with the Common Units.

"PARTNER NONRECOURSE DEBT" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(b)(4).

"PARTNER NONRECOURSE DEBT MINIMUM GAIN" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(2).

"PARTNER NONRECOURSE DEDUCTIONS" means any and all items of loss, deduction or expenditure (including, without limitation, any expenditure described in Section 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code) that, in

accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i), are attributable to a Partner Nonrecourse Debt.

"PARTNERS" means the General Partner and the Limited Partners.

"PARTNERSHIP" means TC PipeLines, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and any successors thereto.

"PARTNERSHIP GROUP" means the Partnership, the Intermediate Partnership and any Subsidiary of any such entity, treated as a single consolidated entity.

"PARTNERSHIP INTEREST" means an interest in the Partnership, which shall include the General Partner Interest and Limited Partner Interests.

"PARTNERSHIP MINIMUM GAIN" means that amount determined in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(d).

"PARTNERSHIP SECURITY" means any class or series of equity interest in the Partnership (but excluding any options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to an equity interest in the Partnership), including without limitation, Common Units, Subordinated Units and Incentive Distribution Rights.

"PERCENTAGE INTEREST" means as of any date of determination (a) as to the General Partner (with respect to its General Partner Interest), an aggregate 1%, (b) as to any Unitholder or Assignee holding Units, the product obtained by multiplying (i) 99% less the percentage applicable to paragraph (c) by (ii) the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the number of Units held by such Unitholder or Assignee by (B) the total number of all Outstanding Units, and (c) as to the holders of additional Partnership Securities issued by the Partnership in accordance with Section 5.6, the percentage established as a part of such issuance. The Percentage Interest with respect to an Incentive Distribution Right shall at all times be zero.

"PERSON" means an individual or a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, unincorporated organization, association, government agency or political subdivision thereof or other entity.

"PER UNIT CAPITAL AMOUNT" means, as of any date of determination, the Capital Account, stated on a per Unit basis, underlying any Unit held by a Person other than the General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner who holds Units.

"PRO RATA" means (a) when modifying Units or any class thereof, apportioned equally among all designated Units in accordance with their relative Percentage Interests, (b) when modifying Partners and Assignees, apportioned among all Partners and Assignees in accordance with their relative Percentage Interests and (c) when modifying holders of Incentive Distribution Rights, apportioned equally among all holders of Incentive Distribution Rights in accordance with the relative number of Incentive Distribution Rights held by each such holder.

"PURCHASE DATE" means the date determined by the General Partner as the date for purchase of all Outstanding Units of a certain class (other than Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates) pursuant to Article XV.

"QUARTER" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a fiscal quarter of the Partnership.

"RECAPTURE INCOME" means any gain recognized by the Partnership (computed without regard to any adjustment required by Section 734 or Section 743 of the Code) upon the disposition of any property or asset of the Partnership, which gain is characterized as ordinary income because it represents the recapture of deductions previously taken with respect to such property or asset.

"RECORD DATE" means the date established by the General Partner for determining (a) the identity of the Record Holders entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any meeting of Limited Partners or entitled to vote by ballot or give approval of Partnership action in writing without a meeting or entitled to exercise rights in respect of any lawful action of Limited Partners or (b) the identity of Record Holders entitled to receive any report or distribution or to participate in any offer.

"RECORD HOLDER" means the Person in whose name a Common Unit is registered on the books of the Transfer Agent as of the opening of business on a particular Business Day, or with respect to other Partnership Securities, the Person in whose name any such other Partnership Security is registered on the books which the General Partner has caused to be kept as of the opening of business on such Business Day.

"REDEEMABLE INTERESTS" means any Partnership Interests for which a redemption notice has been given, and has not been withdrawn, pursuant to Section 4.10.

"REGISTRATION STATEMENT" means the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-69947) as it has been or as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, filed by the Partnership with the Commission under the Securities Act to register the offering and sale of the Common Units in the Initial Offering.

"REMAINING NET POSITIVE ADJUSTMENTS" means as of the end of any taxable period, (i) with respect to the Unitholders holding Common Units or Subordinated Units, the excess of (a) the Net Positive Adjustments of the Unitholders holding Common Units or Subordinated Units as of the end of such period over (b) the sum of those Unitholders' Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items for each prior taxable period, (ii) with respect to the General Partner (as holder of the General Partner Interest), the excess of (a) the Net Positive Adjustments of the General Partner as of the end of such period over (b) the sum of the General Partner's Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items with respect to the General Partner Interest for each prior taxable period, and (iii) with respect to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights, the excess of (a) the Net Positive Adjustments of the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights as of the end of such period over (b) the sum of the Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items of the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights for each prior taxable period.

"REQUIRED ALLOCATIONS" means (a) any limitation imposed on any allocation of Net Losses or Net Termination Losses under Section 6.1(b) or 6.1(c)(ii) and (b) any allocation of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(i), 6.1(d)(ii), 6.1(d)(iv), 6.1(d)(vii) or 6.1(d)(ix).

"RESIDUAL GAIN" or "RESIDUAL LOSS" means any item of gain or loss, as the case may be, of the Partnership recognized for federal income tax purposes resulting from a sale, exchange or other disposition of a Contributed Property or Adjusted Property, to the extent such item of gain or loss is not allocated pursuant to Section 6.2(b)(i)(A), respectively, to eliminate Book-Tax Disparities.

"SECOND LIQUIDATION TARGET AMOUNT" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.1(c)(i)(E).

"SECOND TARGET DISTRIBUTION" means \$0.6900 per Unit per Quarter (or, with respect to the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on June 30, 1999, it means the product of \$0.6900 multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is equal to the number of days in such period and of which the denominator is 91), subject to adjustment in accordance with Sections 6.6 and 6.9.

"SECURITIES ACT" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time and any successor to such statute.

"SHARE OF ADDITIONAL BOOK BASIS DERIVATIVE ITEMS" means in connection with any allocation of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items for any taxable period, (i) with respect to the Unitholders holding Common Units or Subordinated Units, the amount that bears the same ratio to such

Additional Book Basis Derivative Items as the Unitholders' Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of the end of such period bears to the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of that time, (ii) with respect to the General Partner (as holder of the General Partner Interest), the amount that bears the same ratio to such additional Book Basis Derivative Items as the General Partner's Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of the end of such period bears to the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustment as of that time, and (iii) with respect to the Partners holding Incentive Distribution Rights, the amount that bears the same ratio to such Additional Book Basis Derivative Items as the Remaining Net Positive Adjustments of the Partners holding the Incentive Distribution Rights as of the end of such period bears to the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of that time.

"SPECIAL APPROVAL" means approval by a majority of the members of the Conflicts Committee.

"SUBORDINATED UNIT" means a Unit representing a fractional part of the Partnership Interests of all Limited Partners and Assignees (other than of holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights) and having the rights and obligations specified with respect to Subordinated Units in this Agreement. The term "SUBORDINATED UNIT" as used herein does not include a Common Unit.

"SUBORDINATION PERIOD" means the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on the first to occur of the following dates:

- (a) the first day of any Quarter beginning after June 30, 2004 in respect of which (i) (A) distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus on each of the Outstanding Common Units and Outstanding Subordinated Units with respect to each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-Quarter periods immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded the sum of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all Common Units and Subordinated Units that were Outstanding during such periods and (B) the Adjusted Operating Surplus generated during each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-Quarter periods immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded the sum of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all of the Common Units and Subordinated Units that were Outstanding during such periods on a fully diluted basis (i.e., taking into account for purposes of such determination all Outstanding Common Units, all Outstanding Subordinated Units, all Common Units and Subordinated Units issuable upon exercise of employee options that have, as of the date of determination, already vested or are scheduled to vest prior to the end of the Quarter immediately following the Quarter with respect to which such determination is made, and all Common Units and Subordinated Units that have as of the date of determination, been earned by but not yet issued to management of the Partnership in respect of incentive compensation), plus the related distribution on the General Partner Interest in the Partnership and on the general partner interest in the Intermediate Partnership, during such periods and (ii) there are no Cumulative Common Unit Arrearages; and
- (b) the date on which the General Partner is removed as general partner of the Partnership upon the requisite vote by holders of Outstanding Units under circumstances where Cause does not exist and Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates are not voted in favor of such removal.

"SUBSIDIARY" means, with respect to any Person, (a) a corporation of which more than 50% of the voting power of shares entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors or other governing body of such corporation is owned, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination, by such Person, by one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or a combination thereof, (b) a partnership (whether general or limited) in which such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person is, at the date of determination, a general or limited partner of such partnership, but only if more than 50% of the partnership interests of such partnership (considering all of the partnership interests of the partnership as a single class) is owned, directly or indirectly, at

the date of determination, by such Person, by one or more Subsidiaries of such Person, or a combination thereof, or (c) any other Person (other than a corporation or a partnership) in which such Person, one or more Subsidiaries of such Person, or a combination thereof, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination, has (i) at least a majority ownership interest or (ii) the power to elect or direct the election of a majority of the directors or other governing body of such Person. The foregoing definition shall not include any JV Entity, including, without limitation, Northern Border Pipeline.

"SUBSTITUTED LIMITED PARTNER" means a Person who is admitted as a Limited Partner to the Partnership pursuant to Section 10.2 in place of and with all the rights of a Limited Partner and who is shown as a Limited Partner on the books and records of the Partnership.

"SURVIVING BUSINESS ENTITY" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 14.2(b).

"TRADING DAY" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 15.1(a).

"TRANSCANADA" means TransCanada PipeLines Limited, a Canadian corporation.

"TRANSCANADA BORDER PIPELINE" means TransCanada Border Pipeline Ltd., a Nevada corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of TransCanada.

"TRANSCAN NORTHERN" means TransCan Northern Ltd., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of TransCanada.

"TRANSFER" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 4.4(a).

"TRANSFER AGENT" means such bank, trust company or other Person (including the General Partner or one of its Affiliates) as shall be appointed from time to time by the Partnership to act as registrar and transfer agent for the Common Units; provided that if no Transfer Agent is specifically designated for any other Partnership Securities, the General Partner shall act in such capacity.

"TRANSFER APPLICATION" means an application and agreement for transfer of Units in the form set forth on the back of a Certificate or in a form substantially to the same effect in a separate instrument.

"TREASURY REGULATIONS" means the permanent, temporary or proposed regulations of the United States Department of the Treasury promulgated under the Code, as such regulations may be amended and in effect from time to time. Any reference herein to a specific section or sections of the Treasury Regulations shall be deemed to include a reference to any corresponding provision of successor law.

"UNDERWRITER" means each Person named as an underwriter in Schedule I to the Underwriting Agreement who purchases Common Units pursuant thereto.

"UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT" means the Underwriting Agreement dated May 24, 1999 among the Underwriters, the Partnership, the Intermediate Partnership, the General Partner, TransCanada and others, providing for the purchase of Common Units by such Underwriters.

"UNIT" means a Partnership Security that is designated as a "UNIT" and shall include Common Units and Subordinated Units but shall not include (i) a General Partner Interest or (ii) Incentive Distribution Rights.

"UNITHOLDERS" means the holders of Common Units and Subordinated Units.

"UNIT MAJORITY" means, during the Subordination Period, at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units voting as a class and at least a majority of the Outstanding Subordinated Units voting as a class, and thereafter, at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units.

"UNPAID MQD" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.1(c)(i)(B).

"UNREALIZED GAIN" attributable to any item of Partnership property means, as of any date of determination, the excess, if any, of (a) the fair market value of such property as of such date (as

determined under Section 5.5(d)) over (b) the Carrying Value of such property as of such date (prior to any adjustment to be made pursuant to Section 5.5(d) as of such date).

"UNREALIZED LOSS" attributable to any item of Partnership property means, as of any date of determination, the excess, if any, of (a) the Carrying Value of such property as of such date (prior to any adjustment to be made pursuant to Section 5.5(d) as of such date) over (b) the fair market value of such property as of such date (as determined under Section 5.5(d)).

"UNRECOVERED CAPITAL" means at any time, with respect to a Unit, the Initial Unit Price less the sum of all distributions constituting Capital Surplus theretofore made in respect of an Initial Common Unit and any distributions of cash (or the Net Agreed Value of any distributions in kind) in connection with the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership theretofore made in respect of an Initial Common Unit, adjusted as the General Partner determines to be appropriate to give effect to any distribution, subdivision or combination of such Units.

"U.S. GAAP" means United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles consistently applied.

"WITHDRAWAL OPINION OF COUNSEL" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section  ${\bf 11.1}(b)\,.$ 

"WORKING CAPITAL BORROWINGS" means borrowings exclusively for working capital purposes. Amounts drawn from a credit facility to enable the Partnership to pay distributions to partners of the Partnership if there has been a temporary interruption or delay in receipt of distributions from Northern Border Pipeline shall also constitute Working Capital Borrowings.

# Section 1.2 CONSTRUCTION.

Unless the context requires otherwise: (a) any pronoun used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine or neuter forms, and the singular form of nouns, pronouns and verbs shall include the plural and vice versa; (b) references to Articles and Sections refer to Articles and Sections of this Agreement; and (c) the term "INCLUDE" or "INCLUDES" means includes, without limitation, and "INCLUDING" means including, without limitation.

# ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION

# Section 2.1 FORMATION.

The General Partner and the Organizational Limited Partner have previously formed the Partnership as a limited partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act and hereby amend and restate the original Agreement of Limited Partnership of TC Pipelines, LP in its entirety. This amendment and restatement shall become effective on the date of this Agreement. Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement, the rights, duties (including fiduciary duties), liabilities and obligations of the Partners and the administration, dissolution and termination of the Partnership shall be governed by the Delaware Act. All Partnership Interests shall constitute personal property of the owner thereof for all purposes and a Partner has no interest in specific Partnership property.

The name of the Partnership shall be "TC PipeLines, LP" The Partnership's business may be conducted under any other name or names deemed necessary or appropriate by the General Partner in its sole discretion, including the name of the General Partner. The words "Limited Partnership," "L.P.," "Ltd." or similar words or letters shall be included in the Partnership's name where necessary for the purpose of complying with the laws of any jurisdiction that so requires. The General Partner in its discretion may change the name of the Partnership at any time and from time to time and shall notify the Limited Partners of such change in the next regular communication to the Limited Partners.

Section 2.3 REGISTERED OFFICE; REGISTERED AGENT; PRINCIPAL OFFICE; OTHER OFFICES.

Unless and until changed by the General Partner, the registered office of the Partnership in the State of Delaware shall be located at Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, and the registered agent for service of process on the Partnership in the State of Delaware at such registered office shall be The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The principal office of the Partnership shall be located at Four Greenspoint Plaza, 16945 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060 or such other place as the General Partner may from time to time designate by notice to the Limited Partners. The Partnership may maintain offices at such other place or places within or outside the State of Delaware as the General Partner deems necessary or appropriate. The address of the General Partner shall be Four Greenspoint Plaza, 16945 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060 or such other place as the General Partner may from time to time designate by notice to the Limited Partners.

# Section 2.4 PURPOSE AND BUSINESS.

The purpose and nature of the business to be conducted by the Partnership shall be to (a) serve as a partner of the Intermediate Partnership and, in connection therewith, to exercise all the rights and powers conferred upon the Partnership as a partner of the Intermediate Partnership pursuant to the Intermediate Partnership Agreement or otherwise, (b) engage directly in, or enter into or form any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other arrangement to engage indirectly in, any business activity that the Intermediate Partnership is permitted to engage in by the Intermediate Partnership Agreement and, in connection therewith, to exercise all of the rights and powers conferred upon the Partnership pursuant to the agreements relating to such business activity, (c) engage directly in, or enter into or form any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other arrangement to engage indirectly in, any business activity that is approved by the General Partner and which lawfully may be conducted by a limited partnership organized pursuant to the Delaware Act and, in connection therewith, to exercise all of the rights and powers conferred upon the Partnership pursuant to the agreements relating to such business activity provided, however, that the General Partner reasonably determines, as of the date of the acquisition or commencement of such activity, that such activity (i) generates "QUALIFYING INCOME" (as such term is defined pursuant to Section 7704 of the Code) or (ii) enhances the operations of an activity of the Intermediate Partnership or a Partnership activity that generates qualifying income, and (d) do anything necessary or appropriate to the foregoing, including the making of capital contributions or loans to a Group Member or JV Entity. The General Partner has no obligation or duty to the Partnership, the Limited Partners or the Assignees to propose or approve, and in its discretion may decline to propose or approve, the conduct by the Partnership of any business.

The Partnership shall be empowered to do any and all acts and things necessary, appropriate, proper, advisable, incidental to or convenient for the furtherance and accomplishment of the purposes and business described in Section 2.4

# Section 2.6 POWER OF ATTORNEY.

- (a) Each Limited Partner and each Assignee hereby constitutes and appoints the General Partner and, if a Liquidator shall have been selected pursuant to Section 12.3, the Liquidator, (and any successor to the Liquidator by merger, transfer, assignment, election or otherwise) and each of their authorized officers and attorneys-in-fact, as the case may be, with full power of substitution, as his true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority in his name, place and stead, to:
  - (i) execute, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file and record in the appropriate public offices (A) all certificates, documents and other instruments (including this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership and all amendments or restatements hereof or thereof) that the General Partner or the Liquidator deems necessary or appropriate to form, qualify or continue the existence or qualification of the Partnership as a limited partnership (or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability) in the State of Delaware and in all other jurisdictions in which the Partnership may conduct business or own property; (B) all certificates, documents and other instruments that the General Partner or the Liquidator deems necessary or appropriate to reflect, in accordance with its terms, any amendment, change, modification or restatement of this Agreement; (C) all certificates, documents and other instruments (including conveyances and a certificate of cancellation) that the General Partner or the Liquidator deems necessary or appropriate to reflect the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; (D) all certificates, documents and other instruments relating to the admission, withdrawal, removal or substitution of any Partner pursuant to, or other events described in, Article IV, X, XI or XII; (E) all certificates, documents and other instruments relating to the determination of the preferences, rights, powers, privileges and duties of any class or series of Partnership Securities issued pursuant to Section 5.6; and (F) all certificates, documents and other instruments (including agreements and a certificate of merger) relating to a merger or consolidation of the Partnership pursuant to Article XIV; and
  - (ii) execute, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file and record all ballots, consents, approvals, waivers, certificates, documents and other instruments necessary or appropriate, in the discretion of the General Partner or the Liquidator, to make, evidence, give, confirm or ratify any vote, consent, approval, agreement or other action that is made or given by the Partners hereunder or is consistent with the terms of this Agreement or is necessary or appropriate, in the discretion of the General Partner or the Liquidator, to effectuate the terms or intent of this Agreement; provided, that when required by Section 13.3 or any other provision of this Agreement that establishes a percentage of the Limited Partners or of the Limited Partners of any class or series required to take any action, the General Partner and the Liquidator may exercise the power of attorney made in this Section 2.6(a)(ii) only after the necessary vote, consent or approval of the Limited Partners or of the Limited Partners of such class or series, as applicable.

Nothing contained in this Section 2.6(a) shall be construed as authorizing the General Partner to amend this Agreement except in accordance with Article XIII or as may be otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement.

(b) The foregoing power of attorney is hereby declared to be irrevocable and a power coupled with an interest, and it shall survive and, to the maximum extent permitted by law, not be affected by the subsequent death, incompetency, disability, incapacity, dissolution, bankruptcy or termination of any Limited Partner or Assignee and the transfer of all or any portion of such Limited Partner's or Assignee's Partnership Interest and shall extend to such Limited Partner's or Assignee's heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives. Each such Limited Partner or Assignee hereby agrees to be bound by any representation made by the General Partner or the Liquidator acting in good faith pursuant to such power of attorney; and each such Limited Partner or Assignee, to the maximum extent permitted by law, hereby waives any and all defenses that may be available to contest, negate or disaffirm the action of the General Partner or the Liquidator taken in good faith under such power of attorney. Each Limited Partner or Assignee shall execute and deliver to the General Partner or the Liquidator, within 15 days after receipt of the request therefor, such further designation, powers of attorney and other instruments as the General Partner or the Liquidator deems necessary to effectuate this Agreement and the purposes of the Partnership.

#### Section 2.7 TERM.

The term of the Partnership commenced upon the filing of the Certificate of Limited Partnership in accordance with the Delaware Act and shall continue in existence until the close of Partnership business on December 31, 2097 or until the earlier dissolution of the Partnership in accordance with the provisions of Article XII. The existence of the Partnership as a separate legal entity shall continue until the cancellation of the Certificate of Limited Partnership as provided in the Delaware Act.

# Section 2.8 TITLE TO PARTNERSHIP ASSETS.

Title to Partnership assets, whether real, personal or mixed and whether tangible or intangible, shall be deemed to be owned by the Partnership as an entity, and no Partner or Assignee, individually or collectively, shall have any ownership interest in such Partnership assets or any portion thereof. Title to any or all of the Partnership assets may be held in the name of the Partnership, the General Partner, one or more of its Affiliates or one or more nominees, as the General Partner may determine. The General Partner hereby declares and warrants that any Partnership assets for which record title is held in the name of the General Partner or one or more of its Affiliates or one or more nominees shall be held by the General Partner or such Affiliate or nominee for the use and benefit of the Partnership in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; provided, however, that the General Partner shall use reasonable efforts to cause record title to such assets (other than those assets in respect of which the General Partner determines that the expense and difficulty of conveyancing makes transfer of record title to the Partnership impracticable) to be vested in the Partnership as soon as reasonably practicable; provided, further, that, prior to the withdrawal or removal of the General Partner or as soon thereafter as practicable, the General Partner shall use reasonable efforts to effect the transfer of record title to the Partnership and, prior to any such transfer, will provide for the use of such assets in a manner satisfactory to the General Partner. All Partnership assets shall be recorded as the property of the Partnership in its books and records, irrespective of the name in which record title to such Partnership assets is held.

# ARTICLE III RIGHTS OF LIMITED PARTNERS

#### Section 3.1 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

The Limited Partners and the Assignees shall have no liability under this Agreement except as expressly provided in this Agreement or the Delaware Act.

# Section 3.2 MANAGEMENT OF BUSINESS.

No Limited Partner or Assignee, in its capacity as such, shall participate in the operation, management or control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership. Any action taken by any Affiliate of the General Partner or any officer, director, employee, member, general partner, agent or trustee of the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, or any officer, director, employee, member, general partner, agent or trustee of a Group Member, in its capacity as such, shall not be deemed to be participation in the control of the business of the Partnership by a limited partner of the Partnership (within the meaning of Section 17-303(a) of the Delaware Act) and shall not affect, impair or eliminate the limitations on the liability of the Limited Partners or Assignees under this Agreement.

# Section 3.3 OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES OF THE LIMITED PARTNERS.

Subject to the provisions of Section 7.5, which shall continue to be applicable to the Persons referred to therein, regardless of whether such Persons shall also be Limited Partners or Assignees, any Limited Partner or Assignee shall be entitled to and may have business interests and engage in business activities in addition to those relating to the Partnership, including business interests and activities in direct competition with any Group Member or JV Entity. Neither the Partnership nor any of the other Partners or Assignees shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement in any business ventures of any Limited Partner or Assignee.

# Section 3.4 RIGHTS OF LIMITED PARTNERS.

- (a) In addition to other rights provided by this Agreement or by applicable law, and except as limited by Section 3.4(b), each Limited Partner shall have the right, for a purpose reasonably related to such Limited Partner's interest as a limited partner in the Partnership, upon reasonable written demand and at such Limited Partner's own expense:
  - (i) to obtain true and full information regarding the status of the business and financial condition of the Partnership;
  - (ii) promptly after becoming available, to obtain a copy of the Partnership's federal, state and local income tax returns for each year;
  - (iii) to have furnished to him a current list of the name and last known business, residence or mailing address of each Partner;
  - (iv) to have furnished to him a copy of this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership and all amendments thereto, together with a copy of the executed copies of all powers of attorney pursuant to which this Agreement, the Certificate of Limited Partnership and all amendments thereto have been executed;
  - (v) to obtain true and full information regarding the amount of cash and a description and statement of the Net Agreed Value of any other Capital Contribution by each Partner and which each Partner has agreed to contribute in the future, and the date on which each became a Partner; and

- (vi) to obtain such other information regarding the affairs of the Partnership as is just and reasonable.
- (b) The General Partner may keep confidential from the Limited Partners and Assignees, for such period of time as the General Partner deems reasonable, (i) any information that the General Partner reasonably believes to be in the nature of trade secrets or (ii) other information the disclosure of which the General Partner in good faith believes (A) is not in the best interests of any Group Member or JV Entity, (B) could damage any Group Member or JV Entity or (C) that any Group Member or JV Entity is required by law or by agreement with any third party to keep confidential (other than agreements with Affiliates of the Partnership the primary purpose of which is to circumvent the obligations set forth in this Section 3.4).

#### ARTICLE IV

CERTIFICATES; RECORD HOLDERS; TRANSFER OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS; REDEMPTION OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS

Section 4.1 CERTIFICATES.

Upon the Partnership's issuance of Common Units or Subordinated Units to any Person, the Partnership shall issue one or more Certificates in the name of such Person evidencing the number of such Units being so issued. In addition, (a) upon the General Partner's request, the Partnership shall issue to it one or more Certificates in the name of the General Partner evidencing its interests in the Partnership and (b) upon the request of any Person holding Incentive Distribution Rights or any other Partnership Securities other than Common Units or Subordinated Units, the Partnership shall issue to such Person one or more certificates evidencing such Incentive Distribution Rights or other Partnership Securities other than Common Units or Subordinated Units. Certificates shall be executed on behalf of the Partnership by the Chairman, President or any Executive Vice President or Vice President and the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the General Partner. No Common Unit Certificate shall be valid for any purpose until it has been countersigned by the Transfer Agent; provided, however, that if the General Partner elects to issue Common Units in global form, the Common Unit Certificates shall be valid upon receipt of a certificate from the Transfer Agent certifying that the Common Units have been duly registered in accordance with the directions of the Partnership and the Underwriters. Subject to the requirements of Section 6.7(b), the Partners holding Certificates evidencing Subordinated Units may exchange such Certificates for Certificates evidencing Common Units on or after the date on which such Subordinated Units are converted into Common Units pursuant to the terms of Section 5.8.

# Section 4.2 MUTILATED, DESTROYED, LOST OR STOLEN CERTIFICATES.

- (a) If any mutilated Certificate is surrendered to the Transfer Agent, the appropriate officers of the General Partner on behalf of the Partnership shall execute, and the Transfer Agent shall countersign and deliver in exchange therefor, a new Certificate evidencing the same number and type of Partnership Securities as the Certificate so surrendered.
- (b) The appropriate officers of the General Partner on behalf of the Partnership shall execute and deliver, and the Transfer Agent shall countersign a new Certificate in place of any Certificate previously issued if the Record Holder of the Certificate:
  - (i) makes proof by affidavit, in form and substance satisfactory to the Partnership, that a previously issued Certificate has been lost, destroyed or stolen;
  - (ii) requests the issuance of a new Certificate before the Partnership has notice that the Certificate has been acquired by a purchaser for value in good faith and without notice of an adverse claim;

- (iii) if requested by the Partnership, delivers to the Partnership a bond, in form and substance satisfactory to the Partnership, with surety or sureties and with fixed or open penalty as the Partnership may reasonably direct, in its sole discretion, to indemnify the Partnership, the Partners, the General Partner and the Transfer Agent against any claim that may be made on account of the alleged loss, destruction or theft of the Certificate; and
- (iv) satisfies any other reasonable requirements imposed by the Partnership.

If a Limited Partner or Assignee fails to notify the Partnership within a reasonable time after he has notice of the loss, destruction or theft of a Certificate, and a transfer of the Limited Partner Interests represented by the Certificate is registered before the Partnership, the General Partner or the Transfer Agent receives such notification, the Limited Partner or Assignee shall be precluded from making any claim against the Partnership, the General Partner or the Transfer Agent for such transfer or for a new Certificate.

(c) As a condition to the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section 4.2, the Partnership may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Transfer Agent) reasonably connected therewith.

# Section 4.3 RECORD HOLDERS.

The Partnership shall be entitled to recognize the Record Holder as the Partner or Assignee with respect to any Partnership Interest and, accordingly, shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such Partnership Interest on the part of any other Person, regardless of whether the Partnership shall have actual or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by law or any applicable rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which such Partnership Interests are listed for trading. Without limiting the foregoing, when a Person (such as a broker, dealer, bank, trust company or clearing corporation or an agent of any of the foregoing) is acting as nominee, agent or in some other representative capacityfor another Person in acquiring and/or holding Partnership Interests, as between the Partnership on the one hand, and such other Persons on the other, such representative Person (a) shall be the Partner or Assignee (as the case may be) of record and beneficially, (b) must execute and deliver a Transfer Application and (c) shall be bound by this Agreement and shall have the rights and obligations of a Partner or Assignee (as the case may be) hereunder and as, and to the extent, provided for herein.

# Section 4.4 TRANSFER GENERALLY.

- (a) The term "TRANSFER," when used in this Agreement with respect to a Partnership Interest, shall be deemed to refer to a transaction by which the General Partner assigns its General Partner Interest to another Person who becomes the General Partner, by which the holder of a Limited Partner Interest assigns such Limited Partner Interest to another Person who is or becomes a Limited Partner or an Assignee, and includes a sale, assignment, gift, pledge, encumbrance, hypothecation, mortgage, exchange or any other disposition by law or otherwise.
- (b) No Partnership Interest shall be transferred, in whole or in part, except in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Article IV. Any transfer or purported transfer of a Partnership Interest not made in accordance with this Article IV shall be null and void.
- (c) Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent a disposition by any stockholder of the General Partner of any or all of the issued and outstanding stock of the General Partner.

- (a) The Partnership shall keep or cause to be kept on behalf of the Partnership a register in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe and subject to the provisions of Section 4.5(b), the Partnership will provide for the registration and transfer of Limited Partner Interests. The Transfer Agent is hereby appointed registrar and transfer agent for the purpose of registering Common Units and transfers of such Common Units as herein provided. The Partnership shall not recognize transfers of Certificates evidencing Limited Partner Interests unless such transfers are effected in the manner described in this Section 4.5. Upon surrender of a Certificate for registration of transfer of any Limited Partner Interests evidenced by a Certificate, and subject to the provisions of Section 4.5(b), the appropriate officers of the General Partner on behalf of the Partnership shall execute and deliver, and in the case of Common Units, the Transfer Agent shall countersign and deliver, in the name of the holder or the designated transferee or transferees, as required pursuant to the holder's instructions, one or more new Certificates evidencing the same aggregate number and type of Limited Partner Interests as was evidenced by the Certificate so surrendered.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in Section 4.9, the Partnership shall not recognize any transfer of Limited Partner Interests until the Certificates evidencing such Limited Partner Interests are surrendered for registration of transfer and such Certificates are accompanied by a Transfer Application duly executed by the transferee (or the transferee's attorney-in-fact duly authorized in writing). No charge shall be imposed by the Partnership for such transfer; provided, that as a condition to the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section 4.5, the Partnership may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed with respect thereto.
- (c) Limited Partner Interests may be transferred only in the manner described in this Section 4.5. The transfer of any Limited Partner Interests and the admission of any new Limited Partner shall not constitute an amendment to this Agreement.
- (d) Until admitted as a Substituted Limited Partner pursuant to Section 10.2, the Record Holder of a Limited Partner Interest shall be an Assignee in respect of such Limited Partner Interest. Limited Partners may include custodians, nominees or any other individual or entity in its own or any representative capacity.
- (e) A transferee of a Limited Partner Interest who has completed and delivered a Transfer Application shall be deemed to have (i) requested admission as a Substituted Limited Partner, (ii) agreed to comply with and be bound by and to have executed this Agreement, (iii) represented and warranted that such transferee has the right, power and authority and, if an individual, the capacity to enter into this Agreement, (iv) granted the powers of attorney set forth in this Agreement and (v) given the consents and approvals and made the waivers contained in this Agreement.
- (f) The General Partner and its Affiliates shall have the right at any time to transfer their Subordinated Units and Common Units (whether issued upon conversion of the Subordinated Units or otherwise) to one or more Persons.

# Section 4.6 TRANSFER OF THE GENERAL PARTNER'S GENERAL PARTNER INTEREST.

(a) Subject to Section 4.6(c) below, prior to June 30, 2009, the General Partner shall not transfer all or any part of its General Partner Interest to a Person unless such transfer (i) has been approved by the prior written consent or vote of the holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units (excluding Common Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates) or (ii) is of all, but not less than all, of its General Partner Interest to (A) an Affiliate of the General Partner or (B) another Person in connection with the merger or consolidation of the

General Partner with or into another Person or the transfer by the General Partner of all or substantially all of its assets to another Person.

- (b) Subject to Section 4.6(c) below, on or after June 30, 2009, the General Partner may transfer all or any of its General Partner Interest without Unitholder approval.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no transfer by the General Partner of all or any part of its General Partner Interest to another Person shall be permitted unless (i) the transferee agrees to assume the rights and duties of the General Partner under this Agreement and of the general partner under the Intermediate Partnership Agreement and to be bound by the provisions of this Agreement and the Intermediate Partnership Agreement, (ii) the Partnership receives an Opinion of Counsel that such transfer would not result in the loss of limited liability of any Limited Partner or of any limited partner of the Intermediate Partnership or cause the Partnership or the Intermediate Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not already so treated or taxed) and (iii) such transferee also agrees to purchase all (or the appropriate portion thereof, if applicable) of the interest of the General Partner as the general partner or managing member of each other Group Member. In the case of a transfer pursuant to and in compliance with this Section 4.6, the transferee or successor (as the case may be) shall, subject to compliance with the terms of Section 10.3, be admitted to the Partnership as a General Partner immediately prior to the transfer of the Partnership Interest, and the business of the Partnership shall continue without dissolution.

# Section 4.7 TRANSFER OF INCENTIVE DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS.

Prior to June 30, 2009, a holder of Incentive Distribution Rights may transfer any or all of the Incentive Distribution Rights held by such holder without any consent of the Unitholders (a) to an Affiliate or (b) to another Person in connection with (i) the merger or consolidation of such holder of Incentive Distribution Rights with or into such other Person or (ii) the transfer by such holder of all or substantially all of its assets to such other Person. Any other transfer of the Incentive Distribution Rights prior to June 30, 2009, shall require the prior approval of holders at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units (excluding Common Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates). On or after June 30, 2009, the General Partner or any other holder of Incentive Distribution Rights may transfer any or all of its Incentive Distribution Rights without Unitholder approval. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights to another Person shall be permitted unless the transferee agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Agreement. The General Partner shall have the authority (but shall not be required) to adopt such reasonable restrictions on the transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights and requirements for registering the transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights as the General Partner, in its sole discretion, shall determine are necessary or appropriate.

# Section 4.8 RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFERS.

(a) Except as provided in Section 4.8(d) below, but notwithstanding the other provisions of this Article IV, no transfer of any Partnership Interests shall be made if such transfer would (i) violate the then applicable federal or state securities laws or rules and regulations of the Commission, any state securities commission or any other governmental authority with jurisdiction over such transfer, (ii) terminate the existence or qualification of the Partnership or the Intermediate Partnership under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, or (iii) cause the Partnership or the Intermediate Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not already so treated or taxed).

- (b) The General Partner may impose restrictions on the transfer of Partnership Interests if it determines based upon a subsequent Opinion of Counsel that such restrictions are necessary to avoid a significant risk of the Partnership or the Intermediate Partnership being treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise being taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes. The restrictions may be imposed by making such amendments to this Agreement as the General Partner may determine to be necessary or appropriate to impose such restrictions; provided, however, that any amendment that the General Partner believes, in the exercise of its reasonable discretion, could result in the delisting or suspension of trading of any class of Limited Partner Interests on the principal National Securities Exchange on which such class of Limited Partner Interests is then traded must be approved, prior to such amendment being effected, by the holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests of such class.
- (c) The transfer of a Subordinated Unit that has converted into a Common Unit shall be subject to the restrictions imposed by Section 6.7(b).
- (d) Nothing contained in this Article IV or elsewhere in this Agreement, shall preclude the settlement of any transactions involving Partnership Interests entered into through the facilities of any National Securities Exchange on which such Partnership Interests are listed for trading.

# Section 4.9 CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES; NON-CITIZEN ASSIGNEES.

- (a) If any Group Member or JV Entity is or becomes subject to any federal, state or local law or regulation that, in the reasonable determination of the General Partner, creates a substantial risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any property in which the Group Member or JV Entity has an interest based on the nationality, citizenship or other related status of a Limited Partner or Assignee, the General Partner may request any Limited Partner or Assignee to furnish to the General Partner, within 30 days after receipt of such request, an executed Citizenship Certification or such other information concerning his nationality, citizenship or other related status (or, if the Limited Partner or Assignee is a nominee holding for the account of another Person, the nationality, citizenship or other related status of such Person) as the General Partner may request. If a Limited Partner or Assignee fails to furnish to the General Partner within the aforementioned 30-day period such Citizenship Certification or other requested information or if upon receipt of such Citizenship Certification or other requested information the General Partner determines, with the advice of counsel, that a Limited Partner or Assignee is not an Eligible Citizen, the Partnership Interests owned by such Limited Partner or Assignee shall be subject to redemption in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.10. In addition, the General Partner may require that the status of any such Partner or Assignee be changed to that of a Non-citizen Assignee and, thereupon, the General Partner shall be substituted for such Non-citizen Assignee as the Limited Partner in respect of his Limited Partner Interests.
- (b) The General Partner shall, in exercising voting rights in respect of Limited Partner Interests held by it on behalf of Non-citizen Assignees, distribute the votes in the same ratios as the votes of Partners (including without limitation the General Partner) in respect of Limited Partner Interests other than those of Non-citizen Assignees are cast, either for, against or abstaining as to the matter.
- (c) Upon dissolution of the Partnership, a Non-citizen Assignee shall have no right to receive a distribution in kind pursuant to Section 12.4 but shall be entitled to the cash equivalent thereof, and the Partnership shall provide cash in exchange for an assignment of the Non-citizen Assignee's share of the distribution in kind. Such payment and assignment shall be treated for Partnership purposes as a purchase by the Partnership from the Non-citizen

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Assignee of his Limited Partner Interest (representing his right to receive his share of such distribution in kind).

(d) At any time after he can and does certify that he has become an Eligible Citizen, a Non-citizen Assignee may, upon application to the General Partner, request admission as a Substituted Limited Partner with respect to any Limited Partner Interests of such Non-citizen Assignee not redeemed pursuant to Section 4.10, and upon his admission pursuant to Section 10.2, the General Partner shall cease to be deemed to be the Limited Partner in respect of the Non-citizen Assignee's Limited Partner Interests.

# Section 4.10 REDEMPTION OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS OF NON-CITIZEN ASSIGNEES.

- (a) If at any time a Limited Partner or Assignee fails to furnish a Citizenship Certification or other information requested within the 30-day period specified in Section 4.9(a), or if upon receipt of such Citizenship Certification or other information the General Partner determines, with the advice of counsel, that a Limited Partner or Assignee is not an Eligible Citizen, the Partnership may, unless the Limited Partner or Assignee establishes to the satisfaction of the General Partner that such Limited Partner or Assignee is an Eligible Citizen or has transferred his Partnership Interests to a Person who is an Eligible Citizen and who furnishes a Citizenship Certification to the General Partner prior to the date fixed for redemption as provided below, redeem the Partnership Interest of such Limited Partner or Assignee as follows:
  - (i) The General Partner shall, not later than the 30th day before the date fixed for redemption, give notice of redemption to the Limited Partner or Assignee, at his last address designated on the records of the Partnership or the Transfer Agent, by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid. The notice shall be deemed to have been given when so mailed. The notice shall specify the Redeemable Interests, the date fixed for redemption, the place of payment, that payment of the redemption price will be made upon surrender of the Certificate evidencing the Redeemable Interests and that on and after the date fixed for redemption no further allocations or distributions to which the Limited Partner or Assignee would otherwise be entitled in respect of the Redeemable Interests will accrue or be made.
  - (ii) The aggregate redemption price for Redeemable Interests shall be an amount equal to the Current Market Price (the date of determination of which shall be the date fixed for redemption) of Limited Partner Interests of the class to be so redeemed multiplied by the number of Limited Partner Interests of each such class included among the Redeemable Interests. The redemption price shall be paid, in the discretion of the General Partner, in cash or by delivery of a promissory note of the Partnership in the principal amount of the redemption price, bearing interest at the rate of 10% annually and payable in three equal annual installments of principal together with accrued interest, commencing one year after the redemption date.
  - (iii) Upon surrender by or on behalf of the Limited Partner or Assignee, at the place specified in the notice of redemption, of the Certificate evidencing the Redeemable Interests, duly endorsed in blank or accompanied by an assignment duly executed in blank, the Limited Partner or Assignee or his duly authorized representative shall be entitled to receive the payment therefor.
  - (iv) After the redemption date, Redeemable Interests shall no longer constitute issued and Outstanding Limited Partner Interests.
- (b) The provisions of this Section 4.10 shall also be applicable to Limited Partner Interests held by a Limited Partner or Assignee as nominee of a Person determined to be other than an Eligible Citizen.

(c) Nothing in this Section 4.10 shall prevent the recipient of a notice of redemption from transferring his Limited Partner Interest before the redemption date if such transfer is otherwise permitted under this Agreement. Upon receipt of notice of such a transfer, the General Partner shall withdraw the notice of redemption, provided the transferee of such Limited Partner Interest certifies to the satisfaction of the General Partner in a Citizenship Certification delivered in connection with the Transfer Application that he is an Eligible Citizen. If the transferee fails to make such certification, such redemption shall be effected from the transferee on the original redemption date.

# ARTICLE V CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ISSUANCE OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS

# Section 5.1 ORGANIZATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

In connection with the formation of the Partnership under the Delaware Act, the General Partner made an initial Capital Contribution to the Partnership in the amount of \$10.00, for a certain interest in the Partnership and has been admitted as the General Partner and as a Limited Partner of the Partnership, and the Organizational Limited Partner made an initial Capital Contribution to the Partnership in the amount of \$990.00 for an interest in the Partnership and has been admitted as a Limited Partner of the Partnership. As of the Closing Date, the interest of the Organizational Limited Partner shall be redeemed; the initial Capital Contributions of each Partner shall thereupon be refunded; and the Organizational Limited Partner shall cease to be a Limited Partner of the Partnership. Ninety-nine percent of any interest or other profit that may have resulted from the investment or other use of such initial Capital Contributions shall be allocated and distributed to the Organizational Limited Partner, and the balance thereof shall be allocated and distributed to the General Partner.

# Section 5.2 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARTNERSHIP.

- (a) On the Closing Date and pursuant to the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement, (i) TransCanada Border PipeLine contributed to the Partnership, as a Capital Contribution, all of its limited partner interest in the Intermediate Partnership in exchange for (A) a 1% general partner interest, (B) 3,200,000 Subordinated Units, (C) 14,286 Common Units, and (D) the Incentive Distribution Rights, (ii) TransCan Northern contributed to the Partnership, as a Capital Contribution, all of its limited partner interest in the Intermediate Partnership in exchange for 14,285,714 Common Units, (iii) the Partnership redeemed all of the Common Units issued to TransCanada Border PipeLine and TransCan Northern for cash, and (iv) TransCanada Border Pipeline transferred all of its interests in the Partnership and the Intermediate Partnership to the General Partner.
- (b) Upon the issuance of any additional Limited Partner Interests by the Partnership (other than the issuance of the Common Units issued in the Initial Offering or pursuant to the Over-Allotment Option), the General Partner shall be required to make additional Capital Contributions equal to 1/99th of any amount contributed to the Partnership by the Limited Partners in exchange for such additional Limited Partner Interests. Except as set forth in the immediately preceding sentence and Article XII, the General Partner shall not be obligated to make any additional Capital Contributions to the Partnership.

Section 5.3 CONTRIBUTIONS BY INITIAL LIMITED PARTNERS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF THE GENERAL PARTNER.

(a) On the Closing Date and pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, each Underwriter shall contribute to the Partnership cash in an amount equal to the Issue Price per Initial Common Unit, multiplied by the number of Common Units specified in the Underwriting Agreement to be purchased by such Underwriter at the Closing Date. On the Closing Date, an affiliate of TransCanada shall contribute to the Partnership cash in an amount equal to the Issue Price per Initial Common Unit, multiplied by the 2,800,000 Common Units to be purchased by such affiliate of TransCanada at the Closing Date. In exchange for such Capital Contributions by the Underwriters and such affiliate of TransCanada, the Partnership shall issue Common Units to each

Underwriter or affiliate of TransCanada on whose behalf such Capital Contribution is made in an amount equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the cash contribution to the Partnership by or on behalf of such Underwriter or affiliate of TransCanada by (ii) the Issue Price per Initial Common Unit.

- (b) Upon the exercise of the Over-Allotment Option, each Underwriter shall contribute to the Partnership cash in an amount equal to the Issue Price per Initial Common Unit, multiplied by the number of Common Units specified in the Underwriting Agreement to be purchased by such Underwriter at the Option Closing Date. In exchange for such Capital Contributions by the Underwriters, the Partnership shall issue Common Units to each Underwriter on whose behalf such Capital Contribution is made in an amount equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the cash contributions to the Partnership by or on behalf of such Underwriter by (ii) the Issue Price per Initial Common Unit. Upon receipt by the Partnership of the Capital Contributions from the Underwriters as provided in this Section 5.3(b), the Partnership shall use such cash to redeem from the General Partner or its Affiliates that number of Subordinated Units held by the General Partner or its Affiliates equal to the number of Common Units issued to the Underwriters as provided in this Section 5.3(b).
- (c) No Limited Partner Interests will be issued or issuable as of or at the Closing Date other than (i) the Common Units issuable pursuant to Section 5.3(a) in an aggregate number equal to 14,300,000, (ii) the "OPTIONAL UNITS" as such term is used in the Underwriting Agreement in an aggregate number up to 1,725,000 issuable upon exercise of the Over-Allotment Option pursuant to Section 5.3(b), (iii) the 3,200,000 Subordinated Units issuable pursuant to Section 5.2, and (iv) the Incentive Distribution Rights.

# Section 5.4 INTEREST AND WITHDRAWAL.

No interest shall be paid by the Partnership on Capital Contributions. No Partner or Assignee shall be entitled to the withdrawal or return of its Capital Contribution, except to the extent, if any, that distributions made pursuant to this Agreement or upon termination of the Partnership may be considered as such by law and then only to the extent provided for in this Agreement. Except to the extent expressly provided in this Agreement, no Partner or Assignee shall have priority over any other Partner or Assignee either as to the return of Capital Contributions or as to profits, losses or distributions. Any such return shall be a compromise to which all Partners and Assignees agree within the meaning of Section 17-502(b) of the Delaware Act.

# Section 5.5 CAPITAL ACCOUNTS.

(a) The Partnership shall maintain for each Partner (or a beneficial owner of Partnership Interests held by a nominee in any case in which the nominee has furnished the identity of such owner to the Partnership in accordance with Section 6031(c) of the Code or any other method acceptable to the General Partner in its sole discretion) holding a Partnership Interest a separate Capital Account with respect to such Partnership Interest in accordance with the rules of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv). Such Capital Account shall be increased by (i) the amount of all Capital Contributions made to the Partnership with respect to such Partnership Interest pursuant to this Agreement and (ii) all items of Partnership income and gain (including, without limitation, income and gain exempt from tax) computed in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and allocated with respect to such Partnership Interest pursuant to Section 6.1, and decreased by (x) the amount of cash or Net Agreed Value of all actual and deemed distributions of cash or property made with respect to such Partnership Interest pursuant to this Agreement and (y) all items of Partnership deduction and loss computed in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and allocated with respect to such Partnership Interest pursuant to Section 6.1.

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- (b) For purposes of computing the amount of any item of income, gain, loss or deduction which is to be allocated pursuant to Article VI and is to be reflected in the Partners' Capital Accounts, the determination, recognition and classification of any such item shall be the same as its determination, recognition and classification for federal income tax purposes (including, without limitation, any method of depreciation, cost recovery or amortization used for that purpose), provided, that:
  - (i) Solely for purposes of this Section 5.5, the Partnership shall be treated as owning directly its proportionate share (as determined by the General Partner based upon the provisions of the Intermediate Partnership Agreement) of all property owned by the Intermediate Partnership or any other Subsidiary that is classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.
  - (ii) All fees and other expenses incurred by the Partnership to promote the sale of (or to sell) a Partnership Interest that can neither be deducted nor amortized under Section 709 of the Code, if any, shall, for purposes of Capital Account maintenance, be treated as an item of deduction at the time such fees and other expenses are incurred and shall be allocated among the Partners pursuant to Section 6.1.
  - (iii) Except as otherwise provided in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), the computation of all items of income, gain, loss and deduction shall be made without regard to any election under Section 754 of the Code which may be made by the Partnership and, as to those items described in Section 705(a)(1)(B) or 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code, without regard to the fact that such items are not includable in gross income or are neither currently deductible nor capitalized for federal income tax purposes. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any Partnership asset pursuant to Section 734(b) or 743(b) of the Code is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of such adjustment in the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain or loss.
  - (iv) Any income, gain or loss attributable to the taxable disposition of any Partnership property shall be determined as if the adjusted basis of such property as of such date of disposition were equal in amount to the Partnership's Carrying Value with respect to such property as of such date.
  - (v) In accordance with the requirements of Section 704(b) of the Code, any deductions for depreciation, cost recovery or amortization attributable to any Contributed Property shall be determined as if the adjusted basis of such property on the date it was acquired by the Partnership were equal to the Agreed Value of such property. Upon an adjustment pursuant to Section 5.5(d) to the Carrying Value of any Partnership property subject to depreciation, cost recovery or amortization, any further deductions for such depreciation, cost recovery or amortization attributable to such property shall be determined (A) as if the adjusted basis of such property were equal to the Carrying Value of such property immediately following such adjustment and (B) using a rate of depreciation, cost recovery or amortization derived from the same method and useful life (or, if applicable, the remaining useful life) as is applied for federal income tax purposes; 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 reasonable method that the General Partner may adont.
  - (vi) If the Partnership's adjusted basis in a depreciable or cost recovery property is reduced for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 48(q)(1) or 48(q)(3) of the Code, the amount of such reduction shall, solely for purposes hereof, be deemed to be an

additional depreciation or cost recovery deduction in the year such property is placed in service and shall be allocated among the Partners pursuant to Section 6.1. Any restoration of such basis pursuant to Section 48(q)(2) of the Code shall, to the extent possible, be allocated in the same manner to the Partners to whom such deemed deduction was allocated.

- (c) (i)A transferee of a Partnership Interest shall succeed to a pro rata portion of the Capital Account of the transferor relating to the Partnership Interest so transferred.
  - (ii) Immediately prior to the transfer of a Subordinated Unit or of a Subordinated Unit that has converted into a Common Unit pursuant to Section 5.8 by a holder thereof (other than a transfer to an Affiliate unless the General Partner elects to have this subparagraph 5.5(c)(ii) apply), the Capital Account maintained for such Person with respect to its Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units will (A) first, be allocated to the Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units to be transferred in an amount equal to the product of (x) the number of such Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units to be transferred and (y) the Per Unit Capital Amount for a Common Unit, and (B) second, any remaining balance in such Capital Account will be retained by the transferor, regardless of whether it has retained any Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units. Following any such allocation, the transferor's Capital Account, if any, maintained with respect to the retained Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units, if any, will have a balance equal to the amount allocated under clause (B) hereinabove, and the transferee's Capital Account established with respect to the transferred Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units will have a balance equal to the amount allocated under clause (A) hereinabove.
- (d) (i) In accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(f), on an issuance of additional Partnership Interests for cash or Contributed Property or the conversion of the General Partner's Combined Interest to Common Units pursuant to Section 11.3(b), the Capital Account of all Partners and the Carrying Value of each Partnership property immediately prior to such issuance shall be adjusted upward or downward to reflect any Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such Partnership property, as if such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss had been recognized on an actual sale of each such property immediately prior to such issuance and had been allocated to the Partners at such time pursuant to Section 6.1 in the same manner as any item of gain or loss actually recognized during such period would have been allocated. In determining such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss, the aggregate cash amount and fair market value of all Partnership assets (including, without limitation, cash or cash equivalents) immediately prior to the issuance of additional Partnership Interests shall be determined by the General Partner using such reasonable method of valuation as it may adopt; provided, however, that the General Partner, in arriving at such valuation, must take fully into account the fair market value of the Partnership Interests of all Partners at such time. The General Partner shall allocate such aggregate value among the assets of the Partnership (in such manner as it determines in its discretion to be reasonable) to arrive at a fair market value for individual properties.
  - (ii) In accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(f), immediately prior to any actual or deemed distribution to a Partner of any Partnership property (other than a distribution of cash that is not in redemption or retirement of a Partnership Interest), the Capital Accounts of all Partners and the Carrying Value of all Partnership property shall be adjusted upward or downward to reflect any Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such Partnership property, as if such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss had been recognized in a sale of such property immediately prior to such distribution for an amount equal to its fair market value, and had been allocated to the Partners, at such

time, pursuant to Section 6.1 in the same manner as any item of gain or loss actually recognized during such period would have been allocated. In determining such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss the aggregate cash amount and fair market value of all Partnership assets (including, without limitation, cash or cash equivalents) immediately prior to a distribution shall (A) in the case of an actual distribution which is not made pursuant to Section 12.4 or in the case of a deemed distribution, be determined and allocated in the same manner as that provided in Section 5.5(d)(i) or (B) in the case of a liquidating distribution pursuant to Section 12.4, be determined and allocated by the Liquidator using such reasonable method of valuation as it may adopt.

# Section 5.6 ISSUANCES OF ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIP SECURITIES.

- (a) Subject to Section 5.7, the Partnership may issue additional Partnership Securities and options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to the Partnership Securities for any Partnership purpose at any time and from time to time to such Persons for such consideration and on such terms and conditions as shall be established by the General Partner in its sole discretion, all without the approval of any Limited Partners.
- (b) Each additional Partnership Security authorized to be issued by the Partnership pursuant to Section 5.6(a) may be issued in one or more classes, or one or more series of any such classes, with such designations, preferences, rights, powers, privileges and duties (which may be senior to existing classes and series of Partnership Securities), as shall be fixed by the General Partner in the exercise of its sole discretion, including (i) the right to share Partnership profits and losses or items thereof; (ii) the right to share in Partnership distributions; (iii) the rights upon dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership; (iv) whether, and the terms and conditions upon which, the Partnership may redeem the Partnership Security; (v) whether such Partnership Security is issued with the privilege of conversion or exchange; (vi) the terms and conditions upon which each Partnership Security will be issued, evidenced by certificates and assigned or transferred; and (vii) the right, if any, of each such Partnership Security to vote on Partnership matters, including matters relating to the relative rights, preferences and privileges of such Partnership Security.
- (c) The General Partner is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions that it deems necessary or appropriate in connection with (i) each issuance of Partnership Securities and options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to Partnership Securities pursuant to this Section 5.6, (ii) the conversion of the General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights into Units pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, (iii) the admission of Additional Limited Partners and (iv) all additional issuances of Partnership Securities. The General Partner is further authorized and directed to specify the relative preferences, rights, powers, privileges and duties of the holders of the Units or other Partnership Securities being so issued. The General Partner shall do all things necessary to comply with the Delaware Act and is authorized and directed to do all things it deems to be necessary or advisable in connection with any future issuance of Partnership Securities or in connection with the conversion of the General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights into Units pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, including compliance with any statute, rule, regulation or guideline of any federal, state or other governmental agency or any National Securities Exchange on which the Units or other Partnership Securities are listed for

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The issuance of Partnership Securities pursuant to Section 5.6 shall be subject to the following restrictions and limitations:

- (a) During the Subordination Period, the Partnership shall not issue (and shall not issue any options, rights, warrants or appreciation rights relating to) an aggregate of more than 8,580,000 additional Parity Units without the prior approval of the holders of a Unit Majority. In applying this limitation, there shall be excluded Common Units and other Parity Units issued (A) in connection with the exercise of the Over-Allotment Option, (B) in accordance with Sections 5.7(b) and 5.7(c), (C) upon conversion of Subordinated Units pursuant to Section 5.8, (D) upon conversion of the General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights pursuant to Section 11.3(b), (E) pursuant to the employee benefit plans of the General Partner, the Partnership or any other Group Member and (F) in the event of a combination or subdivision of Common Units.
- (b) The Partnership may also issue an unlimited number of Parity Units, prior to the end of the Subordination Period and without the prior approval of the Unitholders, if such issuance occurs (i) in connection with an Acquisition or a Capital Improvement or (ii) within 365 days of, and the net proceeds from such issuance are used to repay debt incurred in connection with, an Acquisition or a Capital Improvement, in each case where such Acquisition or Capital Improvement involves assets that, if such assets had been acquired by the Partnership as of the date that is one year prior to the first day of the Quarter in which such Acquisition is to be consummated or such Capital Improvement is to be completed, would have resulted, on a pro forma basis, in an increase in:
  - (A) the amount of Adjusted Operating Surplus generated by the Partnership on a per-Unit basis (for all Outstanding Units) with respect to each of the four most recently completed Quarters (on a pro forma basis as described below) as compared to
  - (B) the actual amount of Adjusted Operating Surplus generated by the Partnership on a per-Unit basis (for all Outstanding Units) (excluding Adjusted Operating Surplus attributable to the Acquisition or Capital Improvement) with respect to each of such four most recently completed Quarters.

If the issuance of Parity Units with respect to an Acquisition or Capital Improvement occurs within the first four full Quarters after the Closing Date, then Adjusted Operating Surplus as used in clauses (A) (subject to the succeeding sentence) and (B) above shall be calculated (i) for each Quarter, if any, that commenced after the Closing Date for which actual results of operations are available, based on the actual Adjusted Operating Surplus of the Partnership generated with respect to such Quarter, and (ii) for each other Quarter, on a pro forma basis consistent with the procedures, as applicable, set forth in Appendix D to the Registration Statement. Furthermore, the amount in clause (A) shall be determined on a pro forma basis assuming that (1) all of the Parity Units to be issued in connection with or within 365 days of such Acquisition or Capital Improvement had been issued and outstanding, (2) all indebtedness for borrowed money to be incurred or assumed in connection with such Acquisition or Capital Improvement (other than any such indebtedness that is to be repaid with the proceeds of such issuance of Parity Units) had been incurred or assumed, in each case as of the commencement of such four-Quarter period, (3) the personnel expenses that would have been incurred by the Partnership in the operation of the acquired assets are the personnel expenses for employees to be retained by the Partnership in the operation of the acquired assets, and (4) the non-personnel costs and expenses are computed on the same basis as those incurred by the Partnership in the operation of the Partnership's business at similarly situated Partnership facilities.

- (c) During the Subordination Period, the Partnership shall not issue (and shall not issue any options, rights, warrants or appreciation rights relating to) additional Partnership Securities having rights to distributions or in liquidation ranking prior or senior to the Common Units, without the prior approval of the holders of a Unit Majority.
  - (d) No fractional Units shall be issued by the Partnership.

# Section 5.8 CONVERSION OF SUBORDINATED UNITS.

- (a) A total of one-third of the Subordinated Units Outstanding immediately after the closing of the Over-Allotment Option (or the expiration of the Over-Allotment Option unexercised) will convert into Common Units on a one-for-one basis on the first day after the Record Date for distribution in respect of any Quarter ending on or after June 30, 2002, in respect of which:
  - (i) distributions under Section 6.4 in respect of all Outstanding Common Units and Outstanding Subordinated Units with respect to each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-Quarter periods immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded the sum of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all of the Common Units and Subordinated Units that were Outstanding during such periods;
  - (ii) the Adjusted Operating Surplus generated during each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-Quarter periods immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded the sum of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all of the Common Units and Subordinated Units that were Outstanding during such periods on a fully-diluted basis (i.e. taking into account for purposes of such determination all Outstanding Common Units, all Outstanding Subordinated Units, all Common Units and Subordinated Units issuable upon exercise of employee options that have, as of the date of determination, already vested or are scheduled to vest prior to the end of the Quarter immediately following the Quarter with respect to which such determination is made, and all Common Units and Subordinated Units that have, as of the date of determination, been earned by but not yet issued to management of the Partnership in respect of incentive compensation), plus the related distribution on the General Partner Interest in the Partnership and the general partner interest in the Intermediate Partnership, during such periods; and
  - (iii) the Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage on all of the Common Units is zero.
- (b) An additional one-third of the Subordinated Units Outstanding immediately after the closing of the Over-Allotment Option (or the expiration of the Over-Allotment Option unexercised) will convert into Common Units on a one-for-one basis on the first day after the Record Date for distribution in respect of any Quarter ending on or after June 30, 2003, in respect of which:
  - (i) distributions under Section 6.4 in respect of all Outstanding Common Units and Outstanding Subordinated Units with respect to each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-Quarter periods immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded the sum of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all of the Common Units and Subordinated Units that were Outstanding during such periods;
  - (ii) the Adjusted Operating Surplus generated during each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-Quarter periods immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded the sum of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all of the Common Units and Subordinated Units that were Outstanding during such periods on a fully-diluted basis (i.e. taking into account for purposes of such determination all Outstanding Common Units, all Outstanding Subordinated Units, all Common Units and Subordinated Units issuable upon exercise of employee options that have, as of the date of determination, already vested or are scheduled to vest prior to the end of the Quarter immediately following the Quarter with respect to which such determination is made, and all Common Units and

Subordinated Units that have, as of the date of determination, been earned by but not yet issued to management of the Partnership in respect of incentive compensation), plus the related distribution on the General Partner Interest in the Partnership and the general partner interest in the Intermediate Partnership, during such periods; and

(iii) the Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage on all of the Common Units is zero:

provided, however, that the conversion of Subordinated Units pursuant to this Section 5.8(b) may not occur until at least one year following the conversion of Subordinated Units pursuant to Section 5.8(a).

- (c) In the event that less than all of the Outstanding Subordinated Units shall convert into Common Units pursuant to Section 5.8(a) or 5.8(b) at a time when there shall be more than one holder of Subordinated Units, then, unless all of the holders of Subordinated Units shall agree to a different allocation, the Subordinated Units that are to be converted into Common Units shall be allocated among the holders of Subordinated Units pro rata based on the number of Subordinated Units held by each such holder.
- (d) Any Subordinated Units that are not converted into Common Units pursuant to Sections 5.8(a) and (b) shall convert into Common Units on a one-for-one basis on the first day following the Record Date for distributions in respect of the final Quarter of the Subordination Period.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, all the then Outstanding Subordinated Units will automatically convert into Common Units on a one-for-one basis as set forth in, and pursuant to the terms of, Section 11.4.
- (f) A Subordinated Unit that has converted into a Common Unit shall be subject to the provisions of Section 6.7(b).

# Section 5.9 LIMITED PREEMPTIVE RIGHT.

Except as provided in this Section 5.9 and in Section 5.2(b), no Person shall have any preemptive, preferential or other similar right with respect to the issuance of any Partnership Security, whether unissued, held in the treasury or hereafter created. The General Partner shall have the right (but not obligation), which it may from time to time assign in whole or in part to any of its Affiliates, to purchase Partnership Securities from the Partnership whenever, and on the same terms that, the Partnership issues Partnership Securities to Persons other than the General Partner and its Affiliates, to the extent necessary to maintain the Percentage Interests of the General Partner and its Affiliates equal to that which existed immediately prior to the issuance of such Partnership Securities.

# Section 5.10 SPLITS AND COMBINATION.

- (a) Subject to Sections 5.10(d), 6.6 and 6.9 (dealing with adjustments of distribution levels), the Partnership may make a Pro Rata distribution of Partnership Securities to all Record Holders or may effect a subdivision or combination of Partnership Securities so long as, after any such event, each Partner shall have the same Percentage Interest in the Partnership as before such event, and any amounts calculated on a per Unit basis (including any Common Unit Arrearage, Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage or Unrecovered Capital) or stated as a number of Units (including the number of Subordinated Units that may convert prior to the end of the Subordination Period and the number of additional Parity Units that may be issued pursuant to Section 5.7 without a Unitholder vote) are proportionately adjusted retroactive to the beginning of the Partnership.
- (b) Whenever such a distribution, subdivision or combination of Partnership Securities is declared, the General Partner shall select a Record Date as of which the distribution, subdivision or combination shall be effective and shall send notice thereof at least 20 days

prior to such Record Date to each Record Holder as of a date not less than 10 days prior to the date of such notice. The General Partner also may cause a firm of independent public accountants selected by it to calculate the number of Partnership Securities to be held by each Record Holder after giving effect to such distribution, subdivision or combination. The General Partner shall be entitled to rely on any certificate provided by such firm as conclusive evidence of the accuracy of such calculation.

- (c) Promptly following any such distribution, subdivision or combination, the Partnership may issue Certificates to the Record Holders of Partnership Securities as of the applicable Record Date representing the new number of Partnership Securities held by such Record Holders, or the General Partner may adopt such other procedures as it may deem appropriate to reflect such changes. If any such combination results in a smaller total number of Partnership Securities Outstanding, the Partnership shall require, as a condition to the delivery to a Record Holder of such new Certificate, the surrender of any Certificate held by such Record Holder immediately prior to such Record Date.
- (d) The Partnership shall not issue fractional Units upon any distribution, subdivision or combination of Units. If a distribution, subdivision or combination of Units would result in the issuance of fractional Units but for the provisions of Section 5.7(d) and this Section 5.10(d), each fractional Unit shall be rounded to the nearest whole Unit (and a 0.5 Unit shall be rounded to the next higher Unit).

Section 5.11 FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE NATURE OF LIMITED PARTNER INTERESTS.

All Limited Partner Interests issued pursuant to, and in accordance with the requirements of, this Article V shall be fully paid and non-assessable Limited Partner Interests in the Partnership, except as such non-assessability may be affected by Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act.

# ARTICLE VI ALLOCATIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Section 6.1 ALLOCATIONS FOR CAPITAL ACCOUNT PURPOSES.

For purposes of maintaining the Capital Accounts and in determining the rights of the Partners among themselves, the Partnership's items of income, gain, loss and deduction (computed in accordance with Section 5.5(b)) shall be allocated among the Partners in each taxable year (or portion thereof) as provided herein below.

- (a) NET INCOME. After giving effect to the special allocations set forth in Section 6.1(d), Net Income for each taxable period and all items of income, gain, loss and deduction taken into account in computing Net Income for such taxable period shall be allocated as follows:
  - (i) First, 100% to the General Partner in an amount equal to the aggregate Net Losses allocated to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(ii) for all previous taxable periods until the aggregate Net Income allocated to the General Partner pursuant to this Section 6.1(a)(i) for the current taxable period and all previous taxable periods is equal to the aggregate Net Losses allocated to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(iii) for all previous taxable periods;
  - (ii) Second, 1% to the General Partner in an amount equal to the aggregate Net Losses allocated to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(ii) for all previous taxable periods and 99% to the Unitholders, in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests, until the aggregate Net Income allocated to such Partners pursuant to this Section 6.1(a)(ii) for the current taxable period and all previous taxable periods is equal to the aggregate Net Losses allocated to such Partners pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(ii) for all previous taxable periods; and

- (iii) Third, the balance, if any, 100% to the General Partner and the Unitholders in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests.
- (b) NET LOSSES. After giving effect to the special allocations set forth in Section 6.1(d), Net Losses for each taxable period and all items of income, gain, loss and deduction taken into account in computing Net Losses for such taxable period shall be allocated as follows:
  - (i) First, 1% to the General Partner and 99% to the Unitholders, Pro Rata, until the aggregate Net Losses allocated pursuant to this Section 6.1(b)(i) for the current taxable period and all previous taxable periods is equal to the aggregate Net Income allocated to such Partners pursuant to Section 6.1(a)(iii) for all previous taxable periods, provided that the Net Losses shall not be allocated pursuant to this Section 6.1(b)(i) to the extent that such allocation would cause any Unitholder to have a deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account at the end of such taxable period (or increase any existing deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account);
  - (ii) Second, 1% to the General Partner and 99% to the Unitholders, Pro Rata; provided, that Net Losses shall not be allocated pursuant to this Section 6.1(b)(ii) to the extent that such allocation would cause any Unitholder to have a deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account at the end of such taxable period (or increase any existing deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account);
    - (iii) Third, the balance, if any, 100% to the General Partner.
- (c) NET TERMINATION GAINS AND LOSSES. After giving effect to the special allocations set forth in Section 6.1(d), all items of income, gain, loss and deduction taken into account in computing Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss for each taxable period shall be allocated in the same manner as such Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss is allocated hereunder. All allocations under this Section 6.1(c) shall be made after Capital Account balances have been adjusted by all other allocations provided under this Section 6.1 and after all distributions of Available Cash provided under Sections 6.4 and 6.5 have been made; provided, however, that solely for purposes of this Section 6.1(c), Capital Accounts shall not be adjusted for distributions made pursuant to Section 12.4.
  - (i) If a Net Termination Gain is recognized (or deemed recognized pursuant to Section 5.5(d)), such Net Termination Gain shall be allocated among the Partners in the following manner (and the Capital Accounts of the Partners shall be increased by the amount so allocated in each of the following subclauses, in the order listed, before an allocation is made pursuant to the next succeeding subclause):
  - (A) First, to each Partner having a deficit balance in its Capital Account, in the proportion that such deficit balance bears to the total deficit balances in the Capital Accounts of all Partners, until each such Partner has been allocated Net Termination Gain equal to any such deficit balance in its Capital Account;
  - (B) Second, 99% to all Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding is equal to the sum of (1) its Unrecovered Capital plus (2) the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for the Quarter during which the Liquidation Date occurs, reduced by any distribution pursuant to Section 6.4(a)(i) or (b)(i) with respect to such Common Unit for such Quarter (the amount determined pursuant to this clause (2) is hereinafter defined as the "UNPAID MQD") plus (3) any then existing Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage;
  - (C) Third, if such Net Termination Gain is recognized (or is deemed to be recognized) prior to the expiration of the Subordination Period, 99% to all Unitholders holding

Subordinated Units, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until the Capital Account in respect of each Subordinated Unit then Outstanding equals the sum of (1) its Unrecovered Capital, plus (2) the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for the Quarter during which the Liquidation Date occurs, reduced by any distribution pursuant to Section 6.4(a)(iii) with respect to such Subordinated Unit for such Quarter;

- (D) Fourth, 85.8673% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, 13.1327% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding is equal to the sum of (1) its Unrecovered Capital, plus (2) the Unpaid MQD, plus (3) any then existing Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage, plus (4) the excess of (aa) the First Target Distribution less the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for each Quarter of the Partnership's existence over (bb) the cumulative per Unit amount of any distributions of Operating Surplus that was distributed pursuant to Sections 6.4(a)(iv) and 6.4(b)(ii) (the sum of (1) plus (2) plus (3) plus (4) is hereinafter defined as the "FIRST LIQUIDATION TARGET AMOUNT");
- (E) Fifth, 75.7653% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, 23.2347% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding is equal to the sum of (1) the First Liquidation Target Amount, plus (2) the excess of (aa) the Second Target Distribution less the First Target Distribution for each Quarter of the Partnership's existence over (bb) the cumulative per Unit amount of any distributions of Operating Surplus that was distributed pursuant to Sections 6.4(a)(v) and 6.4(b)(iii) (the sum of (1) plus (2) is hereinafter defined as the "SECOND LIQUIDATION TARGET AMOUNT");
- (F) Finally, any remaining amount 50.5102% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, 48.4898% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner.
- (ii) If a Net Termination Loss is recognized (or deemed recognized pursuant to Section 5.5(d)), such Net Termination Loss shall be allocated among the Partners in the following manner (and the Capital Accounts of the Partners shall be decreased by the amount so allocated in each of the following subclauses, in the order listed, before an allocation is made pursuant to the next succeeding subclause):
- (A) First, if such Net Termination Loss is recognized (or is deemed to be recognized) prior to the conversion of the last Outstanding Subordinated Unit, 99% to the Unitholders holding Subordinated Units, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until the Capital Account in respect of each Subordinated Unit then Outstanding has been reduced to zero;
- (B) Second, 99% to all Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding has been reduced to zero; and
  - (C) Third, the balance, if any, 100% to the General Partner.
- - (i) PARTNERSHIP MINIMUM GAIN CHARGEBACK. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, if there is a net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during any Partnership taxable period, each Partner shall be allocated items of Partnership income and gain for such period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in the manner and amounts provided in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(f)(6), 1.704-2(g)(2) and 1.704-2(j)(2)(i). For purposes of this Section 6.1(d), each Partner's Adjusted Capital Account balance shall be determined, and the allocation of income or gain required hereunder shall be effected,

prior to the application of any other allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d) with respect to such taxable period (other than an allocation pursuant to Sections 6.1(d)(vi) and 6.1(d)(vii)). This Section 6.1(d)(i) is intended to comply with the Partnership Minimum Gain chargeback requirement in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(f) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.

- (ii) CHARGEBACK OF PARTNER NONRECOURSE DEBT MINIMUM GAIN. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1 (other than Section 6.1(d)(i)), except as provided in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(4), if there is a net decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain during any Partnership taxable period, any Partner with a share of Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain at the beginning of such taxable period shall be allocated items of Partnership income and gain for such period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in the manner and amounts provided in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(i)(4) and 1.704-2(j)(2)(ii). For purposes of this Section 6.1(d), each Partner's Adjusted Capital Account balance shall be determined, and the allocation of income or gain required hereunder shall be effected, prior to the application of any other allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d), other than Section 6.1(d)(i) and other than an allocation pursuant to Sections 6.1(d)(vi) and 6.1(d)(vii), with respect to such taxable period. This Section 6.1(d)(ii) is intended to comply with the chargeback of items of income and gain requirement in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(4) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.
- (III) PRIORITY ALLOCATIONS. (A) If the amount of cash or the Net Agreed Value of any property distributed (except cash or property distributed pursuant to Section 12.4) to any Unitholder with respect to its Units for any taxable period is greater (on a per Unit basis) than the amount of cash or the Net Agreed Value of property distributed to the other Unitholders with respect to their Units (on a per Unit basis), then (1) each Unitholder receiving such greater cash or property distribution shall be allocated gross income in an amount equal to the product of (aa) the amount by which the distribution (on a per Unit basis) to such Unitholder exceeds the distribution (on a per Unit basis) to the Unitholders receiving the smallest distribution and (bb) the number of Units held by the Unitholder receiving the greater distribution; and (2) the General Partner shall be allocated gross income in an aggregate amount equal to 1/99th of the sum of the amounts allocated in clause (1) above.
- (B) After the application of Section 6.1(d)(iii)(A), all or any portion of the remaining items of Partnership gross income or gain for the taxable period, if any, shall be allocated 100% to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, until the aggregate amount of such items allocated to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights pursuant to this paragraph 6.1(d)(iii)(B) for the current taxable period and all previous taxable periods is equal to the cumulative amount of all Incentive Distributions made to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights from the Closing Date to a date 45 days after the end of the current taxable period.
- (iv) QUALIFIED INCOME OFFSET. In the event any Partner unexpectedly receives any adjustments, allocations or distributions described in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(5), or 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(6), items of Partnership income and gain shall be specially allocated to such Partner in an amount and manner sufficient to eliminate, to the extent required by the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) of the Code, the deficit balance, if any, in its Adjusted Capital Account created by such adjustments, allocations or distributions as quickly as possible unless such deficit balance is otherwise eliminated pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(i) or (ii).

- (v) GROSS INCOME ALLOCATIONS. In the event any Partner has a deficit balance in its Capital Account at the end of any Partnership taxable period in excess of the sum of (A) the amount such Partner is required to restore pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement and (B) the amount such Partner is deemed obligated to restore pursuant to Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5), such Partner shall be specially allocated items of Partnership gross income and gain in the amount of such excess as quickly as possible; provided, that an allocation pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(v) shall be made only if and to the extent that such Partner would have a deficit balance in its Capital Account as adjusted after all other allocations provided for in this Section 6.1 have been tentatively made as if this Section 6.1(d)(v) were not in this Agreement.
- (vi) NONRECOURSE DEDUCTIONS. Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable period shall be allocated to the Partners in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests. If the General Partner determines in its good faith discretion that the Partnership's Nonrecourse Deductions must be allocated in a different ratio to satisfy the safe harbor requirements of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) of the Code, the General Partner is authorized, upon notice to the other Partners, to revise the prescribed ratio to the numerically closest ratio that does satisfy such requirements.
- (vii) PARTNER NONRECOURSE DEDUCTIONS. Partner Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable period shall be allocated 100% to the Partner that bears the Economic Risk of Loss with respect to the Partner Nonrecourse Debt to which such Partner Nonrecourse Deductions are attributable in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i). If more than one Partner bears the Economic Risk of Loss with respect to a Partner Nonrecourse Debt, such Partner Nonrecourse Deductions attributable thereto shall be allocated between or among such Partners in accordance with the ratios in which they share such Economic Risk of Loss.
- (viii) NONRECOURSE LIABILITIES. For purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-3(a)(3), the Partners agree that Nonrecourse Liabilities of the Partnership in excess of the sum of (A) the amount of Partnership Minimum Gain and (B) the total amount of Nonrecourse Built-in Gain shall be allocated among the Partners in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests.
- (ix) CODE SECTION 754 ADJUSTMENTS. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any Partnership asset pursuant to Section 734(b) or 743(c) of the Code is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of such adjustment to the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain (if the adjustment increases the basis of the asset) or loss (if the adjustment decreases such basis), and such item of gain or loss shall be specially allocated to the Partners in a manner consistent with the manner in which their Capital Accounts are required to be adjusted pursuant to such Section of the Treasury Regulations.
- (x) ECONOMIC UNIFORMITY. At the election of the General Partner with respect to any taxable period ending upon, or after, the termination of the Subordination Period, all or a portion of the remaining items of Partnership gross income or gain for such taxable period, after taking into account allocations pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(iii), shall be allocated 100% to each Partner holding Subordinated Units that are Outstanding as of the termination of the Subordination Period ("FINAL SUBORDINATED UNITS") in the proportion of the number of Final Subordinated Units held by such Partner to the total number of Final Subordinated Units then Outstanding, until each such Partner has been allocated an amount of gross income or gain which increases the Capital Account maintained with respect to such Final

Subordinated Units to an amount equal to the product of (A) the number of Final Subordinated Units held by such Partner and (B) the Per Unit Capital Amount for a Common Unit. The purpose of this allocation is to establish uniformity between the Capital Accounts underlying Final Subordinated Units and the Capital Accounts underlying Common Units held by Persons other than the General Partner and its Affiliates immediately prior to the conversion of such Final Subordinated Units into Common Units. This allocation method for establishing such economic uniformity will only be available to the General Partner if the method for allocating the Capital Account maintained with respect to the Subordinated Units between the transferred and retained Subordinated Units pursuant to Section 5.5(c)(ii) does not otherwise provide such economic uniformity to the Final Subordinated Units.

# (XI) CURATIVE ALLOCATION.

- (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, other than the Required Allocations, the Required Allocations shall be taken into account in making the Agreed Allocations so that, to the extent possible, the net amount of items of income, gain, loss and deduction allocated to each Partner pursuant to the Required Allocations and the Agreed Allocations, together, shall be equal to the net amount of such items that would have been allocated to each such Partner under the Agreed Allocations had the Required Allocations and the related Curative Allocation not otherwise been provided in this Section 6.1. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, Required Allocations relating to (1) Nonrecourse Deductions shall not be taken into account except to the extent that there has been a decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain and (2) Partner Nonrecourse Deductions shall not be taken into account except to the extent that there has been a decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain. Allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A) shall only be made with respect to Required Allocations to the extent the General Partner reasonably determines that such allocations will otherwise be inconsistent with the economic agreement among the Partners. Further, allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A) shall be deferred with respect to allocations pursuant to Sections 6.1(d)(xi)(A) (1) and (2) to the extent the General Partner reasonably determines that such allocations are likely to be offset by subsequent Required
- (B) The General Partner shall have reasonable discretion, with respect to each taxable period, to (1) apply the provisions of Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A) in whatever order is most likely to minimize the economic distortions that might otherwise result from the Required Allocations, and (2) divide all allocations pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A) among the Partners in a manner that is likely to minimize such economic distortions.
- (xii) CORRECTIVE ALLOCATIONS. In the event of any allocation of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items or any Book-Down Event or any recognition of a Net Termination Loss, the following rules shall apply:
- (A) In the case of any allocation of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items (other than an allocation of Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss under Section 5.5(d)), the General Partner shall allocate additional items of gross income and gain away from the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights to the Unitholders and the General Partner, or additional items of deduction and loss away from the Unitholders and the General Partner to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights, to the extent that the Additional Book Basis Derivative Items allocated to the Unitholders or the General Partner exceed their Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items. For this purpose, the Unitholders and the General Partner shall be treated as being allocated Additional Book Basis Derivative Items to the extent that such Additional Book Basis Derivative Items have reduced the amount of income that would

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otherwise have been allocated to the Unitholders or the General Partner under the Partnership Agreement (e.g., Additional Book Basis Derivative Items taken into account in computing cost of goods sold would reduce the amount of book income otherwise available for allocation among the Partners). Any allocation made pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(xii)(A) shall be made after all of the other Agreed Allocations have been made as if this Section 6.1(d)(xii) were not in this Agreement and, to the extent necessary, shall require the reallocation of items that have been allocated pursuant to such other Agreed Allocations.

- (B) In the case of any negative adjustments to the Capital Accounts of the Partners resulting from a Book-Down Event or from the recognition of a Net Termination Loss, such negative adjustment (1) shall first be allocated, to the extent of the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments, in such a manner, as reasonably determined by the General Partner, that to the extent possible the aggregate Capital Accounts of the Partners will equal the amount which would have been the Capital Account balance of the Partners if no prior Book-Up Events had occurred, and (2) any negative adjustment in excess of the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments shall be allocated pursuant to Section 6.1(c).
- (C) In making the allocations required under this Section 6.1(d)(xii), the General Partner, in its sole discretion, may apply whatever conventions or other methodology it deems reasonable to satisfy the purpose of this Section 6.1(d)(xii).

# Section 6.2 ALLOCATIONS FOR TAX PURPOSES.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, for federal income tax purposes, each item of income, gain, loss and deduction shall be allocated among the Partners in the same manner as its correlative item of "BOOK" income, gain, loss or deduction is allocated pursuant to Section 6.1.
- (b) In an attempt to eliminate Book-Tax Disparities attributable to a Contributed Property or Adjusted Property, items of income, gain, loss, depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions shall be allocated for federal income tax purposes among the Partners as follows:
  - (i) (A) In the case of a Contributed Property, such items attributable thereto shall be allocated among the Partners in the manner provided under Section 704(c) of the Code that takes into account the variation between the Agreed Value of such property and its adjusted basis at the time of contribution; and (B) any item of Residual Gain or Residual Loss attributable to a Contributed Property shall be allocated among the Partners in the same manner as its correlative item of "BOOK" gain or loss is allocated pursuant to Section 6.1.
  - (ii) (A) In the case of an Adjusted Property, such items shall (1) first, be allocated among the Partners in a manner consistent with the principles of Section 704(c) of the Code to take into account the Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such property and the allocations thereof pursuant to Section 5.5(d)(i) or 5.5(d)(i), and (2) second, in the event such property was originally a Contributed Property, be allocated among the Partners in a manner consistent with Section 6.2(b)(i)(A); and (B) any item of Residual Gain or Residual Loss attributable to an Adjusted Property shall be allocated among the Partners in the same manner as its correlative item of "BOOK" gain or loss is allocated pursuant to Section 6.1.
  - (iii) The General Partner shall apply the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-3(d) to eliminate Book-Tax Disparities.

- (c) For the proper administration of the Partnership and for the preservation of uniformity of the Limited Partner Interests (or any class or classes thereof), the General Partner shall have sole discretion to (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; and (iii) amend the provisions of this Agreement as appropriate (x) to reflect the proposal or promulgation of Treasury Regulations under Section 704(b) or Section 704(c) of the Code or (y) otherwise to preserve or achieve uniformity of the Limited Partner Interests (or any class or classes thereof). The General Partner may adopt such conventions, make such allocations and make such amendments to this Agreement as provided in this Section 6.2(c) only if such conventions, allocations or amendments would not have a material adverse effect on the Partners, the holders of any class or classes of Limited Partner Interests issued and Outstanding or the Partnership, and if such allocations are consistent with the principles of Section 704 of the Code.
- (d) The General Partner in its discretion may determine to depreciate or amortize the portion of an adjustment under Section 743(b) of the Code attributable to unrealized appreciation in any Adjusted Property (to the extent of the unamortized Book-Tax Disparity) using a predetermined rate derived from the depreciation or amortization method and useful life applied to the Partnership's common basis of such property, despite any inconsistency of such approach with Treasury Regulation Section 1.167(c)-l(a)(6), Proposed Treasury Regulation Section 1.197-2(g)(3), or any successor regulations thereto. If the General Partner determines that such reporting position cannot reasonably be taken, the General Partner may adopt depreciation and amortization conventions under which all purchasers acquiring Limited Partner Interests in the same month would receive depreciation and amortization deductions, based upon the same applicable rate as if they had purchased a direct interest in the Partnership's property. If the General Partner chooses not to utilize such aggregate method, the General Partner may use any other reasonable depreciation and amortization conventions to preserve the uniformity of the intrinsic tax characteristics of any Limited Partner Interests that would not have a material adverse effect on the Limited Partners or the Record Holders of any class or classes of Limited Partner Interests.
- (e) Any gain allocated to the Partners upon the sale or other taxable disposition of any Partnership asset shall, to the extent possible, after taking into account other required allocations of gain pursuant to this Section 6.2, be characterized as Recapture Income in the same proportions and to the same extent as such Partners (or their predecessors in interest) have been allocated any deductions directly or indirectly giving rise to the treatment of such gains as Recapture Income.
- (f) All items of income, gain, loss, deduction and credit recognized by the Partnership for federal income tax purposes and allocated to the Partners in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be determined without regard to any election under Section 754 of the Code which may be made by the Partnership; provided, however, that such allocations, once made, shall be adjusted as necessary or appropriate to take into account those adjustments permitted or required by Sections 734 and 743 of the Code.
- (g) Each item of Partnership income, gain, loss and deduction attributable to a transferred Partnership Interest, shall for federal income tax purposes, be determined on an annual basis and prorated on a monthly basis and shall be allocated to the Partners as of the opening of the New York Stock Exchange on the first Business Day of each month; provided, however, that (i) such items for the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending on the last day of the month in which the Option Closing Date or the expiration of the Over-allotment Option occurs shall be allocated to the Partners as of the opening of the New York Stock Exchange on the

first Business Day of the next succeeding month; and provided, further, that gain or loss on a sale or other disposition of any assets of the Partnership other than in the ordinary course of business shall be allocated to the Partners as of the opening of the New York Stock Exchange on the first Business Day of the month in which such gain or loss is recognized for federal income tax purposes. The General Partner may revise, alter or otherwise modify such methods of allocation as it determines necessary, to the extent permitted or required by Section 706 of the Code and the regulations or rulings promulgated thereunder.

(h) Allocations that would otherwise be made to a Limited Partner under the provisions of this Article VI shall instead be made to the beneficial owner of Limited Partner Interests held by a nominee in any case in which the nominee has furnished the identity of such owner to the Partnership in accordance with Section 6031(c) of the Code or any other method acceptable to the General Partner in its sole discretion.

Section 6.3 REQUIREMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS; DISTRIBUTIONS TO RECORD HOLDERS.

- (a) Within 45 days following the end of each Quarter commencing with the Quarter ending on June 30, 1999, an amount equal to 100% of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter shall, subject to Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act, be distributed in accordance with this Article VI by the Partnership to the Partners as of the Record Date selected by the General Partner in its reasonable discretion. All amounts of Available Cash distributed by the Partnership on any date from any source shall be deemed to be Operating Surplus until the sum of all amounts of Available Cash theretofore distributed by the Partnership to the Partners pursuant to Section 6.4 equals the Operating Surplus from the Closing Date through the close of the immediately preceding Quarter. Any remaining amounts of Available Cash distributed by the Partnership on such date shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 6.5, be deemed to be "CAPITAL SURPLUS." All distributions required to be made under this Agreement shall be made subject to Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 6.3(a), in the event of the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership, all receipts received during or after the Quarter in which the Liquidation Date occurs, other than from borrowings described in (a)(ii) of the definition of Available Cash, shall be applied and distributed solely in accordance with, and subject to the terms and conditions of, Section 12.4.
- (c) The General Partner shall have the discretion to treat taxes paid by the Partnership on behalf of, or amounts withheld with respect to, all or less than all of the Partners, as a distribution of Available Cash to such Partners.
- (d) Each distribution in respect of a Partnership Interest shall be paid by the Partnership, directly or through the Transfer Agent or through any other Person or agent, only to the Record Holder of such Partnership Interest as of the Record Date set for such distribution. Such payment shall constitute full payment and satisfaction of the Partnership's liability in respect of such payment, regardless of any claim of any Person who may have an interest in such payment by reason of an assignment or otherwise.

- (a) DURING SUBORDINATION PERIOD. Available Cash with respect to any Quarter within the Subordination Period that is deemed to be Operating Surplus pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.3 or 6.5 shall, subject to Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act, be distributed as follows, except as otherwise required by Section 5.6(b) in respect of additional Partnership Securities issued pursuant thereto:
  - (i) First, 99% to the Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until there has been distributed in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;
  - (ii) Second, 99% to the Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until there has been distributed in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage existing with respect to such Quarter;
  - (iii) Third, 99% to the Unitholders holding Subordinated Units, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until there has been distributed in respect of each Subordinated Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;
  - (iv) Fourth, 85.8673% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, 13.1327% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the First Target Distribution over the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;
  - (v) Fifth, 75.7653% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, 23.2347% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the Second Target Distribution over the First Target Distribution for such Quarter; and
  - (vi) Thereafter, 50.5102% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, 48.4898% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner;

provided, however, if the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, the First Target Distribution and the Second Target Distribution have been reduced to zero pursuant to the second sentence of Section 6.6(a), the distribution of Available Cash that is deemed to be Operating Surplus with respect to any Quarter will be made solely in accordance with Section 6.4(a)(vi).

- (b) AFTER SUBORDINATION PERIOD. Available Cash with respect to any Quarter after the Subordination Period that is deemed to be Operating Surplus pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.3 or 6.5, subject to Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act, shall be distributed as follows, except as otherwise required by Section 5.6(b) in respect of additional Partnership Securities issued pursuant thereto:
  - (i) First, 99% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;
  - (ii) Second, 85.8673% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, and 13.1327% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the First Target Distribution over the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;
  - (iii) Third, 75.7653% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, and 23.2347% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until there has been

distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the Second Target Distribution over the First Target Distribution for such Quarter; and

(iv) Thereafter, 50.5102% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, and 48.4898% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner;

provided, however, if the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, the First Target Distribution and the Second Target Distribution have been reduced to zero pursuant to the second sentence of Section 6.6(a), the distribution of Available Cash that is deemed to be Operating Surplus with respect to any Quarter will be made solely in accordance with Section 6.4(b)(iv).

Section 6.5 DISTRIBUTIONS OF AVAILABLE CASH FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS.

Available Cash that is deemed to be Capital Surplus pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.3(a) shall, subject to Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act, be distributed, unless the provisions of Section 6.3 require otherwise, 99% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until a hypothetical holder of a Common Unit acquired on the Closing Date has received with respect to such Common Unit, during the period since the Closing Date through such date, distributions of Available Cash that are deemed to be Capital Surplus in an aggregate amount equal to the Initial Unit Price. Available Cash that is deemed to be Capital Surplus shall then be distributed 99% to all Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, and 1% to the General Partner until there has been distributed in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage. Thereafter, all Available Cash shall be distributed as if it were Operating Surplus and shall be distributed in accordance with Section 6.4.

Section 6.6 ADJUSTMENT OF MINIMUM QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION AND TARGET DISTRIBUTION LEVELS.

- (a) The Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution, Second Target Distribution, Common Unit Arrearages and Cumulative Common Unit Arrearages shall be proportionately adjusted in the event of any distribution, combination or subdivision (whether effected by a distribution payable in Units or otherwise) of Units or other Partnership Securities in accordance with Section 5.10. In the event of a distribution of Available Cash that is deemed to be from Capital Surplus, the then applicable Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution and Second Target Distribution shall be adjusted proportionately downward to equal the product obtained by multiplying the otherwise applicable Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution and Second Target Distribution, as the case may be, by a fraction of which the numerator is the Unrecovered Capital of the Common Units immediately after giving effect to such distribution and of which the denominator is the Unrecovered Capital of the Common Units immediately prior to giving effect to such distribution. These adjustments will not apply to the quarter in which the distributions of Available Cash that are deemed to be from Capital Surplus trigger these adjustments.
- (b) The Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution and Second Target Distribution shall also be subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 6.9.

- (a) Except with respect to the right to vote on or approve matters requiring the vote or approval of a percentage of the holders of Outstanding Common Units and the right to participate in allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction and distributions made with respect to Common Units, the holder of a Subordinated Unit shall have all of the rights and obligations of a Unitholder holding Common Units hereunder; provided, however, that immediately upon the conversion of Subordinated Units into Common Units pursuant to Section 5.8, the Unitholder holding a Subordinated Unit shall possess all of the rights and obligations of a Unitholder holding Common Units hereunder, including the right to vote as a Common Unitholder and the right to participate in allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction and distributions made with respect to Common Units; provided, however, that such converted Subordinated Units shall remain subject to the provisions of Sections 5.5(c)(ii), 6.1(d)(x) and 6.7(b).
- (b) The Unitholder holding a Subordinated Unit which has converted into a Common Unit pursuant to Section 5.8 shall not be issued a Common Unit Certificate pursuant to Section 4.1, and shall not be permitted to transfer its converted Subordinated Units to a Person which is not an Affiliate of the holder until such time as the General Partner determines, based on advice of counsel, that a converted Subordinated Unit should have, as a substantive matter, like intrinsic economic and federal income tax characteristics, in all material respects, to the intrinsic economic and federal income tax characteristics of an Initial Common Unit. In connection with the condition imposed by this Section 6.7(b), the General Partner may take whatever reasonable steps are required to provide economic uniformity to the converted Subordinated Units in preparation for a transfer of such converted Subordinated Units, including the application of Sections 5.5(c)(ii) and 6.1(d)(x); provided, however, that no such steps may be taken that would have a material adverse effect on the Unitholders holding Common Units represented by Common Unit Certificates.

Section 6.8 SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE HOLDERS OF INCENTIVE DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights (a) shall (i) possess the rights and obligations provided in this Agreement with respect to a Limited Partner pursuant to Articles III and VII and (ii) have a Capital Account as a Partner pursuant to Section 5.5 and all other provisions related thereto and (b) shall not (i) be entitled to vote on any matters requiring the approval or vote of the holders of Outstanding Units, (ii) be entitled to any distributions other than as provided in Sections 6.4(a)(iv), (v) and (vi), 6.4(b)(ii), (iii) and (iv) and 12.4 or (iii) be allocated items of income, gain, loss or deduction other than as specified in this Article VI.

If legislation is enacted or the interpretation of existing legislation is modified by the relevant governmental authority which causes the Partnership, the Intermediate Partnership or Northern Border Pipeline to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise subjects the Partnership, the Intermediate Partnership or Northern Border Pipeline to entity-level taxation for federal income tax purposes, the then applicable Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution and Second Target Distribution shall be adjusted to equal the product obtained by multiplying (a) the amount thereof by (b) one minus the sum of (i) the highest marginal federal corporate (or other entity, as applicable) income tax rate that could apply to the Partnership, the Intermediate Partnership or Northern Border Pipeline for the taxable year of the Partnership, the Intermediate Partnership or Northern Border Pipeline in which such Quarter occurs (expressed as a decimal) plus (ii) the effective overall state and local income tax rate (expressed as a decimal) that would have been applicable to the Partnership, the Intermediate Partnership or Northern Border Pipeline for the calendar year next preceding the calendar year in which such Quarter occurs (after taking into account the benefit of any deduction allowable for federal income tax purposes with respect to the payment of state and local income taxes), but only to the extent of the increase in such rates resulting from such legislation or interpretation. Such effective overall state and local income tax rate shall be determined for the taxable year next preceding the first taxable year during which the Partnership, the Intermediate Partnership or Northern Border Pipeline is taxable for federal income tax purposes as an association taxable as a corporation or is otherwise subject to entity-level taxation by determining such rate as if the Partnership, the Intermediate Partnership or Northern Border Pipeline had been subject to such state and local taxes during such preceding taxable year.

# ARTICLE VII MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF BUSINESS

#### Section 7.1 MANAGEMENT.

- (a) The General Partner shall conduct, direct and manage all activities of the Partnership. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all management powers over the business and affairs of the Partnership shall be exclusively vested in the General Partner, and no Limited Partner or Assignee shall have any management power over the business and affairs of the Partnership. In addition to the powers now or hereafter granted a general partner of a limited partnership under applicable law or which are granted to the General Partner under any other provision of this Agreement, the General Partner, subject to Section 7.3, shall have full power and authority to do all things and on such terms as it, in its sole discretion, may deem necessary or appropriate to conduct the business of the Partnership, to exercise all powers set forth in Section 2.5 and to effectuate the purposes set forth in Section 2.4, including the following:
  - (i) the making of any expenditures, the lending or borrowing of money, the assumption or guarantee of, or other contracting for, indebtedness and other liabilities, the issuance of evidences of indebtedness, including indebtedness that is convertible into Partnership Securities, and the incurring of any other obligations;
  - (ii) the making of tax, regulatory and other filings, or rendering of periodic or other reports to governmental or other agencies having jurisdiction over the business or assets of the Partnership;
  - (iii) the acquisition, disposition, mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, hypothecation or exchange of any or all of the assets of the Partnership or the merger or other combination of the Partnership with or into another Person (the matters described in this clause (iii) being subject, however, to any prior approval that may be required by Section 7.3);

- (iv) the use of the assets of the Partnership (including cash on hand) for any purpose consistent with the terms of this Agreement, including the financing of the conduct of the operations of the Partnership Group or making investments in or loans to JV Entities; subject to Section 7.6(a), the lending of funds to other Persons (including the Intermediate Partnership); the repayment of obligations of the Partnership Group or any JV Entity and the making of capital contributions to any Group Member or JV Entity;
- (v) the negotiation, execution and performance of any contracts, conveyances or other instruments (including contracts, conveyances or instruments that limit the liability of the Partnership under contractual arrangements to all or particular assets of the Partnership, with the other party to the contract to have no recourse against the General Partner or its assets other than its interest in the Partnership, even if these arrangements result in the terms of the transaction being less favorable to the Partnership than would otherwise be the case);
  - (vi) the distribution of Partnership cash;
- (vii) the selection and dismissal of employees (including employees having titles such as "president," "vice president," "secretary" and "treasurer") and agents, outside attorneys, accountants, consultants and contractors and the determination of their compensation and other terms of employment or hiring;
- (viii) the maintenance of such insurance for the benefit of the Partnership Group and the Partners as it deems necessary or appropriate;
- (ix) the formation of, or acquisition of an interest in, and the contribution of property and the making of loans to, any further limited or general partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other relationships (including the acquisition of interests in, and the contributions of property to, the Intermediate Partnership from time to time) subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 2.4;
- (x) the control of any matters affecting the rights and obligations of the Partnership, including the bringing and defending of actions at law or in equity and otherwise engaging in the conduct of litigation and the incurring of legal expense and the settlement of claims and litigation;
- (xi) the indemnification of any Person against liabilities and contingencies to the extent permitted by law;
- (xii) the entering into of listing agreements with any National Securities Exchange and the delisting of some or all of the Limited Partner Interests from, or requesting that trading be suspended on, any such exchange (subject to any prior approval that may be required under Section 4.8);
- (xiii) unless restricted or prohibited by Section 5.7, the issuance, purchase, sale or other acquisition or disposition of Partnership Securities or options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to Partnership Securities; and
- (xiv) the undertaking of any action in connection with the Partnership's participation in the Intermediate Partnership as a partner.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Intermediate Partnership Agreement, the Delaware Act or any applicable law, rule or regulation, each of the Partners and the Assignees and each other Person who may acquire an interest in Partnership Securities hereby (i) approves, ratifies and confirms the execution, delivery and performance by the parties thereto of the Intermediate Partnership Agreement, the Underwriting Agreement, the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement and the other agreements, documents and instruments described in or filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement that are related to the transactions contemplated by the Registration Statement; (ii) agrees that the General Partner

(on its own or through any officer or attorney-in-fact of the Partnership) is authorized to execute, deliver and perform the agreements referred to in clause (i) of this sentence and the other agreements, acts, transactions and matters described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement on behalf of the Partnership without any further act, approval or vote of the Partners or the Assignees or the other Persons who may acquire an interest in Partnership Securities; and (iii) agrees that the execution, delivery or performance by the General Partner, any Group Member or any Affiliate of any of them, of this Agreement or any agreement authorized or permitted under this Agreement (including the exercise by the General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner of the rights accorded pursuant to Article XV), shall not constitute a breach by the General Partner of any duty that the General Partner may owe the Partnership or the Limited Partners or any other Persons under this Agreement (or any other agreements) or of any duty stated or implied by law or equity.

### Section 7.2 CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.

The General Partner has caused the Certificate of Limited Partnership to be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as required by the Delaware Act and shall use all reasonable efforts to cause to be filed such other certificates or documents as may be determined by the General Partner in its sole discretion to be reasonable and necessary or appropriate for the formation, continuation, qualification and operation of a limited partnership (or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability) in the State of Delaware or any other state in which the Partnership may elect to do business or own property. To the extent that such action is determined by the General Partner in its sole discretion to be reasonable and necessary or appropriate, the General Partner shall file amendments to and restatements of the Certificate of Limited Partnership and do all things to maintain the Partnership as a limited partnership (or a partnership or other entity in which the limited partners have limited liability) under the laws of the State of Delaware or of any other state in which the Partnership may elect to do business or own property. Subject to the terms of Section 3.4(a), the General Partner shall not be required, before or after filing, to deliver or mail a copy of the Certificate of Limited Partnership, any qualification document or any amendment thereto to any Limited Partner.

### Section 7.3 RESTRICTIONS ON GENERAL PARTNER'S AUTHORITY.

- (a) The General Partner may not, without written approval of the specific act by holders of all of the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests or by other written instrument executed and delivered by holders of all of the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests subsequent to the date of this Agreement, take any action in contravention of this Agreement, including, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, (i) committing any act that would make it impossible to carry on the ordinary business of the Partnership; (ii) possessing Partnership property, or assigning any rights in specific Partnership property, for other than a Partnership purpose; (iii) admitting a Person as a Partner; (iv) amending this Agreement in any manner; or (v) transferring its interest as general partner of the Partnership.
- (b) Except as provided in Articles XII and XIV, the General Partner may not sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the Partnership's assets in a single transaction or a series of related transactions (including by way of merger, consolidation or other combination) or approve on behalf of the Partnership the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Intermediate Partnership, taken as a whole, without the approval of holders of a Unit Majority; provided however that this provision shall not preclude or limit the General Partner's ability to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership or Intermediate Partnership and shall not apply to any sale of any or all of the assets of the Partnership or Intermediate Partnership pursuant to the foreclosure of, or other realization upon, any such encumbrance. Without the approval of holders of a Unit Majority, the General Partner shall not, on behalf of the Partnership, (i) consent to any amendment to the Intermediate Partnership

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Agreement or, except as expressly permitted by Section 7.9(d), take any action permitted to be taken by a partner of the Intermediate Partnership, in either case, that would have a material adverse effect on the Partnership as a partner of the Intermediate Partnership or (ii) except as permitted under Sections 4.6, 11.1 or 11.2, elect or cause the Partnership to elect a successor general partner of the Partnership or the Intermediate Partnership.

(c) The General Partner may not approve or consent to the conversion of Northern Border Pipeline or any other JV Entity that is not then taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes to corporate form without first obtaining the approval of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the Outstanding Units during the Subordination Period and at least a majority of the Outstanding Units thereafter.

#### Section 7.4 REIMBURSEMENT OF THE GENERAL PARTNER.

- (a) Except as provided in this Section 7.4 and elsewhere in this Agreement or in the Intermediate Partnership Agreement, the General Partner shall not be compensated for its services as general partner or managing member of any Group Member.
- (b) The General Partner shall be reimbursed on a monthly basis, or such other reasonable basis as the General Partner may determine in its sole discretion, for (i) all direct and indirect expenses it incurs or payments it makes on behalf of the Partnership (including salary, bonus, incentive compensation and other amounts paid to any Person including Affiliates of the General Partner to perform services for the Partnership or for the General Partner in the discharge of its duties to the Partnership), and (ii) all other necessary or appropriate expenses allocable to the Partnership or otherwise reasonably incurred by the General Partner in connection with operating the Partnership's business (including expenses allocated to the General Partner by its Affiliates). The General Partner shall determine the expenses that are allocable to the Partnership in any reasonable manner determined by the General Partner in its sole discretion. Reimbursements pursuant to this Section 7.4 shall be in addition to any reimbursement to the General Partner as a result of indemnification pursuant to Section 7.7.
- (c) Subject to Section 5.7, the General Partner, in its sole discretion and without the approval of the Limited Partners (who shall have no right to vote in respect thereof), may propose and adopt on behalf of the Partnership employee benefit plans, employee programs and employee practices (including plans, programs and practices involving the issuance of Partnership Securities or options to purchase Partnership Securities), or cause the Partnership to issue Partnership Securities in connection with, or pursuant to, any employee benefit plan, employee program or employee practice maintained or sponsored by the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, in each case for the benefit of employees of the General Partner, any Group Member or any Affiliate, or any of them, in respect of services performed, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of the Partnership Group. The Partnership agrees to issue and sell to the General Partner or any of its Affiliates any Partnership Securities that the General Partner or such Affiliate is obligated to provide to any employees pursuant to any such employee benefit plans, employee programs or employee practices. Expenses incurred by the General Partner in connection with any such plans, programs and practices (including the net cost to the General Partner or such Affiliate of Partnership Securities purchased by the General Partner or such Affiliate from the Partnership to fulfill options or awards under such plans, programs and practices) shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 7.4(b). Any and all obligations of the General Partner under any employee benefit plans, employee programs or employee practices adopted by the General Partner as permitted by this Section 7.4(c) shall constitute obligations of the General Partner hereunder and shall be assumed by any successor General Partner approved pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2 or the transferee of or successor to all of the General Partner's General Partner Interest pursuant to Section 4.6.

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- (a) After the Closing Date, the General Partner, for so long as it is the General Partner of the Partnership (i) agrees that its sole business will be to act as the general partner (or managing member) of the Partnership, the Intermediate Partnership, and any other partnership or limited liability company of which the Partnership or the Intermediate Partnership is, directly or indirectly, a partner or member and to undertake activities that are ancillary or related thereto (including being a limited partner in the Partnership) and (ii) shall not engage in any business or activity or incur any debts or liabilities except in connection with or incidental to (A) its performance as general partner (or managing member) of one or more Group Members or as described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement or (B) the acquiring, owning or disposing of debt or equity securities or interests in any Group Member.
- (b) Except as specifically restricted by Section 7.5(a), each Indemnitee (other than the General Partner) shall have the right to engage in businesses of any and every type and description and other activities for profit and to engage in and possess an interest in other business ventures of any and every type or description, whether in businesses engaged in or anticipated to be engaged in by any Group Member or JV Entity, independently or with others, including business interests and activities in direct competition with the business and activities of any Group Member or JV Entity, and none of the same shall constitute a breach of this Agreement or any duty express or implied by law to any Group Member or JV Entity or any Partner or Assignee. Neither any Group Member, any JV Entity, any Limited Partner nor any other Person shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement, the Intermediate Partnership Agreement or the partnership relationship established hereby or thereby in any business ventures of any Indemnitee.
- (c) Subject to the terms of Section 7.5(a) and Section 7.5(b), but otherwise notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, (i) the engaging in competitive activities by any Indemnitees (other than the General Partner) in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.5 is hereby approved by the Partnership and all Partners, (ii) it shall be deemed not to be a breach of the General Partner's fiduciary duty or any other obligation of any type whatsoever of the General Partner for the Indemnitees (other than the General Partner) to engage in such business interests and activities in preference to or to the exclusion of the Partnership and (iii) the General Partner and the Indemnities shall have no obligation to present business opportunities to the Partnership.
- (d) The General Partner and any of its Affiliates may acquire Units or other Partnership Securities in addition to those acquired on the Closing Date and, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, shall be entitled to exercise all rights, powers and privileges (as General Partner, Limited Partner or Assignee, as applicable) relating to such Units or Partnership Securities.
- (e) The term "AFFILIATES" when used in Section 7.5(a) and Section 7.5(d) with respect to the General Partner shall not include any Group Member or any Subsidiary of a Group Member.
- (f) Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, to the extent that provisions of Sections 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.10 or other Sections of this Agreement purport or are interpreted to have the effect of restricting the fiduciary duties that might otherwise, as a result of Delaware or other applicable law, be owed by the General Partner to the Partnership and its Limited Partners, or to constitute a waiver or consent by the Limited Partners to any such restriction, such provisions shall be inapplicable and have no effect in determining whether the General Partner has complied with its fiduciary duties in connection with determinations made by it under Section 7.5(a).

- (a) The General Partner or its Affiliates may lend to any Group Member or JV Entity, and any Group Member or JV Entity may borrow from the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, funds needed or desired by the Group Member or JV Entity for such periods of time and in such amounts as the General Partner may determine; provided, however, that in any such case the lending party may not charge the borrowing party interest at a rate greater than the rate that would be charged the borrowing party or impose terms less favorable to the borrowing party than would be charged or imposed on the borrowing party by unrelated lenders on comparable loans made on an arm's-length basis (without reference to the lending party's financial abilities or guarantees). The borrowing party shall reimburse the lending party for any costs (other than any additional interest costs) incurred by the lending party in connection with the borrowing of such funds. For purposes of this Section 7.6(a) and Section 7.6(b), the term "GROUP MEMBER" shall include any Affiliate of a Group Member that is controlled by the Group Member. No Group Member may lend funds to the General Partner or any of its Affiliates (other than another Group Member).
- (b) The Partnership may lend or contribute to any Group Member or JV Entity, and any Group Member or JV Entity may borrow from the Partnership, funds on terms and conditions established in the sole discretion of the General Partner; provided, however, that the Partnership may not charge the Group Member or JV Entity interest at a rate less than the rate that would be charged to the Group Member or JV Entity (without reference to the General Partner's financial abilities or guarantees) by unrelated lenders on comparable loans. The foregoing authority shall be exercised by the General Partner in its sole discretion and shall not create any right or benefit in favor of any Group Member, JV Entity or any other Person.
- (c) The General Partner may itself, or may enter into an agreement with any of its Affiliates to, render services to a Group Member or JV Entity or to the General Partner in the discharge of its duties as general partner of the Partnership. Any services rendered to a Group Member or JV Entity by the General Partner or any of its Affiliates shall be on terms that are fair and reasonable to the Partnership; provided, however, that the requirements of this Section 7.6(c) shall be deemed satisfied as to (i) any transaction approved by Special Approval, (ii) any transaction, the terms of which are no less favorable to such Group Member or JV Entity than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or (iii) any transaction that, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved (including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to such Group Member or JV Entity), is equitable to such Group Member or JV Entity . The provisions of Section 7.4 shall apply to the rendering of services described in this Section 7.6(c).
- (d) The Partnership Group may transfer assets to joint ventures, other partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies or other business entities in which it is or thereby becomes a participant upon such terms and subject to such conditions as are consistent with this Agreement and applicable law.
- (e) Neither the General Partner nor any of its Affiliates shall sell, transfer or convey any property to, or purchase any property from, the Partnership, any other Group Member or any JV Entity directly or indirectly, except pursuant to transactions that are fair and reasonable to the Partnership; provided, however, that the requirements of this Section 7.6(e) shall be deemed to be satisfied as to (i) the transactions effected pursuant to Sections 5.2 and 5.3, the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement and any other transactions described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement, (ii) any transaction approved by Special Approval, (iii) any transaction, the terms of which are no less favorable to the Partnership than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties, or (iv) any transaction that,

taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved (including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to the Partnership), is equitable to the Partnership. With respect to any contribution of assets to the Partnership in exchange for Partnership Securities, the Conflicts Committee, in determining whether the appropriate number of Partnership Securities are being issued, may take into account, among other things, the fair market value of the assets, the liquidated and contingent liabilities assumed, the tax basis in the assets, the extent to which tax-only allocations to the transferor will protect the existing partners of the Partnership against a low tax basis, and such other factors as the Conflicts Committee deems relevant under the circumstances.

- (f) The General Partner and its Affiliates will have no obligation to permit any Group Member or JV Entity to use any facilities or assets of the General Partner and its Affiliates, except as may be provided in contracts entered into from time to time specifically dealing with such use, nor shall there be any obligation on the part of the General Partner or its Affiliates to enter into such contracts.
- (g) Without limitation of Sections 7.6(a) through 7.6(f), and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement (including Sections 7.6(a) through 7.6(f), (i) the existence of the conflicts of interest described in the Registration Statement and (ii) the Revolving Credit Facility described in the Registration Statement and any extension, refunding or replacement on substantially similar terms, including interest rate, are hereby approved by all Partners.

#### Section 7.7 INDEMNIFICATION.

- (a) To the fullest extent permitted by law but subject to the limitations expressly provided in this Agreement, all Indemnitees shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Partnership from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts arising from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, in which any Indemnitee may be involved, or is threatened to be involved, as a party or otherwise, by reason of its status as an Indemnitee; provided, that in each case the Indemnitee acted in good faith and in a manner that such Indemnitee reasonably believed to be in, or (in the case of a Person other than the General Partner) not opposed to, the best interests of the Partnership and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe its conduct was unlawful; provided, further, no indemnification pursuant to this Section 7.7 shall be available to the General Partner with respect to its obligations incurred pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement or the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement (other than obligations incurred by the General Partner on behalf of the Partnership or the Intermediate Partnership). The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere, or its equivalent, shall not create a presumption that the Indemnitee acted in a manner contrary to that specified above. Any indemnification pursuant to this Section 7.7 shall be made only out of the assets of the Partnership, it being agreed that the General Partner shall not be personally liable for such indemnification and shall have no obligation to contribute or loan any monies or property to the Partnership to enable it to effectuate such indemnification.
- (b) To the fullest extent permitted by law, expenses (including legal fees and expenses) incurred by an Indemnitee who is indemnified pursuant to Section 7.7(a) in defending any claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding shall, from time to time, be advanced by the Partnership prior to the final disposition of such claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding upon receipt by the Partnership of any undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall be determined that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified as authorized in this Section 7.7.

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- (c) The indemnification provided by this Section 7.7 shall be in addition to any other rights to which an Indemnitee may be entitled under any agreement, pursuant to any vote of the holders of Outstanding Limited Partner Interests, as a matter of law or otherwise, both as to actions in the Indemnitee's capacity as an Indemnitee and as to actions in any other capacity(including any capacity under the Underwriting Agreement), and shall continue as to an Indemnitee who has ceased to serve in such capacity and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors, assigns and administrators of the Indemnitee.
- (d) The Partnership may purchase and maintain (or reimburse the General Partner or its Affiliates for the cost of) insurance, on behalf of the General Partner, its Affiliates and such other Persons as the General Partner shall determine, against any liability that may be asserted against or expense that may be incurred by such Person in connection with the Partnership's activities or such Person's activities on behalf of the Partnership, regardless of whether the Partnership would have the power to indemnify such Person against such liability under the provisions of this Agreement.
- (e) For purposes of this Section 7.7, the Partnership shall be deemed to have requested an Indemnitee to serve as fiduciary of an employee benefit plan whenever the performance by it of its duties to the Partnership also imposes duties on, or otherwise involves services by, it to the plan or participants or beneficiaries of the plan; excise taxes assessed on an Indemnitee with respect to an employee benefit plan pursuant to applicable law shall constitute "FINES" within the meaning of Section 7.7(a); and action taken or omitted by it with respect to any employee benefit plan in the performance of its duties for a purpose reasonably believed by it to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan shall be deemed to be for a purpose which is in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Partnership.
- (f) In no event may an Indemnitee subject the Limited Partners to personal liability by reason of the indemnification provisions set forth in this Agreement.
- (g) An Indemnitee shall not be denied indemnification in whole or in part under this Section 7.7 because the Indemnitee had an interest in the transaction with respect to which the indemnification applies if the transaction was otherwise permitted by the terms of this Agreement.
- (h) The provisions of this Section 7.7 are for the benefit of the Indemnitees, their heirs, successors, assigns and administrators and shall not be deemed to create any rights for the benefit of any other Persons.
- (i) No amendment, modification or repeal of this Section 7.7 or any provision hereof shall in any manner terminate, reduce or impair the right of any past, present or future Indemnitee to be indemnified by the Partnership, nor the obligations of the Partnership to indemnify any such Indemnitee under and in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.7 as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.

## Section 7.8 LIABILITY OF INDEMNITEES.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, no Indemnitee shall be liable for monetary damages to the Partnership, the Limited Partners, the Assignees or any other Persons who have acquired interests in the Partnership Securities, for losses sustained or liabilities incurred as a result of any act or omission if such Indemnitee acted in good faith.
- (b) Subject to its obligations and duties as General Partner set forth in Section 7.1(a), the General Partner may exercise any of the powers granted to it by this Agreement and perform

any of the duties imposed upon it hereunder either directly or by or through its agents, and the General Partner shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any such agent appointed by the General Partner in good faith.

- (c) To the extent that, at law or in equity, an Indemnitee has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Partnership or to the Partners, the General Partner and any other Indemnitee acting in connection with the Partnership's business or affairs shall not be liable to the Partnership or to any Partner for its good faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement, to the extent that they restrict or otherwise modify the duties and liabilities of an Indemnitee otherwise existing at law or in equity, are agreed by the Partners to replace such other duties and liabilities of such Indemnitee.
- (d) Any amendment, modification or repeal of this Section 7.8 or any provision hereof shall be prospective only and shall not in any way affect the limitations on the liability to the Partnership, the Limited Partners, the General Partner, and the Partnership's and General Partner's directors, officers and employees under this Section 7.8 as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.

#### Section 7.9 RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

(a) Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or the Intermediate Partnership Agreement, whenever a potential conflict of interest exists or arises between the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Partnership, the Intermediate Partnership, any Partner or any Assignee, on the other, any resolution or course of action by the General Partner or its Affiliates in respect of such conflict of interest shall be permitted and deemed approved by all Partners, and shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement, of the Intermediate Partnership Agreement, of any agreement contemplated herein or therein, or of any duty stated or implied by law or equity, if the resolution or course of action is, or by operation of this Agreement is deemed to be, fair and reasonable to the Partnership. The General Partner shall be authorized but not required in connection with its resolution of such conflict of interest to seek Special Approval of such resolution. Any conflict of interest and any resolution of such conflict of interest shall be conclusively deemed fair and reasonable to the Partnership if such conflict of interest or resolution is (i) approved by Special Approval (as long as the material facts known to the General Partner or any of its Affiliates regarding any proposed transaction were disclosed to the Conflicts Committee at the time it gave its approval), (ii) on terms no less favorable to the Partnership than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or (iii) fair to the Partnership, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved (including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to the Partnership). The General Partner may also adopt a resolution or course of action that has not received Special Approval. The General Partner (including the Conflicts Committee in connection with Special Approval) shall be authorized in connection with its determination of what is "fair and reasonable" to the Partnership and in connection with its resolution of any conflict of interest to consider (A) the relative interests of any party to such conflict, agreement, transaction or situation and the benefits and burdens relating to such interest; (B) any customary or accepted industry practices and any customary or historical dealings with a particular Person; (C) any applicable generally accepted accounting practices or principles; and (D) such additional factors as the General Partner (including the Conflicts Committee) determines in its sole discretion to be relevant, reasonable or appropriate under the circumstances. Nothing contained in this Agreement, however, is intended to nor shall it be construed to require the General Partner (including the Conflicts Committee) to consider the interests of any Person other than the

Partnership. In the absence of bad faith by the General Partner, the resolution, action or terms so made, taken or provided by the General Partner with respect to such matter shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein or a breach of any standard of care or duty imposed herein or therein or, to the extent permitted by law, under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation.

- (b) Whenever this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated hereby provides that the General Partner or any of its Affiliates is permitted or required to make a decision (i) in its "sole discretion" or "discretion," that it deems "necessary or appropriate" or "necessary or advisable" or under a grant of similar authority or latitude, except as otherwise provided herein, the General Partner or such Affiliate shall be entitled to consider only such interests and factors as it desires and shall have no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of, or factors affecting, the Partnership, any other Group Member or JV Entity, any Limited Partner or any Assignee, (ii) it may make such decision in its sole discretion (regardless of whether there is a reference to "sole discretion" or "discretion") unless another express standard is provided for, or (iii) in "good faith" or under another express standard, the General Partner or such Affiliate shall act under such express standard and shall not be subject to any other or different standards imposed by this Agreement, the Intermediate Partnership Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation. In addition, any actions taken by the General Partner or such Affiliate consistent with the standards of "reasonable discretion" set forth in the definitions of Available Cash or Operating Surplus shall not constitute a breach of any duty of the General Partner to the Partnership or the Limited Partners. The General Partner shall have no duty, express or implied, to sell or otherwise dispose of any asset of the Partnership Group other than in the ordinary course of business. No borrowing by any Group Member or the approval thereof by the General Partner shall be deemed to constitute a breach of any duty of the General Partner to the Partnership or the Limited Partners by reason of the fact that the purpose or effect of such borrowing is directly or indirectly to (A) enable distributions to the General Partner or its Affiliates (including in their capacities as Limited Partners) to exceed 1% of the total amount distributed to all Partners or (B) hasten the expiration of the Subordination Period or the conversion of any Subordinated Units into Common Units.
- (c) Whenever a particular transaction, arrangement or resolution of a conflict of interest is required under this Agreement to be "fair and reasonable" to any Person, the fair and reasonable nature of such transaction, arrangement or resolution shall be considered in the context of all similar or related transactions.
- (d) The Unitholders hereby authorize the General Partner, on behalf of the Partnership as a partner or member of a Group Member, to approve of actions by the general partner or managing member of such Group Member similar to those actions permitted to be taken by the General Partner pursuant to this Section 7.9.

# Section 7.10 OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE GENERAL PARTNER.

- (a) The General Partner may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, bond, debenture or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.
- (b) The General Partner may consult with legal counsel, accountants, appraisers, management consultants, investment bankers and other consultants and advisers selected by it, and any act taken or omitted to be taken in reliance upon the opinion (including an Opinion of Counsel) of such Persons as to matters that the General Partner reasonably believes to be

within such Person's professional or expert competence and in accordance with such opinion shall be conclusively presumed to have been done or omitted in good faith.

- (c) The General Partner shall have the right, in respect of any of its rights, powers or obligations hereunder, to act through any of its duly authorized officers, a duly appointed attorney or attorneys-in-fact or the duly authorized officers of the Partnership.
- (d) Any standard of care and duty imposed by this Agreement or under the Delaware Act or any applicable law, rule or regulation shall be modified, waived or limited, to the extent permitted by law, as required to permit the General Partner to act under this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated by this Agreement and to make any decision pursuant to the authority prescribed in this Agreement, so long as such action is reasonably believed by the General Partner to be in, or not inconsistent with, the best interests of the Partnership.

#### Section 7.11 PURCHASE OR SALE OF PARTNERSHIP SECURITIES.

The General Partner may cause the Partnership to purchase or otherwise acquire Partnership Securities; provided that, except as permitted pursuant to Section 4.10, the General Partner may not cause any Group Member to purchase Subordinated Units during the Subordination Period. As long as Partnership Securities are held by any Group Member, such Partnership Securities shall not be considered Outstanding for any purpose, except as otherwise provided herein. The General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner may also purchase or otherwise acquire and sell or otherwise dispose of Partnership Securities for its own account, subject to the provisions of Articles IV and X.

### Section 7.12 REGISTRATION RIGHTS OF THE GENERAL PARTNER AND ITS AFFILIATES.

(a) If (i) the General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner (including for purposes of this Section 7.12, any Person that is an  $\frac{1}{2}$ Affiliate of the General Partner at the date hereof notwithstanding that it may later cease to be an Affiliate of the General Partner) holds Partnership Securities that it desires to sell and (ii) Rule 144 of the Securities Act (or any successor rule or regulation to Rule 144) or another exemption from registration is not available to enable such holder of Partnership Securities (the "HOLDER") to dispose of the number of Partnership Securities it desires to sell at the time it desires to do so without registration under the Securities Act, then upon the request of the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, the Partnership shall file with the Commission as promptly as practicable after receiving such request, and use all reasonable efforts to cause to become effective and remain effective for a period of not less than six months following its effective date or such shorter period as shall terminate when all Partnership Securities covered by such registration statement have been sold, a registration statement under the Securities Act registering the offering and sale of the number of Partnership Securities specified by the Holder; provided, however, that the Partnership shall not be required to effect more than three registrations pursuant to this Section 7.12(a); and provided further, however, that if the Conflicts Committee determines in its good faith judgment that a postponement of the requested registration for up to six months would be in the best interests of the Partnership and its Partners due to a pending transaction, investigation or other event, the filing of such registration statement or the effectiveness thereof may be deferred for up to six months, but not thereafter. In connection with any registration pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence, the Partnership shall promptly prepare and file (x) such documents as may be necessary to register or qualify the securities subject to such registration under the securities laws of such states as the Holder shall reasonably request; provided, however, that no such qualification shall be required in any jurisdiction where, as a result thereof, the Partnership would become subject to general service of process or to taxation or qualification to do business as a foreign corporation or partnership doing business in such jurisdiction solely as a result of such registration, and (y) such documents as

may be necessary to apply for listing or to list the Partnership Securities subject to such registration on such National Securities Exchange as the Holder shall reasonably request, and do any and all other acts and things that may reasonably be necessary or advisable to enable the Holder to consummate a public sale of such Partnership Securities in such states. Except as set forth in Section 7.12(c), all costs and expenses of any such registration and offering (other than the underwriting discounts and commissions) shall be paid by the Partnership, without reimbursement by the Holder.

- (b) If the Partnership shall at any time propose to file a registration statement under the Securities Act for an offering of equity securities of the Partnership for cash (other than an offering relating solely to an employee benefit plan), the Partnership shall use all reasonable efforts to include such number or amount of securities held by the Holder in such registration statement as the Holder shall request. If the proposed offering pursuant to this Section 7.12(b) shall be an underwritten offering, then, in the event that the managing underwriter or managing underwriters of such offering advise the Partnership and the Holder in writing that in their opinion the inclusion of all or some of the Holder's Partnership Securities would adversely and materially affect the success of the offering, the Partnership shall include in such offering only that number or amount, if any, of securities held by the Holder which, in the opinion of the managing underwriter or managing underwriters, will not so adversely and materially affect the offering. Except as set forth in Section 7.12(c), all costs and expenses of any such registration and offering (other than the underwriting discounts and commissions) shall be paid by the Partnership, without reimbursement by the Holder.
- (c) If underwriters are engaged in connection with any registration referred to in this Section 7.12, the Partnership shall provide indemnification, representations, covenants, opinions and other assurance to the underwriters in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such underwriters. Further, in addition to and not in limitation of the Partnership's obligation under Section 7.7, the Partnership shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold harmless the Holder and each Person who controls the Holder (within the meaning of the Securities Act) and their respective directors, officers, employees, members, partners or agents (collectively, "INDEMNIFIED PERSONS") against any losses, claims, demands, actions, causes of action, assessments, damages, liabilities (joint or several), costs and expenses (including interest, penalties and reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements), resulting to, imposed upon, or incurred by the Indemnified Persons, directly or indirectly, under the Securities Act or otherwise (hereinafter referred to in this Section 7.12(c) as a "CLAIM" and in the plural as "CLAIMS") based upon, arising out of or resulting from any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in any registration statement under which any Partnership Securities were registered under the Securities Act or any state securities or Blue Sky laws, in any preliminary prospectus (if used prior to the effective date of such registration statement), or in any summary or final prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto (if used during the period the Partnership is required to keep the registration statement current), or arising out of, based upon or resulting from the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements made therein not misleading; provided, however, that the Partnership shall not be liable to any Indemnified Person to the extent that any such claim arises out of, is based upon or results from an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in such registration statement, such preliminary, summary or final prospectus or such amendment or supplement, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Partnership by or on behalf of such Indemnified Person specifically for use in the preparation thereof.
- (d) The provisions of Section 7.12(a) and Section 7.12(b) shall continue to be applicable with respect to the General Partner (and any of the General Partner's Affiliates) after it ceases

to be a Partner of the Partnership, during a period of two years subsequent to the effective date of such cessation and for so long thereafter as is required for the Holder to sell all of the Partnership Securities with respect to which it has requested during such two-year period inclusion in a registration statement otherwise filed or that a registration statement be filed; provided, however, that the Partnership shall not be required to file successive registration statements covering the same Partnership Securities for which registration was demanded during such two-year period. The provisions of Section 7.12(c) shall continue in effect thereafter.

(e) Any request to register Partnership Securities pursuant to this Section 7.12 shall (i) specify the Partnership Securities intended to be offered and sold by the Person making the request, (ii) express such Person's present intent to offer such shares for distribution, (iii) describe the nature or method of the proposed offer and sale of Partnership Securities, and (iv) contain the undertaking of such Person to provide all such information and materials and take all action as may be required in order to permit the Partnership to comply with all applicable requirements in connection with the registration of such Partnership Securities.

#### Section 7.13 RELIANCE BY THIRD PARTIES.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Person dealing with the Partnership shall be entitled to assume that (i) the General Partner and (ii) any officer or attorney-in-fact of the General Partner authorized by the General Partner to act on behalf of and in the name of the Partnership, has full power and authority to encumber, sell or otherwise use in any manner any and all assets of the Partnership and to enter into any authorized contracts on behalf of the Partnership, and such Person shall be entitled to deal with the General Partner or any such officer or attorney-in-fact as if it were the Partnership's sole party in interest, both legally and beneficially. Each Limited Partner hereby waives any and all defenses or other remedies that may be available against such Person to contest, negate or disaffirm any action of the General Partner or any such officer or attorney-in-fact in connection with any such dealing. In no event shall any Person dealing with the General Partner or any such officer or attorney-in-fact be obligated to ascertain that the terms of the Agreement have been complied with or to inquire into the necessity or expedience of any act or action of the General Partner or any such officer or attorney-in-fact. Each and every certificate, document or other instrument executed on behalf of the Partnership by the General Partner or any such officer or attorney-in-fact shall be conclusive evidence in favor of any and every Person relying thereon or claiming thereunder that (a) at the time of the execution and delivery of such certificate, document or instrument, this Agreement was in full force and effect, (b) the Person executing and delivering such certificate, document or instrument was duly authorized and empowered to do so for and on behalf of the Partnership and (c) such certificate, document or instrument was duly executed and delivered in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and is binding upon the Partnership.

# ARTICLE VIII BOOKS, RECORDS, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTS

# Section 8.1 RECORDS AND ACCOUNTING.

The General Partner shall keep or cause to be kept at the principal office of the Partnership appropriate books and records with respect to the Partnership's business, including all books and records necessary to provide to the Limited Partners any information required to be provided pursuant to Section 3.4(a). Any books and records maintained by or on behalf of the Partnership in the regular course of its business, including the record of the Record Holders and Assignees of Units or other Partnership Securities, books of account and records of Partnership proceedings, may be kept on, or be in the form of, computer disks, hard drives, punch cards, magnetic tape,

photographs, micrographics or any other information storage device; provided, that the books and records so maintained are convertible into clearly legible written form within a reasonable period of time. The books of the Partnership shall be maintained, for financial reporting purposes, on an accrual basis in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Section 8.2 FISCAL YEAR.

The fiscal year of the Partnership shall be a fiscal year ending December 31.

#### Section 8.3 REPORTS.

- (a) As soon as practicable, but in no event later than 120 days after the close of each fiscal year of the Partnership, the General Partner shall cause to be mailed or furnished to each Record Holder of a Unit, as of a date selected by the General Partner in its discretion, an annual report containing financial statements of the Partnership for such fiscal year of the Partnership, presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, including a balance sheet and statements of operations, Partnership equity and cash flows, such statements to be audited by a firm of independent public accountants selected by the General Partner.
- (b) As soon as practicable, but in no event later than 90 days after the close of each Quarter except the last Quarter of each fiscal year, the General Partner shall cause to be mailed or furnished to each Record Holder of a Unit, as of a date selected by the General Partner in its discretion, a report containing unaudited financial statements of the Partnership and such other information as may be required by applicable law, regulation or rule of any National Securities Exchange on which the Units are listed for trading, or as the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate.

# ARTICLE IX TAX MATTERS

#### Section 9.1 TAX RETURNS AND INFORMATION.

The Partnership shall timely file all returns of the Partnership that are required for federal, state and local income tax purposes on the basis of the accrual method and a taxable year ending on December 31. The tax information reasonably required by Record Holders for federal and state income tax reporting purposes with respect to a taxable year shall be furnished to them within 90 days of the close of the calendar year in which the Partnership's taxable year ends. The classification, realization and recognition of income, gain, losses and deductions and other items shall be on the accrual method of accounting for federal income tax purposes.

# Section 9.2 TAX ELECTIONS.

- (a) The Partnership shall make the election under Section 754 of the Code in accordance with applicable regulations thereunder, subject to the reservation of the right to seek to revoke any such election upon the General Partner's determination that such revocation is in the best interests of the Limited Partners. Notwithstanding any other provision herein contained, for the purposes of computing the adjustments under Section 743(b) of the Code, the General Partner shall be authorized (but not required) to adopt a convention whereby the price paid by a transferee of a Limited Partner Interest will be deemed to be the lowest quoted closing price of the Limited Partner Interests on any National Securities Exchange on which such Limited Partner Interests are traded during the calendar month in which such transfer is deemed to occur pursuant to Section 6.2(g) without regard to the actual price paid by such transferee.
- (b) The Partnership shall elect to deduct expenses incurred in organizing the Partnership ratably over a sixty-month period as provided in Section 709 of the Code.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided herein, the General Partner shall determine whether the Partnership should make any other elections permitted by the Code.

Subject to the provisions hereof, the General Partner is designated as the Tax Matters Partner (as defined in the Code) and is authorized and required to represent the Partnership (at the Partnership's expense) in connection with all examinations of the Partnership's affairs by tax authorities, including resulting administrative and judicial proceedings, and to expend Partnership funds for professional services and costs associated therewith. Each Partner agrees to cooperate with the General Partner and to do or refrain from doing any or all things reasonably required by the General Partner to conduct such proceedings.

#### Section 9.4 WITHHOLDING.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the General Partner is authorized to take any action that it determines in its discretion to be necessary or appropriate to cause the Partnership and the Intermediate Partnership to comply with any withholding requirements established under the Code or any other federal, state or local law including, without limitation, pursuant to Sections 1441, 1442, 1445 and 1446 of the Code. To the extent that the Partnership is required or elects to withhold and pay over to any taxing authority any amount resulting from the allocation or distribution of income to any Partner or Assignee (including, without limitation, by reason of Section 1446 of the Code), the amount withheld may at the discretion of the General Partner be treated by the Partnership as a distribution of cash pursuant to Section 6.3 in the amount of such withholding from such Partner.

# ARTICLE X ADMISSION OF PARTNERS

#### Section 10.1 ADMISSION OF INITIAL LIMITED PARTNERS.

Upon the transfer of Common Units, Subordinated Units and Incentive Distribution Rights to the General Partner as described in Section 5.2, the General Partner shall be deemed to have been admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner in respect of the Common Units, Subordinated Units and Incentive Distribution Rights transferred to it. Upon the issuance by the Partnership of Common Units to the Underwriters as described in Section 5.3 in connection with the Initial Offering and the execution by each Underwriter of a Transfer Application, the General Partner shall admit the Underwriters to the Partnership as Initial Limited Partners in respect of the Common Units purchased by them.

#### Section 10.2 ADMISSION OF SUBSTITUTED LIMITED PARTNER.

By transfer of a Limited Partner Interest in accordance with Article IV, the transferor shall be deemed to have given the transferee the right to seek admission as a Substituted Limited Partner subject to the conditions of, and in the manner permitted under, this Agreement. A transferor of a Certificate representing a Limited Partner Interest shall, however, only have the authority to convey to a purchaser or other transferee who does not execute and deliver a Transfer Application (a) the right to negotiate such Certificate to a purchaser or other transferee and (b) the right to transfer the right to request admission as a Substituted Limited Partner to such purchaser or other transferee in respect of the transferred Limited Partner Interests. Each transferee of a Limited Partner Interest (including any nominee holder or an agent acquiring such Limited Partner Interest for the account of another Person) who executes and delivers a Transfer Application shall, by virtue of such execution and delivery, be an Assignee and be deemed to have applied to become a Substituted Limited Partner with respect to the Limited Partner Interests so transferred to such Person. Such Assignee shall become a Substituted Limited Partner (x) at such time as the General Partner consents thereto, which consent may be given or withheld in the General Partner's discretion, and (y) when any such admission is shown on the books and records of the Partnership. If such consent is withheld, such transferee shall be an Assignee. An Assignee shall have an interest in the

Partnership equivalent to that of a Limited Partner with respect to allocations and distributions, including liquidating distributions, of the Partnership. With respect to voting rights attributable to Limited Partner Interests that are held by Assignees, the General Partner shall be deemed to be the Limited Partner with respect thereto and shall, in exercising the voting rights in respect of such Limited Partner Interests on any matter, vote such Limited Partner Interests at the written direction of the Assignee who is the holder of such Limited Partner Interests. If no such written direction is received, such Limited Partner Interests will not be voted. An Assignee shall have no other rights of a Limited Partner.

#### Section 10.3 ADMISSION OF SUCCESSOR GENERAL PARTNER.

A successor General Partner approved pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2 or the transferee of or successor to all of the General Partner Interest pursuant to Section 4.6 who is proposed to be admitted as a successor General Partner shall be admitted to the Partnership as the General Partner, effective immediately prior to the withdrawal or removal of the predecessor or transferring General Partner pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2 or the transfer of the General Partner Interest pursuant to Section 4.6, provided, however, that no such successor shall be admitted to the Partnership until compliance with the terms of Section 4.6 has occurred and such successor has executed and delivered such other documents or instruments as may be required to effect such admission. Any such successor shall, subject to the terms hereof, carry on the business of the members of the Partnership Group without dissolution.

#### Section 10.4 ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL LIMITED PARTNERS.

- (a) A Person (other than the General Partner, an Initial Limited Partner or a Substituted Limited Partner) who makes a Capital Contribution to the Partnership in accordance with this Agreement shall be admitted to the Partnership as an Additional Limited Partner only upon furnishing to the General Partner (i) evidence of acceptance in form satisfactory to the General Partner of all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including the power of attorney granted in Section 2.6, and (ii) such other documents or instruments as may be required in the discretion of the General Partner to effect such Person's admission as an Additional Limited Partner.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 10.4, no Person shall be admitted as an Additional Limited Partner without the consent of the General Partner, which consent may be given or withheld in the General Partner's discretion. The admission of any Person as an Additional Limited Partner shall become effective on the date upon which the name of such Person is recorded as such in the books and records of the Partnership, following the consent of the General Partner to such admission.

## Section 10.5 AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.

To effect the admission to the Partnership of any Partner, the General Partner shall take all steps necessary and appropriate under the Delaware Act to amend the records of the Partnership to reflect such admission and, if necessary, to prepare as soon as practicable an amendment to this Agreement and, if required by law, the General Partner shall prepare and file an amendment to the Certificate of Limited Partnership, and the General Partner may for this purpose, among others, exercise the power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 2.6.

# ARTICLE XI WITHDRAWAL OR REMOVAL OF PARTNERS

### Section 11.1 WITHDRAWAL OF THE GENERAL PARTNER.

(a) The General Partner shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Partnership upon the occurrence of any one of the following events (each such event herein referred to as an "EVENT OF WITHDRAWAL");

- (i) The General Partner voluntarily withdraws from the Partnership by giving written notice to the other Partners (and it shall be deemed that the General Partner has withdrawn pursuant to this Section 11.1(a)(i) if the General Partner voluntarily withdraws as general partner of the Intermediate Partnership);
- (ii) The General Partner transfers all of its rights as General Partner pursuant to Section 4.6;
  - (iii) The General Partner is removed pursuant to Section 11.2;
- (iv) The General Partner (A) makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (B) files a voluntary bankruptcy petition for relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code; (C) files a petition or answer seeking for itself a liquidation, dissolution or similar relief (but not a reorganization) under any law; (D) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against the General Partner in a proceeding of the type described in clauses (A)-(C) of this Section 11.1(a)(iv); or (E) seeks, consents to or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee (but not a debtor-in-possession), receiver or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of its properties;
- (v) A final and non-appealable order of relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code is entered by a court with appropriate jurisdiction pursuant to a voluntary or involuntary petition by or against the General Partner; or
- (vi) (A) in the event the General Partner is a corporation, a certificate of dissolution or its equivalent is filed for the General Partner, or 90 days expire after the date of notice to the General Partner of revocation of its charter without a reinstatement of its charter, under the laws of its state of incorporation; (B) in the event the General Partner is a partnership or a limited liability company, the dissolution and commencement of winding up of the General Partner; (C) in the event the General Partner is acting in such capacity by virtue of being a trustee of a trust, the termination of the trust; (D) in the event the General Partner is a natural person, his death or adjudication of incompetency; and (E) otherwise in the event of the termination of the General Partner.

If an Event of Withdrawal specified in Section 11.1(a)(iv), (v) or (vi)(A), (B), (C) or (E) occurs, the withdrawing General Partner shall give notice to the Limited Partners within 30 days after such occurrence. The Partners hereby agree that only the Events of Withdrawal described in this Section 11.1 shall result in the withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership.

(b) Withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership upon the occurrence of an Event of Withdrawal shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement under the following circumstances: (i) at any time during the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending at 12:00 midnight, Eastern Standard Time, on June 30, 2009, the General Partner voluntarily withdraws by giving at least 90 days' advance notice of its intention to withdraw to the Limited Partners; provided that prior to the effective date of such withdrawal, the withdrawal is approved by Unitholders holding at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units (excluding Common Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates) and the General Partner delivers to the Partnership an Opinion of Counsel ("WITHDRAWAL OPINION OF COUNSEL") that such withdrawal (following the selection of the successor General Partner) would not result in the loss of the limited liability of any Limited Partner or of a limited partner of the Intermediate Partnership or cause the Partnership or the Intermediate Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not previously treated as such); (ii) at any time after 12:00 midnight, Eastern Standard Time, on June 30, 2009, the General Partner voluntarily withdraws by giving at least 90 days' advance notice to the Unitholders, such withdrawal to take effect on the date specified in such notice; (iii) at any time that the General Partner ceases to be the

General Partner pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(ii) or is removed pursuant to Section 11.2; or (iv) notwithstanding clause (i) of this sentence, at any time that the General Partner voluntarily withdraws by giving at least 90 days' advance notice of its intention to withdraw to the Limited Partners, such withdrawal to take effect on the date specified in the notice, if at the time such notice is given one Person and its Affiliates (other than the General Partner and its Affiliates) own beneficially or of record or control at least 50% of the Outstanding Units. The withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership upon the occurrence of an Event of Withdrawal shall also constitute the withdrawal of the General Partner as general partner or managing member, as the case may be, of the other Group Members. If the General Partner gives a notice of withdrawal pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(i), the holders of a Unit Majority, may, prior to the effective date of such withdrawal, elect a successor General Partner. The Person so elected as successor General Partner shall automatically become the successor general partner or managing member, as the case may be, of the other Group Members of which the General Partner is a general partner or a managing member. If, prior to the effective date of the General Partner's withdrawal, a successor is not selected by the Unitholders as provided herein or the Partnership does not receive a Withdrawal Opinion of Counsel, the Partnership shall be dissolved in accordance with Section 12.1. Any successor General Partner elected in accordance with the terms of this Section 11.1 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10.3.

### Section 11.2 REMOVAL OF THE GENERAL PARTNER.

The General Partner may be removed if such removal is approved by the Unitholders holding at least 66 2/3% of the Outstanding Units (including Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates). Any such action by such holders for removal of the General Partner must also provide for the election of a successor General Partner by the Unitholders holding a Unit Majority (including Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates). Such removal shall be effective immediately following the admission of a successor General Partner pursuant to Section 10.3. The removal of the General Partner shall also automatically constitute the removal of the General Partner as general partner or managing member, as the case may be, of the other Group Members of which the General Partner is a general partner or a managing member. If a Person is elected as a successor General Partner in accordance with the terms of this Section 11.2, such Person shall, upon admission pursuant to Section 10.3, automatically become a successor general partner or managing member, as the case may be, of the other Group Members of which the General Partner is a general partner or a managing member. The right of the holders of Outstanding Units to remove the General Partner shall not exist or be exercised unless the Partnership has received an opinion opining as to the matters covered by a Withdrawal Opinion of Counsel. Any successor General Partner elected in accordance with the terms of this Section 11.2 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10.3.

# Section 11.3 INTEREST OF DEPARTING PARTNER AND SUCCESSOR GENERAL PARTNER.

(a) In the event of (i) withdrawal of the General Partner under circumstances where such withdrawal does not violate this Agreement or (ii) removal of the General Partner by the holders of Outstanding Units under circumstances where Cause does not exist, if a successor General Partner is elected in accordance with the terms of Section 11.1 or 11.2, the Departing Partner shall have the option exercisable prior to the effective date of the departure of such Departing Partner to require its successor to purchase its General Partner Interest and its general partner interest (or equivalent interest) in the other Group Members and all of its Incentive Distribution Rights (collectively, the "COMBINED INTEREST") in exchange for an amount in cash equal to the fair market value of such Combined Interest, such amount to be determined and payable as of the effective date of its departure. If the General Partner is removed by the Unitholders under circumstances where Cause exists or if the General Partner withdraws under circumstances where such withdrawal violates this Agreement or the Intermediate Partnership Agreement, and

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if a successor General Partner is elected in accordance with the terms of Section 11.1 or 11.2, such successor shall have the option, exercisable prior to the effective date of the departure of such Departing Partner, to purchase the Combined Interest for such fair market value of such Combined Interest. In either event, the Departing Partner shall be entitled to receive all reimbursements due such Departing Partner pursuant to Section 7.4, including any employee-related liabilities (including severance liabilities), incurred in connection with the termination of any employees employed by the General Partner for the benefit of the Partnership or the other Group Members.

For purposes of this Section 11.3(a), the fair market value of the Combined Interest shall be determined by agreement between the Departing Partner and its successor or, failing agreement within 30 days after the effective date of such Departing Partner's departure, by an independent investment banking firm or other independent expert selected by the Departing Partner and its successor, which, in turn, may rely on other experts, and the determination of which shall be conclusive as to such matter. If such parties cannot agree upon one independent investment banking firm or other independent expert within 45 days after the effective date of such departure, then the Departing Partner shall designate an independent investment banking firm or other independent expert, the Departing Partner's successor shall designate an independent investment banking firm or other independent expert, and such firms or experts shall mutually select a third independent investment banking firm or independent expert, which third independent investment banking firm or other independent expert shall determine the fair market value of the Combined Interest. In making its determination, such third independent investment banking firm or other independent expert may consider the then current trading price of Units on any National Securities Exchange on which Units are then listed, the value of the Partnership's assets, the rights and obligations of the Departing Partner and other factors it may deem relevant.

- (b) If the Combined Interest is not purchased in the manner set forth in Section 11.3(a), the Departing Partner (or its transferee) shall become a Limited Partner and its Combined Interest shall be converted into Common Units pursuant to a valuation made by an investment banking firm or other independent expert selected pursuant to Section 11.3(a), without reduction in such Partnership Interest (but subject to proportionate dilution by reason of the admission of its successor). Any successor General Partner shall indemnify the Departing Partner (or its transferee) as to all debts and liabilities of the Partnership arising on or after the date on which the Departing Partner (or its transferee) becomes a Limited Partner. For purposes of this Agreement, conversion of the Combined Interest to Common Units will be characterized as if the General Partner (or its transferee) contributed its Combined Interest to the Partnership in exchange for the newly issued Common Units.
- (c) If a successor General Partner is elected in accordance with the terms of Section 11.1 or 11.2 and the option described in Section 11.3(a) is not exercised by the party entitled to do so, the successor General Partner shall, at the effective date of its admission to the Partnership, contribute to the Partnership cash in the amount equal to 1/99th of the Net Agreed Value of the Partnership's assets on such date. In such event, such successor General Partner shall, subject to the following sentence, be entitled to 1% of all Partnership allocations and distributions. The successor General Partner shall cause this Agreement to be amended to reflect that, from and after the date of such successor General Partner's admission, the successor General Partner's interest in all Partnership distributions and allocations shall be 1%.

Section 11.4 TERMINATION OF SUBORDINATION PERIOD, CONVERSION OF SUBORDINATED UNITS AND EXTINGUISHMENT OF CUMULATIVE COMMON UNIT ARREARAGES.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, if the General Partner is removed as general partner of the Partnership under circumstances where Cause does not exist and Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates are not voted in favor of such removal, (i) the Subordination Period

will end and all Outstanding Subordinated Units will immediately and automatically convert into Common Units on a one-for-one basis and (ii) all Cumulative Common Unit Arrearages on the Common Units will be extinguished.

### Section 11.5 WITHDRAWAL OF LIMITED PARTNERS.

No Limited Partner shall have any right to withdraw from the Partnership; provided, however, that when a transferee of a Limited Partner's Limited Partner Interest becomes a Record Holder of the Limited Partner Interest so transferred, such transferring Limited Partner shall cease to be a Limited Partner with respect to the Limited Partner Interest so transferred.

# ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

#### Section 12.1 DISSOLUTION.

The Partnership shall not be dissolved by the admission of Substituted Limited Partners or Additional Limited Partners or by the admission of a successor General Partner in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Upon the removal or withdrawal of the General Partner, if a successor General Partner is elected pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2, the Partnership shall not be dissolved and such successor General Partner shall continue the business of the Partnership. The Partnership shall dissolve, and (subject to Section 12.2) its affairs shall be wound up, upon:

- (a) the expiration of its term as provided in Section 2.7;
- (b) an Event of Withdrawal of the General Partner as provided in Section 11.1(a) (other than Section 11.1(a)(ii)), unless a successor is elected and an Opinion of Counsel is received as provided in Section 11.1(b) or 11.2 and such successor is admitted to the Partnership pursuant to Section 10.3;
- (c) an election to dissolve the Partnership by the General Partner that is approved by the holders of a Unit Majority;
- (d) the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of the Partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act; or
- (e) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets and properties of the Partnership Group.

#### Section 12.2 CONTINUATION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE PARTNERSHIP AFTER DISSOLUTION.

Upon (a) dissolution of the Partnership following an Event of Withdrawal caused by the withdrawal or removal of the General Partner as provided in Section 11.1(a)(i) or (iii) and the failure of the Partners to select a successor to such Departing Partner pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2, then within 90 days thereafter, or (b) dissolution of the Partnership upon an event constituting an Event of Withdrawal as defined in Section 11.1(a)(iv), (v) or (vi), then, to the maximum extent permitted by law, within 180 days thereafter, the holders of a Unit Majority may elect to reconstitute the Partnership and continue its business on the same terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement by forming a new limited partnership on terms identical to those set forth in this Agreement and having as the successor general partner a Person approved by the holders of a Unit Majority (subject to the proviso in the last sentence of this Section 12.2). Unless such an election is made within the applicable time period as set forth above, the Partnership shall conduct only activities necessary to wind up its affairs. If such an election is so made, then:

- (i) the reconstituted Partnership shall continue until the end of the term set forth in Section 2.7 unless earlier dissolved in accordance with this Article XII:
- (ii) if the successor General Partner is not the former General Partner, then the interest of the former General Partner shall be treated in the manner provided in Section 11.3; and

(iii) all necessary steps shall be taken to cancel this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership and to enter into and, as necessary, to file a new partnership agreement and certificate of limited partnership, and the successor general partner may for this purpose exercise the powers of attorney granted the General Partner pursuant to Section 2.6:

provided, that the right of the holders of a Unit Majority to approve a successor General Partner and to reconstitute and to continue the business of the Partnership shall not exist and may not be exercised unless the Partnership has received an Opinion of Counsel that (x) the exercise of the right would not result in the loss of limited liability of any Limited Partner and (y) neither the Partnership, the reconstituted limited partnership nor the Intermediate Partnership would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise be taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes upon the exercise of such right to continue.

#### Section 12.3 LIQUIDATOR.

Upon dissolution of the Partnership, unless the Partnership is continued under an election to reconstitute and continue the Partnership pursuant to Section 12.2, the General Partner shall select one or more Persons to act as Liquidator. The Liquidator (if other than the General Partner) shall be entitled to receive such compensation for its services as may be approved by holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units and Outstanding Subordinated Units voting as a single class. The Liquidator (if other than the General Partner) shall agree not to resign at any time without 15 days' prior notice and may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by notice of removal approved by holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units and Outstanding Subordinated Units voting as a single class. Upon dissolution, removal or resignation of the Liquidator, a successor and substitute Liquidator (who shall have and succeed to all rights, powers and duties of the original Liquidator) shall within 30 days thereafter be approved by holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units and Outstanding Subordinated Units voting as a single class who shall also approve the compensation payable to such Liquidator. The right to approve a successor or substitute Liquidator in the manner provided herein shall be deemed to refer also to any such successor or substitute Liquidator approved in the manner herein provided. Except as expressly provided in this Article XII, the Liquidator approved in the manner provided herein shall have and may exercise, without further authorization or consent of any of the parties hereto, all of the powers conferred upon the General Partner under the terms of this Agreement (but subject to all of the applicable limitations, contractual and otherwise, upon the exercise of such powers, other than the limitation on sale or other disposition set forth in Section 7.3(b)) to the extent necessary or desirable in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to carry out the duties and functions of the Liquidator hereunder for and during such period of time as shall be reasonably required in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to complete the winding up and liquidation of the Partnership as provided for herein.

### Section 12.4 LIQUIDATION.

The Liquidator shall proceed to dispose of the assets of the Partnership, discharge its liabilities, and otherwise wind up its affairs in such manner and over such period as the Liquidator determines to be in the best interest of the Partners, subject to Section 17-804 of the Delaware Act and the following:

(a) DISPOSITION OF ASSETS. The assets may be disposed of by public or private sale or by distribution in kind to one or more Partners on such terms as the Liquidator and such Partner or Partners may agree. If any property is distributed in kind, the Partner receiving the property shall be deemed for purposes of Section 12.4(c) to have received cash equal to its fair market value; and contemporaneously therewith, appropriate cash distributions must be made to the other Partners. The Liquidator may, in its absolute discretion, defer liquidation or distribution of the Partnership's assets for a reasonable time if it determines that an immediate sale or

distribution of all or some of the Partnership's assets would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partners. The Liquidator may, in its absolute discretion, distribute the Partnership's assets, in whole or in part, in kind if it determines that a sale would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partners.

- (b) DISCHARGE OF LIABILITIES. Liabilities of the Partnership include amounts owed to Partners otherwise than in respect of their distribution rights under Article VI. With respect to any liability that is contingent, conditional or unmatured or is otherwise not yet due and payable, the Liquidator shall either settle such claim for such amount as it thinks appropriate or establish a reserve of cash or other assets to provide for its payment. When paid, any unused portion of the reserve shall be distributed as additional liquidation proceeds.
- (c) LIQUIDATION DISTRIBUTIONS. All property and all cash in excess of that required to discharge liabilities as provided in Section 12.4(b) shall be distributed to the Partners in accordance with, and to the extent of, the positive balances in their respective Capital Accounts, as determined after taking into account all Capital Account adjustments (other than those made by reason of distributions pursuant to this Section 12.4(c)) for the taxable period during which the liquidation of the Partnership occurs (with such date of occurrence being determined pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(g)), and such distribution shall be made by the end of such taxable period (or, if later, within 90 days after said date of such occurrence).

#### Section 12.5 CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.

Upon the completion of the distribution of Partnership cash and property as provided in Section 12.4 in connection with the liquidation of the Partnership, the Partnership shall be terminated and the Certificate of Limited Partnership and all qualifications of the Partnership as a foreign limited partnership in jurisdictions other than the State of Delaware shall be canceled and such other actions as may be necessary to terminate the Partnership shall be taken.

#### Section 12.6 RETURN OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

The General Partner shall not be personally liable for, and shall have no obligation to contribute or loan any monies or property to the Partnership to enable it to effectuate, the return of the Capital Contributions of the Limited Partners or Unitholders, or any portion thereof, it being expressly understood that any such return shall be made solely from Partnership assets.

### Section 12.7 WAIVER OF PARTITION.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, each Partner hereby waives any right to partition of the Partnership property.

### Section 12.8 CAPITAL ACCOUNT RESTORATION.

No Limited Partner shall have any obligation to restore any negative balance in its Capital Account upon liquidation of the Partnership. The General Partner shall be obligated to restore any negative balance in its Capital Account upon liquidation of its interest in the Partnership by the end of the taxable period during which such liquidation occurs, or, if later, within 90 days after the date of such liquidation.

# ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENT OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT; MEETINGS; RECORD DATE

Section 13.1 AMENDMENT TO BE ADOPTED SOLELY BY THE GENERAL PARTNER.

Each Partner agrees that the General Partner, without the approval of any Partner or Assignee, may amend any provision of this Agreement and execute, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file and record whatever documents may be required in connection therewith, to reflect:

- (a) a change in the name of the Partnership, the location of the principal place of business of the Partnership, the registered agent of the Partnership or the registered office of the Partnership;
- (b) admission, substitution, withdrawal or removal of Partners in accordance with this Agreement;
- (c) a change that, in the sole discretion of the General Partner, is necessary or advisable to qualify or continue the qualification of the Partnership as a limited partnership or a partnership in which the Limited Partners have limited liability under the laws of any state or to ensure that the Partnership and the Intermediate Partnership will not be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes;
- (d) a change that, in the discretion of the General Partner, (i) does not adversely affect the Limited Partners in any material respect, (ii) is necessary or advisable to (A) satisfy any requirements, conditions or guidelines contained in any opinion, directive, order, ruling or regulation of any federal or state agency or judicial authority or contained in any federal or state statute (including the Delaware Act) or (B) facilitate the trading of the Limited Partner Interests (including the division of any class or classes of Outstanding Limited Partner Interests into different classes to facilitate uniformity of tax consequences within such classes of Limited Partner Interests) or comply with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which the Limited Partner Interests are or will be listed for trading, compliance with any of which the General Partner determines in its discretion to be in the best interests of the Partnership and the Limited Partners, (iii) is necessary or advisable in connection with action taken by the General Partner pursuant to Section 5.10 or (iv) is required to effect the intent expressed in the Registration Statement or the intent of the provisions of this Agreement or is otherwise contemplated by this Agreement;
- (e) a change in the fiscal year or taxable year of the Partnership and any changes that, in the discretion of the General Partner, are necessary or advisable as a result of a change in the fiscal year or taxable year of the Partnership including, if the General Partner shall so determine, a change in the definition of "QUARTER" and the dates on which distributions are to be made by the Partnership;
- (f) an amendment that is necessary, in the Opinion of Counsel, to prevent the Partnership, or the General Partner or its directors, officers, trustees or agents from in any manner being subjected to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, or "plan asset" regulations adopted under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, regardless of whether such are substantially similar to plan asset regulations currently applied or proposed by the United States Department of Labor;
- (g) subject to the terms of Section 5.7, an amendment that, in the discretion of the General Partner, is necessary or advisable in connection with the authorization or issuance of any class or series of Partnership Securities (or options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to such Partnership Securities) pursuant to Section 5.6;

- (h) any amendment expressly permitted in this Agreement to be made by the General Partner acting alone;
- (i) an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by a Merger Agreement approved in accordance with Section 14.3;
- (j) an amendment that, in the discretion of the General Partner, is necessary or advisable to reflect, account for and deal with appropriately the formation by the Partnership of, or investment by the Partnership in, any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity, in connection with the conduct by the Partnership of activities permitted by the terms of Section 2.4;
  - (k) a merger or conveyance pursuant to Section 14.3(d); or
  - (1) any other amendments substantially similar to the foregoing.

#### Section 13.2 AMENDMENT PROCEDURES.

Except as provided in Sections 13.1 and 13.3, all amendments to this Agreement shall be made in accordance with the following requirements. Amendments to this Agreement may be proposed only by or with the consent of the General Partner which consent may be given or withheld in its sole discretion. A proposed amendment shall be effective upon its approval by the holders of a Unit Majority, unless a greater or different percentage is required under this Agreement or by Delaware law. Each proposed amendment that requires the approval of the holders of a specified percentage of Outstanding Units shall be set forth in a writing that contains the text of the proposed amendment. If such an amendment is proposed, the General Partner shall seek the written approval of the requisite percentage of Outstanding Units or call a meeting of the Unitholders to consider and vote on such proposed amendment. The General Partner shall notify all Record Holders upon final adoption of any such proposed amendments.

### Section 13.3 AMENDMENT REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 13.1 and 13.2, no provision of this Agreement that establishes a percentage of Outstanding Units (including Units held, or deemed held, by the General Partner or its Affiliates) required to take any action shall be amended, altered, changed, repealed or rescinded in any respect that would have the effect of reducing such voting percentage unless such amendment is approved by the written consent or the affirmative vote of holders of Outstanding Units whose aggregate Outstanding Units constitute not less than the voting requirement sought to be reduced.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 13.1 and 13.2, no amendment to this Agreement may (i) enlarge the obligations of any Limited Partner without its consent, unless such shall be deemed to have occurred as a result of an amendment approved pursuant to Section 13.3(c), (ii) enlarge the obligations of, restrict in any way any action by or rights of, or reduce in any way the amounts distributable, reimbursable or otherwise payable to, the General Partner or any of its Affiliates without its consent, which consent may be given or withheld in its sole discretion, (iii) change Section 12.1(a) or 12.1(c), or (iv) change the term of the Partnership or, except as set forth in Section 12.1(c), give any Person the right to dissolve the Partnership.
- (c) Except as provided in Section 14.3 or otherwise as may be provided in this Agreement and without limitation of the General Partner's authority to adopt amendments to this Agreement as contemplated in Section 13.1, any amendment that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any class of Partnership Interests in relation to other classes of Partnership Interests must be approved by the holders of not less than a majority of the Outstanding Partnership Interests of the class affected.

- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, except for amendments pursuant to Section 13.1 and except as otherwise provided by Section 14.3(b), no amendments shall become effective without the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the Outstanding Common Units and Outstanding Subordinated Units voting as a single class unless the Partnership obtains an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such amendment will not (i) adversely affect the limited liability of any Limited Partner under the Delaware Act or the law of any other state in which the Partnership is registered as a foreign limited partnership or is otherwise qualified to do busines or (ii) cause the Partnership or the Intermediate Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not previously treated as such).
- (e) Except as provided in Section 13.1, this Section 13.3 shall only be amended with the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the Outstanding Units.

#### Section 13.4 SPECIAL MEETINGS.

All acts of Limited Partners to be taken pursuant to this Agreement shall be taken in the manner provided in this Article XIII. Special meetings of the Limited Partners may be called by the General Partner or by Limited Partners holding 20% or more of the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests of the class or classes for which a meeting is proposed. Limited Partners shall call a special meeting by delivering to the General Partner one or more requests in writing stating that the signing Limited Partners wish to call a special meeting and indicating the general or specific purposes for which the special meeting is to be called. Within 60 days after receipt of such a call from Limited Partners or within such greater time as may be reasonably necessary for the Partnership to comply with any statutes, rules, regulations, listing agreements or similar requirements governing the holding of a meeting or the solicitation of proxies for use at such a meeting, the General Partner shall send a notice of the meeting to the Limited Partners either directly or indirectly through the Transfer Agent. A meeting shall be held at a time and place determined by the General Partner on a date not less than 10 days nor more than 60 days after the mailing of notice of the meeting. Limited Partners shall not vote on matters that would cause the Limited Partners to be deemed to be taking part in the management and control of the business and affairs of the Partnership so as to jeopardize the Limited Partners' limited liability under the Delaware Act or the law of any other state in which the Partnership is registered as a foreign limited partnership or is otherwise qualified to do business.

### Section 13.5 NOTICE OF A MEETING.

Notice of a meeting called pursuant to Section 13.4 shall be given to the Record Holders of the class or classes of Limited Partner Interests for which a meeting is proposed in writing by mail or other means of written communication in accordance with Section 16.1. The notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time when deposited in the mail or sent by other means of written communication.

### Section 13.6 RECORD DATE.

For purposes of determining the Limited Partners entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of the Limited Partners or to give approvals without a meeting as provided in Section 13.11 the General Partner may set a Record Date, which shall not be less than 10 nor more than 60 days before (a) the date of the meeting (unless such requirement conflicts with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which the Limited Partner Interests are listed for trading, in which case the rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of such exchange shall govern) or (b) in the event that approvals are sought without a meeting, the date by which Limited Partners are requested in writing by the General Partner to give such approvals.

When a meeting is adjourned to another time or place, notice need not be given of the adjourned meeting and a new Record Date need not be fixed, if the time and place thereof are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken, unless such adjournment shall be for more than 45 days. At the adjourned meeting, the Partnership may transact any business which might have been transacted at the original meeting. If the adjournment is for more than 45 days or if a new Record Date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in accordance with this Article XIII.

Section 13.8 WAIVER OF NOTICE; APPROVAL OF MEETING; APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The transactions of any meeting of Limited Partners, however called and noticed, and whenever held, shall be as valid as if it had occurred at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum is present either in person or by proxy, and if, either before or after the meeting, Limited Partners representing such quorum who were present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote, sign a written waiver of notice or an approval of the holding of the meeting or an approval of the minutes thereof. All waivers and approvals shall be filed with the Partnership records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting. Attendance of a Limited Partner at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting, except when the Limited Partner does not approve, at the beginning of the meeting, of the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened; and except that attendance at a meeting is not a waiver of any right to disapprove the consideration of matters required to be included in the notice of the meeting, but not so included, if the disapproval is expressly made at the meeting.

Section 13.9 QUORUM.

The holders of a majority of the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests of the class or classes for which a meeting has been called (including Limited Partner Interests held or deemed held by the General Partner or its Affiliates) represented in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of Limited Partners of such class or classes unless any such action by the Limited Partners requires approval by holders of a greater percentage of such Limited Partner Interests, in which case the quorum shall be such greater percentage. At any meeting of the Limited Partners duly called and held in accordance with this Agreement at which a quorum is present, the act of Limited Partners holding Outstanding Limited Partner Interests that in the aggregate represent a majority of the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests entitled to vote and present in person or by proxy at such meeting shall be deemed to constitute the act of all Limited Partners, unless a greater or different percentage is required with respect to such action under the provisions of this Agreement, in which case the act of the Limited Partners holding Outstanding Limited Partner Interests that in the aggregate represent at least such greater or different percentage shall be required. The Limited Partners present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Limited Partners to leave less than a quorum, if any action taken (other than adjournment) is approved by the required percentage of Outstanding Limited Partner Interests specified in this Agreement (including Limited Partner Interests deemed owned by the General Partner). In the absence of a quorum any meeting of Limited Partners may be adjourned from time to time by the affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests entitled to vote at such meeting (including Limited Partner Interests held or deemed held by the General Partner or its Affiliates) represented either in person or by proxy, but no other business may be transacted, except as provided in Section 13.7.

The General Partner shall have full power and authority concerning the manner of conducting any meeting of the Limited Partners or solicitation of approvals in writing, including the determination of Persons entitled to vote, the existence of a quorum, the satisfaction of the requirements of Section 13.4, the conduct of voting, the validity and effect of any proxies and the determination of any controversies, votes or challenges arising in connection with or during the meeting or voting. The General Partner shall designate a Person to serve as chairman of any meeting and shall further designate a Person to take the minutes of any meeting. All minutes shall be kept with the records of the Partnership maintained by the General Partner. The General Partner may make such other regulations consistent with applicable law and this Agreement as it may deem advisable concerning the conduct of any meeting of the Limited Partners or solicitation of approvals in writing, including regulations in regard to the appointment of proxies, the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes and approvals, the submission and examination of proxies and other evidence of the right to vote, and the revocation of approvals in writing.

### Section 13.11 ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING.

If authorized by the General Partner, any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Limited Partners may be taken without a meeting if an approval in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by Limited Partners holding not less than the minimum percentage of the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests (including Limited Partner Interests held or deemed held by the General Partner or its Affiliates) that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all the Limited Partners were present and voted (unless such provision conflicts with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which the Limited Partner Interests are listed for trading, in which case the rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of such exchange shall govern). Prompt notice of the taking of action without a meeting shall be given to the Limited Partners who have not approved in writing. The General Partner may specify that any written ballot submitted to Limited Partners for the purpose of taking any action without a meeting shall be returned to the Partnership within the time period, which shall be not less than 20 days, specified by the General Partner. If a ballot returned to the Partnership does not vote all of the Limited Partner Interests held by a Limited Partner, the Partnership shall be deemed to have failed to receive a ballot for the Limited Partner Interests that were not voted. If approval of the taking of any action by the Limited Partners is solicited by any Person other than by or on behalf of the General Partner, the written approvals shall have no force and effect unless and until (a) they are deposited with the Partnership in care of the General Partner, (b) approvals sufficient to take the action proposed are dated as of a date not more than 90 days prior to the date sufficient approvals are deposited with the Partnership and (c) an Opinion of Counsel is delivered to the General Partner to the effect that the exercise of such right and the action proposed to be taken with respect to any particular matter (i) will not cause the Limited Partners to be deemed to be taking part in the management and control of the business and affairs of the Partnership so as to jeopardize the Limited Partners' limited liability, and (ii) is otherwise permissible under the state statutes then governing the rights, duties and liabilities of the Partnership and the Partners.

### Section 13.12 VOTING AND OTHER RIGHTS.

(a) Only those Record Holders of the Limited Partner Interests on the Record Date set pursuant to Section 13.6 (and also subject to the limitations contained in the definition of "OUTSTANDING") shall be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, a meeting of Limited Partners or to act with respect to matters as to which the holders of the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests have the right to vote or to act. All references in this Agreement to votes of, or other acts that may be taken by, the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests shall be deemed to be references to the votes or acts of the Record Holders of such Outstanding Limited Partner Interests.

(b) With respect to Limited Partner Interests that are held for a Person's account by another Person (such as a broker, dealer, bank, trust company or clearing corporation, or an agent of any of the foregoing), in whose name such Limited Partner Interests are registered, such other Person shall, in exercising the voting rights in respect of such Limited Partner Interests on any matter, and unless the arrangement between such Persons provides otherwise, vote such Limited Partner Interests in favor of, and at the direction of, the Person who is the beneficial owner, and the Partnership shall be entitled to assume it is so acting without further inquiry. The provisions of this Section 13.12(b) (as well as all other provisions of this Agreement) are subject to the provisions of Section 4.3.

#### ARTICLE XIV MERGER

Section 14.1 AUTHORITY.

The Partnership may merge or consolidate with one or more corporations, limited liability companies, business trusts or associations, real estate investment trusts, common law trusts or unincorporated businesses, including a general partnership or limited partnership, formed under the laws of the State of Delaware or any other state of the United States of America, pursuant to a written agreement of merger or consolidation ("MERGER AGREEMENT") in accordance with this Article XIV.

Section 14.2 PROCEDURE FOR MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION.

Merger or consolidation of the Partnership pursuant to this Article XIV requires the prior approval of the General Partner. If the General Partner shall determine, in the exercise of its discretion, to consent to the merger or consolidation, the General Partner shall approve the Merger Agreement, which shall set forth:

- (a) The names and jurisdictions of formation or organization of each of the business entities proposing to merge or consolidate;
- (b) The name and jurisdiction of formation or organization of the business entity that is to survive the proposed merger or consolidation (the "SURVIVING BUSINESS ENTITY");
  - (c) The terms and conditions of the proposed merger or consolidation;
- (d) The manner and basis of exchanging or converting the equity securities of each constituent business entity for, or into, cash, property or general or limited partner interests, rights, securities or obligations of the Surviving Business Entity; and (i) if any general or limited partner interests, securities or rights of any constituent business entity are not to be exchanged or converted solely for, or into, cash, property or general or limited partner interests, rights, securities or obligations of the Surviving Business Entity, the cash, property or general or limited partner interests, rights, securities or obligations of any limited partnership, corporation, trust or other entity (other than the Surviving Business Entity) which the holders of such general or limited partner interests, securities or rights are to receive in exchange for, or upon conversion of their general or limited partner interests, securities or rights, and (ii) in the case of securities represented by certificates, upon the surrender of such certificates, which cash, property or general or limited partner interests, rights, securities or obligations of the Surviving Business Entity or any general or limited partnership, corporation, trust or other entity (other than the Surviving Business Entity), or evidences thereof, are to be delivered:
- (e) A statement of any changes in the constituent documents or the adoption of new constituent documents (the articles or certificate of incorporation, articles of trust, declaration of

trust, certificate or agreement of limited partnership or other similar charter or governing document) of the Surviving Business Entity to be effected by such merger or consolidation;

- (f) The effective time of the merger, which may be the date of the filing of the certificate of merger pursuant to Section 14.4 or a later date specified in or determinable in accordance with the Merger Agreement (provided, that if the effective time of the merger is to be later than the date of the filing of the certificate of merger, the effective time shall be fixed no later than the time of the filing of the certificate of merger and stated therein); and
- (g) Such other provisions with respect to the proposed merger or consolidation as are deemed necessary or appropriate by the General Partner.

### SECTION 14.3 APPROVAL BY LIMITED PARTNERS OF MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION

- (a) Except as provided in Section 14.3(d), the General Partner, upon its approval of the Merger Agreement, shall direct that the Merger Agreement be submitted to a vote of Limited Partners, whether at a special meeting or by written consent, in either case in accordance with the requirements of Article XIII. A copy or a summary of the Merger Agreement shall be included in or enclosed with the notice of a special meeting or the written consent.
- (b) Except as provided in Section 14.3(d), the Merger Agreement shall be approved upon receiving the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of a Unit Majority unless the Merger Agreement contains any provision that, if contained in an amendment to this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement or the Delaware Act would require for its approval the vote or consent of a greater percentage of the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests or of any class of Limited Partners, in which case such greater percentage vote or consent shall be required for approval of the Merger Agreement.
- (c) Except as provided in Section 14.3(d), after such approval by vote or consent of the Limited Partners, and at any time prior to the filing of the certificate of merger pursuant to Section 14.4, the merger or consolidation may be abandoned pursuant to provisions therefor, if any, set forth in the Merger Agreement.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Article XIV or in this Agreement, the General Partner is permitted, in its discretion, without Limited Partner approval, to merge the Partnership or any Group Member into, or convey all of the Partnership's assets to, another limited liability entity which shall be newly formed and shall have no assets, liabilities or operations at the time of such Merger other than those it receives from the Partnership or other Group Member if (i) the General Partner has received an Opinion of Counsel that the merger or conveyance, as the case may be, would not result in the loss of the limited liability of any Limited Partner or any limited partner in the Intermediate Partnership or cause the Partnership or the Intermediate Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not previously treated as such), (ii) the sole purpose of such merger or conveyance is to effect a mere change in the legal form of the Partnership into another limited liability entity and (iii) the governing instruments of the new entity provide the Limited Partners and the General Partner with the same rights and obligations as are herein contained.

### SECTION 14.4 CERTIFICATE OF MERGER.

Upon the required approval by the General Partner and the Unitholders of a Merger Agreement, a certificate of merger shall be executed and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in conformity with the requirements of the Delaware Act.

- (a) At the effective time of the certificate of merger:
- (i) all of the rights, privileges and powers of each of the business entities that has merged or consolidated, and all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due to any of those business entities and all other things and causes of action belonging to each of those business entities, shall be vested in the Surviving Business Entity and after the merger or consolidation shall be the property of the Surviving Business Entity to the extent they were property of each constituent business entity;
- (ii) the title to any real property vested by deed or otherwise in any of those constituent business entities shall not revert and shall not in any way be impaired because of the merger or consolidation;
- (iii) all rights of creditors and all liens on or security interests in property of any of those constituent business entities shall be preserved unimpaired; and
- (iv) all debts, liabilities and duties of those constituent business entities shall attach to the Surviving Business Entity and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if the debts, liabilities and duties had been incurred or contracted by it.
- (b) A merger or consolidation effected pursuant to this Article shall not be deemed to result in a transfer or assignment of assets or liabilities from one entity to another.

# ARTICLE XV RIGHT TO ACQUIRE LIMITED PARTNER INTERESTS

#### SECTION 15.1 RIGHT TO ACQUIRE LIMITED PARTNER INTERESTS.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if at any time not more than 20% of the total Limited Partner Interests of any class then Outstanding is held by Persons other than the General Partner and its Affiliates, the General Partner shall then have the right, which right it may assign and transfer in whole or in part to the Partnership or any Affiliate of the General Partner, exercisable in its sole discretion, to purchase all, but not less than all, of such Limited Partner Interests of such class then Outstanding held by Persons other than the General Partner and its Affiliates, at the greater of (x) the Current Market Price as of the date three days prior to the date that the notice described in Section 15.1(b) is mailed and (y) the highest price paid by the General Partner or any of its Affiliates for any such Limited Partner Interest of such class purchased during the 90-day period preceding the date that the notice described in Section 15.1(b) is mailed. As used in this Agreement, (i) "CURRENT MARKET PRICE" as of any date of any class of Limited Partner Interests listed or admitted to trading on any National Securities Exchange means the average of the daily Closing Prices (as hereinafter defined) per limited partner interest of such class for the 20 consecutive Trading Days (as hereinafter defined) immediately prior to such date; (ii) "CLOSING PRICE" for any day means the last sale price on such day, regular way, or in case no such sale takes place on such day, the average of the closing bid and asked prices on such day, regular way, in either case as reported in the principal consolidated transaction reporting system with respect to securities listed or admitted for trading on the principal National Securities Exchange (other than the Nasdaq Stock Market) on which such Limited Partner Interests of such class are listed or admitted to trading or, if such Limited Partner Interests of such class are not listed or admitted to trading on any National Securities Exchange (other than the Nasdaq Stock Market), the last quoted price on such day or, if not so quoted, the average of the high bid and low asked prices on such day in the over-the-counter market, as reported by the Nasdaq Stock Market or such other system then in use, or, if on any such day such Limited Partner Interests of such class are not quoted by any such organization, the average of the closing bid and asked prices on such day as furnished by a

professional market maker making a market in such Limited Partner Interests of such class selected by the General Partner, or if on any such day no market maker is making a market in such Limited Partner Interests of such class, the fair value of such Limited Partner Interests on such day as determined reasonably and in good faith by the General Partner; and (iii) "TRADING DAY" means a day on which the principal National Securities Exchange on which such Limited Partner Interests of any class are listed or admitted to trading is open for the transaction of business or, if Limited Partner Interests of a class are not listed or admitted to trading on any National Securities Exchange, a day on which banking institutions in New York City generally are open.

(b) If the General Partner, any Affiliate of the General Partner or the Partnership elects to exercise the right to purchase Limited Partner Interests granted pursuant to Section 15.1(a), the General Partner shall deliver to the Transfer Agent notice of such election to purchase (the "NOTICE OF ELECTION TO PURCHASE") and shall cause the Transfer Agent to mail a copy of such Notice of Election to Purchase to the Record Holders of Limited Partner Interests of such class (as of a Record Date selected by the General Partner) at least 10, but not more than 60, days prior to the Purchase Date. Such Notice of Election to Purchase shall also be published for a period of at least three consecutive days in at least two daily newspapers of general circulation printed in the English language and published in the Borough of Manhattan, New York. The Notice of Election to Purchase shall specify the Purchase Date and the price (determined in accordance with Section 15.1(a)) at which Limited Partner Interests will be purchased and state that the General Partner, its Affiliate or the Partnership, as the case may be, elects to purchase such Limited Partner Interests, upon surrender of Certificates representing such Limited Partner Interests in exchange for payment, at such office or offices of the Transfer Agent as the Transfer Agent may specify, or as may be required by any National Securities Exchange on which such Limited Partner Interests are listed or admitted to trading. Any such Notice of Election to Purchase mailed to a Record Holder of limited Partner Interests at his address as reflected in the records of the Transfer Agent shall be conclusively presumed to have been given regardless of whether the owner receives such notice. On or prior to the Purchase Date, the General Partner, its Affiliate or the Partnership, as the case may be, shall deposit with the Transfer Agent cash in an amount sufficient to pay the aggregate purchase price of all of such Limited Partner Interests to be purchased in accordance with this Section 15.1. If the Notice of Election to . Purchase shall have been duly given as aforesaid at least 10 days prior to the Purchase Date, and if on or prior to the Purchase Date the deposit described in the preceding sentence has been made for the benefit of the holders of Limited Partner Interests subject to purchase as provided herein, then from and after the Purchase Date, notwithstanding that any Certificate shall not have been surrendered for purchase, all rights of the holders of such Limited Partner Interests (including any rights pursuant to Articles IV, V, VI, and XII) shall thereupon cease, except the right to receive the purchase price (determined in accordance with Section 15.1(a)) for Limited Partner Interests therefor, without interest, upon surrender to the Transfer Agent of the Certificates representing such Limited Partner Interests, and such Limited Partner Interests shall thereupon be deemed to be transferred to the General Partner, its Affiliate or the Partnership, as the case may be, on the record books of the Transfer Agent and the Partnership, and the General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner, or the Partnership, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be the holder of all such Limited Partner Interests from and after the Purchase Date and shall have all rights as the holder of such Limited Partner Interests (including all rights as holder of such Limited Partner Interests pursuant to Articles IV, V, VI and XII).

(c) At any time from and after the Purchase Date, a holder of an Outstanding Limited Partner Interest subject to purchase as provided in this Section 15.1 may surrender his Certificate evidencing such Limited Partner Interest to the Transfer Agent in exchange for payment of the amount described in Section 15.1(a), therefor, without interest thereon.

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#### ARTICLE XVI GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### SECTION 16.1 ADDRESSES AND NOTICES.

Any notice, demand, request, report or proxy materials required or permitted to be given or made to a Partner or Assignee under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given or made when delivered in person or when sent by first class United States mail or by other means of written communication to the Partner or Assignee at the address described below. Any notice, payment or report to be given or made to a Partner or Assignee hereunder shall be deemed conclusively to have been given or made, and the obligation to give such notice or report or to make such payment shall be deemed conclusively to have been fully satisfied, upon sending of such notice, payment or report to the Record Holder of such Partnership Securities at his address as shown on the records of the Transfer Agent or as otherwise shown on the records of the Partnership, regardless of any claim of any Person who may have an interest in such Partnership Securities by reason of any assignment or otherwise. An affidavit or certificate of making of any notice, payment or report in accordance with the provisions of this Section 16.1 executed by the General Partner, the Transfer Agent or the mailing organization shall be prima facie evidence of the giving or making of such notice, payment or report. If any notice, payment or report addressed to a Record Holder at the address of such Record Holder appearing on the books and records of the Transfer Agent or the Partnership is returned by the United States Postal Service marked to indicate that the United States Postal Service is unable to deliver it, such notice, payment or report and any subsequent notices, payments and reports shall be deemed to have been duly given or made without further mailing (until such time as such Record Holder or another Person notifies the Transfer Agent or the Partnership of a change in his address) if they are available for the Partner or Assignee at the principal office of the Partnership for a period of one year from the date of the giving or making of such notice, payment or report to the other Partners and Assignees. Any notice to the Partnership shall be deemed given if received by the General Partner at the principal office of the Partnership designated pursuant to Section 2.3. The General Partner may rely and shall be protected in relying on any notice or other document from a Partner, Assignee or other Person if believed by it to be genuine.

### SECTION 16.2 FURTHER ACTION.

The parties hereto shall execute and deliver all documents, provide all information and take or refrain from taking action as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Agreement.

### SECTION 16.3 BINDING EFFECT.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives and permitted assigns.

### SECTION 16.4 INTEGRATION.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings pertaining thereto.

## SECTION 16.5 CREDITORS.

None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of, or shall be enforceable by, any creditor of the Partnership.

### SECTION 16.6 WAIVER.

No failure by any party to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant, duty, agreement or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach

thereof shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or any breach of any other covenant, duty, agreement or condition.

### SECTION 16.7 COUNTERPARTS.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute an agreement binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart. Each party shall become bound by this Agreement immediately upon affixing its signature hereto or, in the case of a Person acquiring a Unit, upon accepting the certificate evidencing such Unit or executing and delivering a Transfer Application as herein described, independently of the signature of any other party.

## SECTION 16.8 APPLICABLE LAW.

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law.

## SECTION 16.9 INVALIDITY OF PROVISIONS.

If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected thereby.

### SECTION 16.10 CONSENT OF PARTNERS.

Each Partner hereby expressly consents and agrees that, whenever in this Agreement it is specified that an action may be taken upon the affirmative vote or consent of less than all of the Partners, such action may be so taken upon the concurrence of less than all of the Partners and each Partner shall be bound by the results of such action.

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

## GENERAL PARTNER:

TC PIPELINES GP, INC.

By: /s/ Paul F. MacGregor

Name: Paul F. MacGregor Title: Vice-President, Business Development

## ORGANIZATIONAL LIMITED PARTNER:

TRANSCAN NORTHERN LTD.

By: /s/ Paul F. MacGregor

Name: Paul F. MacGregor Title: Vice-President

## LIMITED PARTNERS:

All Limited Partners now and hereafter admitted as Limited Partners of the Partnership, pursuant to powers of attorney now and hereafter executed in favor of, and granted and delivered to the General Partner.

TC PIPELINES GP, INC.

By: /s/ Paul F. MacGregor

Name: Paul F. MacGregor Title: Vice-President, Business Development EXHIBIT A
TO THE AMENDED AND
RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF
TC PIPELINES, LP
CERTIFICATE EVIDENCING COMMON UNITS
REPRESENTING LIMITED PARTNER INTERESTS IN
TC PIPELINES, LP

No. Common Units

In accordance with Section 4.1 of the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of TC PipeLines, LP, as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time (the "PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT"), TC PipeLines, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "PARTNERSHIP"), hereby certifies that - ---- (the "HOLDER") is the registered owner of - ----- Common Units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership (the "COMMON UNITS") transferable on the books of the Partnership, in person or by duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed and accompanied by a properly executed application for transfer of the Common Units represented by this Certificate. The rights, preferences and limitations of the Common Units are set forth in, and this Certificate and the Common Units represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the terms and provisions of, the Partnership Agreement. Copies of the Partnership Agreement are on file at, and will be furnished without charge on delivery of written request to the Partnership at, the principal office of the Partnership located at ----- Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meanings given them in the Partnership Agreement.

The Holder, by accepting this Certificate, is deemed to have (i) requested admission as, and agreed to become, a Limited Partner and to have agreed to comply with and be bound by and to have executed the Partnership Agreement, (ii) represented and warranted that the Holder has all right, power and authority and, if an individual, the capacity necessary to enter into the Partnership Agreement, (iii) granted the powers of attorney provided for in the Partnership Agreement and (iv) made the waivers and given the consents and approvals contained in the Partnership Agreement.

Except as otherwise provided in the Partnership Agreement, this Certificate shall not be valid for any purpose unless it has been countersigned and registered by the Transfer Agent and Registrar.

Dated:	TC PIPELINES, LP
Countersigned and Registered by:	By: TC PipeLines GP, Inc., its General Partner
	Ву:
as Transfer Agent and Registrar	Name:
By: Authorized Signature	By: Secretary

## [REVERSE OF CERTIFICATE]

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this Certificate, shall be construed as follows according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM -as tenants in common TEN ENT -as tenants by the entireties UNTE GTET/TRANSFERS MIN ACT ----- Custodian (Cust) (Minor) under Uniform Gifts/Transfers

as joint tenants with right of

survivorship and not as tenants in common

Minors Act -----(State)

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

ASSIGNMENT OF COMMON UNITS TN

TC PIPELINES, LP

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING INVESTOR RESPONSIBILITIES DUE TO TAX SHELTER STATUS OF TC PIPELINES, LP

You have acquired an interest in TC PipeLines, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, whose taxpayer identification number is 52-2135448. The Internal Revenue Service has issued TC PipeLines, LP the following tax shelter registration number:

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YOU MUST REPORT THIS REGISTRATION NUMBER TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IF YOU CLAIM ANY DEDUCTION, LOSS, CREDIT OR OTHER TAX BENEFIT OR REPORT ANY INCOME BY REASON OF YOUR INVESTMENT IN TC PIPELINES, LP

You must report the registration number as well as the name and taxpayer identification number of TC PipeLines, LP on Form 8271. FORM 8271 MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE RETURN ON WHICH YOU CLAIM THE DEDUCTION, LOSS, CREDIT OR OTHER TAX BENEFIT OR REPORT ANY INCOME BY REASON OF YOUR INVESTMENT IN TC PIPELINES,

If you transfer your interest in TC PipeLines, LP to another person, you are required by the Internal Revenue Service to keep a list containing (a) that person's name, address and taxpayer identification number, (b) the date on which you transferred the interest and (c) the name, address and tax shelter registration number of TC PipeLines, LP. If you do not want to keep such a list, you must (1) send the information specified above to the Partnership, which will keep the list for this tax shelter, and (2) give a copy of this notice to the person to whom you transfer your interest. Your failure to comply with any of the above-described responsibilities could result in the imposition of a penalty under Section 6707(b) or 6708(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, unless such failure is shown to be due to reasonable cause.

ISSUANCE OF A REGISTRATION NUMBER DOES NOT INDICATE THAT THIS INVESTMENT OR THE CLAIMED TAX BENEFITS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED, EXAMINED OR APPROVED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED,

----- HEREBY ASSIGNS, CONVEYS, SELLS AND TRANSFERS UNTO

(Please print or typewrite name and address of Assignee)

(Please insert Social Security or other identifying number of Assignee)

- ----- Common Units representing limited partner interests evidenced by this Certificate, subject to the Partnership Agreement, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint

- ----- as its attorney-in-fact with full power of substitution to transfer the same on the books of TC PipeLines, LP

Date: NOTE: The signature to any endorsement hereon must correspond with the name as written

must correspond with the name as writter upon the face of this Certificate in every particular, without alteration,

enlargement or change.

SIGNATURE(S) MUST BE GUARANTEED BY A MEMBER FIRM OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS, INC. OR BY A COMMERCIAL BANK OR TRUST COMPANY

(Signature) (Signature)

## SIGNATURE(S) GUARANTEED

No transfer of the Common Units evidenced hereby will be registered on the books of the Partnership, unless the Certificate evidencing the Common Units to be transferred is surrendered for registration or transfer and an Application for Transfer of Common Units has been executed by a transferee either (a) on the form set forth below or (b) on a separate application that the Partnership will furnish on request without charge. A transferor of the Common Units shall have no duty to the transferee with respect to execution of the transfer application in order for such transferee to obtain registration of the transfer of the Common Units.

## APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF COMMON UNITS

The undersigned ("ASSIGNEE") hereby applies for transfer to the name of the Assignee of the Common Units evidenced hereby.

The Assignee (a) requests admission as a Substituted Limited Partner and agrees to comply with and be bound by, and hereby executes, the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of TC PipeLines, LP (the "PARTNERSHIP"), as amended, supplemented or restated to the date hereof (the "PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT"), (b) represents and warrants that the Assignee has all right, power and authority and, if an individual, the capacity necessary to enter into the Partnership Agreement, (c) appoints the General Partner of the Partnership and, if a Liquidator shall be appointed, the Liquidator of the Partnership as the Assignee's attorney-in-fact to execute, swear to, acknowledge and file any document, including, without limitation, the Partnership Agreement and any amendment thereto and the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership and any amendment thereto, necessary or appropriate for the Assignee's admission as a Substituted Limited Partner and as a party to the Partnership Agreement, (d) gives the powers of attorney provided for in the Partnership Agreement, and (e) makes the waivers and gives the consents and approvals contained in the Partnership Agreement. Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Partnership Agreement.

Date:			
Social Security or other id of Assignee		Signature of	Assignee
Purchase Price including com	missions, if any	Name and Address	of Assigned
Type of Entity (check one):			
o Individual	o Partnership	o Corporation	
o Trust	o Other (specify)		
Nationality (check one):			

If the U.S. Citizen, Resident or Domestic Entity box is checked, the following certification must be completed.

Under Section 1445(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "CODE"), the Partnership must withhold tax with respect to certain transfers of property if a holder of an interest in the Partnership is a foreign person. To inform the Partnership that no withholding is required with respect to the undersigned interestholder's interest in it, the undersigned hereby certifies the following (or, if applicable, certifies the following on behalf of the interestholder).

o Non-resident Alien

Complete Either A or B:

o Foreign Corporation

## A. Individual Interestholder

o U.S. Citizen, Resident or Domestic Entity

- 1. I am not a non-resident alien for purposes of U.S. income taxation.
- 2. My U.S. taxpayer identification number (Social Security Number) is

3. My home address is

Dated:

B. Partnership, Corporation or Other Interestholder

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	partnership, foreign trust
	(Name of Interestholder)
	or foreign estate (as those terms are defined in the Code and Treasury
	Regulations).

2. The interestholder's U.S. employer identification number is -----

3. The interestholder's office address and place of incorporation (if applicable) is

The interestholder agrees to notify the Partnership within sixty (60) days of the date the interestholder becomes a foreign person.

The interestholder understands that this certificate may be disclosed to the Internal Revenue Service by the Partnership and that any false statement contained herein could be punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certification and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete and, if applicable, I further declare that I have authority to sign this document on behalf of:

Name of Interestholder
Signature and Date
Title (if applicable)

Title (if applicable)

Note: If the Assignee is a broker, dealer, bank, trust company, clearing corporation, other nominee holder or an agent of any of the foregoing, and is holding for the account of any other person, this application should be completed by an officer thereof or, in the case of a broker or dealer, by a registered representative who is a member of a registered national securities exchange or a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.,

exchange or a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., or, in the case of any other nominee holder, a person performing a similar function. If the Assignee is a broker, dealer, bank, trust company, clearing corporation, other nominee owner or an agent of any of the foregoing, the above certification as to any person for whom the Assignee will hold the Common Units shall be made to the best of the Assignee's knowledge.

## AMENDED AND RESTATED

## AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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## AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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## TC PIPELINES INTERMEDIATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP of TC PIPELINES INTERMEDIATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, dated as of May 28, 1999 is entered into by and between TC PipeLines GP, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as the General Partner, and TC PipeLines, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, as the Limited Partner, together with any other Persons who hereafter become Partners in the Partnership or parties hereto as provided herein.

## RECITALS:

WHEREAS, TC PipeLines GP, Inc. and TC PipeLines, LP formed the Partnership pursuant to the Agreement of Limited Partnership of TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership dated as of December 16, 1998 (the "Prior Agreement") and a Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on such date; and

WHEREAS, the Partners of the Partnership now desire to amend the Prior Agreement to reflect additional contributions by the Partners and certain other matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants, conditions and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto hereby amend the Prior Agreement and, as so amended, restate it in its entirety as follows:

#### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

## SECTION 1.1 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be for all purposes, unless otherwise clearly indicated to the contrary, applied to the terms used in this Agreement. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the MLP Agreement.

"Additional Limited Partner" means a Person admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner pursuant to Section 10.4 and who is shown as such on the books and records of the Partnership.

"Adjusted Capital Account" means the Capital Account maintained for each Partner as of the end of each taxable period of the Partnership, (a) increased by any amounts that such Partner is obligated to restore under the standards set by Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(c) (or is deemed obligated to restore under Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5)) and (b) decreased by (i) the amount of all losses and deductions that, as of the end of such period, are reasonably expected to be allocated to such Partner in subsequent years under Sections 704(e)(2) and 706(d) of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.751-1(b)(2)(ii), and (ii) the amount of all

distributions that, as of the end of such period, are reasonably expected to be made to such Partner in subsequent years in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or otherwise to the extent they exceed offsetting increases to such Partner's Capital Account that are reasonably expected to occur during (or prior to) the year in which such distributions are reasonably expected to be made (other than increases as a result of a minimum gain chargeback pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(i) or 6.1(d)(ii)). The foregoing definition of Adjusted Capital Account is intended to comply with the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith. The "Adjusted Capital Account" of a Partner in respect of a General Partner Interest or any other specified interest in the Partnership shall be the amount which such Adjusted Capital Account would be if such General Partner Interest, Limited Partner Interest or other interest in the Partnership were the only interest in the Partnership held by a Partner from and after the date on which such interest was first issued.

"Adjusted Property" means any property the Carrying Value of which has been adjusted pursuant to Section 5.5(d)(i) or 5.5(d)(ii).

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Person in question. As used herein, the term "control" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"Agreed Allocation" means any allocation, other than a Required Allocation, of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.1, including, without limitation, a Curative Allocation (if appropriate to the context in which the term "Agreed Allocation" is used).

"Agreed Value" of any Contributed Property means the fair market value of such property or other consideration at the time of contribution as determined by the General Partner using such reasonable method of valuation as it may adopt. The General Partner shall, in its discretion, use such method as it deems reasonable and appropriate to allocate the aggregate Agreed Value of Contributed Properties contributed to the Partnership in a single or integrated transaction among each separate property on a basis proportional to the fair market value of each Contributed Property.

"Agreement" means this Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership, as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"Assets" means the assets being conveyed to the Partnership on the Closing Date pursuant to Section 5.2 and the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement.

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"Assignee" means a Person to whom one or more Partnership Interests have been transferred in a manner permitted under this Agreement, but who has not been admitted as a Substituted Limited Partner.

"Associate" means, when used to indicate a relationship with any Person, (a) any corporation or organization of which such Person is a director, officer or partner or is, directly or indirectly, the owner of 20% or more of any class of voting stock or other voting interest; (b) any trust or other estate in which such Person has at least a 20% beneficial interest or as to which such Person serves as trustee or in a similar fiduciary capacity; and (c) any relative or spouse of such Person, or any relative of such spouse, who has the same principal residence as such Person.

"Available Cash" means, with respect to any Quarter ending prior to the Liquidation Date,  $\,$ 

- (a) the sum of (i) all cash and cash equivalents of the Partnership on hand at the end of such Quarter, and (ii) all additional cash and cash equivalents of the Partnership on hand on the date of determination of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter resulting from Working Capital Borrowings made subsequent to the end of such Quarter, less
- (b) the amount of any cash reserves that is necessary or appropriate in the reasonable discretion of the General Partner to (i) provide for the proper conduct of the business of the Partnership (including reserves for future capital expenditures and for anticipated future credit needs of the Partnership Group) subsequent to such Quarter, (ii) comply with applicable law or any loan agreement, security agreement, mortgage, debt instrument or other agreement or obligation to which any Group Member or any JV Entity is a party or by which it is bound or its assets are subject or (iii) provide funds for distributions under Section 6.4 or 6.5 of the MLP Agreement in respect of any one or more of the next four Quarters; provided, however, that the General Partner may not establish cash reserves pursuant to (iii) above if the effect of such reserves would be that the MLP is unable to distribute the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all Common Units, plus any Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage on all Common Units, with respect to such Quarter; and provided further that disbursements made by the Partnership or cash reserves established, increased or reduced after the end of such Quarter but on or before the date of determination of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter shall be deemed to have been made, established, increased or reduced, for purposes of determining Available Cash, within such Quarter if the General Partner so determines.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Available Cash" with respect to the Quarter in which the Liquidation Date occurs and any subsequent Quarter shall equal zero.

"Book-Tax Disparity" means with respect to any item of Contributed Property or Adjusted Property, as of the date of any determination, the difference between the Carrying Value of such Contributed Property or Adjusted Property and the adjusted basis thereof for federal income tax purposes as of such date. A Partner's share of the Partnership's Book-Tax Disparities in all of its Contributed Property and Adjusted Property will be reflected by the difference between such Partner's Capital Account balance as maintained pursuant to Section 5.5 and the hypothetical balance of such Partner's Capital Account computed as if it had been maintained strictly in accordance with federal income tax accounting principles.

"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, the State of New York, Canada or the Province of Alberta shall not be regarded as a Business Day.

"Capital Account" means the capital account maintained for a Partner pursuant to Section 5.5. The "Capital Account" of a Partner in respect of a General Partner Interest, Limited Partner Interest or any other specified interest in the Partnership shall be the amount which such Capital Account would be if such General Partner Interest, Limited Partner Interest or other specified interest in the Partnership were the only interest in the Partnership held by a Partner from and after the date on which such interest in the Partnership was first issued.

"Capital Contribution" means any cash, cash equivalents or the Net Agreed Value of Contributed Property that a Partner contributes to the Partnership pursuant to this Agreement or the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement.

"Carrying Value" means (a) with respect to a Contributed Property, the Agreed Value of such property reduced (but not below zero) by all depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions charged to the Partners' Capital Accounts in respect of such Contributed Property, and (b) with respect to any other Partnership property, the adjusted basis of such property for federal income tax purposes, all as of the time of determination. The Carrying Value of any property shall be adjusted from time to time in accordance with Sections 5.5(d)(i) and 5.5(d)(ii) and to reflect changes, additions or other adjustments to the Carrying Value for dispositions and acquisitions of Partnership properties, as deemed appropriate by the General Partner.

"Certificate of Limited Partnership" means the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as referenced in Section 2.1, as such Certificate of Limited Partnership may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"Closing Date" means the first date on which Common Units are sold by the MLP to the Underwriters pursuant to the provisions of the Underwriting Agreement.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and in effect from time to time. Any reference herein to a specific section or sections of the Code shall be deemed to include a reference to any corresponding provision of successor law.

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

"Common Unit" has the meaning assigned to such term in the MLP  $\mbox{\sc Agreement.}$ 

"Contributed Property" means each property or other asset, in such form as may be permitted by the Delaware Act, but excluding cash, contributed to the Partnership (or deemed contributed to a new partnership on termination of the Partnership pursuant to Section 708 of the Code). Once the Carrying Value of a Contributed Property is adjusted pursuant to Section 5.5(d), such property shall no longer constitute a Contributed Property, but shall be deemed an Adjusted Property.

"Contribution and Conveyance Agreement" means that certain Contribution, Conveyance and Assumption Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the General Partner, the MLP, the Partnership, TransCanada Border Pipeline, TransCan Northern and certain other parties, together with the additional conveyance documents and instruments contemplated or referenced thereunder.

"Curative Allocation" means any allocation of an item of income, gain, deduction, loss or credit pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.1(d)(ix).

"Delaware Act" means the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, 6 Del. C. ss.17-101, et seq., as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and any successor to such statute.

"Departing Partner" means a former General Partner from and after the effective date of any withdrawal or removal of such former General Partner pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2.

"Economic Risk of Loss" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-2(a).

"Event of Withdrawal" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section  ${\bf 11.1}(a)\,.$ 

"General Partner" means TC PipeLines GP, Inc. and its successors and permitted assigns as general partner of the Partnership.

"General Partner Interest" means the ownership interest of the General Partner in the Partnership (in its capacity as a general partner) and includes any and all benefits to which the General Partner is entitled as provided in this Agreement, together with all obligations of the General Partner to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

"Group" means a Person that with or through any of its Affiliates or Associates has any agreement, arrangement or understanding for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting (except voting pursuant to a revocable proxy or consent given to such Person in response to a proxy or consent solicitation made to 10 or more Persons) or disposing of any MLP Securities with any other Person that beneficially owns, or whose Affiliates or Associates beneficially own, directly or indirectly, MLP Securities.

"Group Member" means a member of the Partnership Group.

"ILP Subsidiary" means a Subsidiary of the Partnership.

"Incentive Distribution Right" has the meaning assigned to such term in the MLP Agreement.

"Indemnitee" means (a) the General Partner, (b) any Departing Partner, (c) any Person who is or was an Affiliate of the General Partner or any Departing Partner, (d) any Person who is or was a member, partner, officer, director, employee, agent or trustee of any Group Member, the General Partner or any Departing Partner or any Affiliate of any Group Member, the General Partner or any Departing Partner, and (e) any Person who is or was serving at the request of the General Partner or any Departing Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner or any Departing Partner as an officer, director, employee, member, partner, agent or trustee of another Person; provided, that a Person shall not be an Indemnitee by reason of providing, on a fee-for-services basis, trustee, fiduciary or custodial services.

"Initial Offering" means the initial offering and sale of Common Units to the public, as described in the Registration Statement.

"JV Entity" means a Person other than an individual in which a Group Member holds an interest but which does not constitute a Subsidiary, including, without limitation, Northern Border Pipeline.

"Limited Partner" means any Person that is admitted to the Partnership as a limited partner pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement; but the term Limited Partner shall not include any Person from and after the time such Person withdraws as a Limited Partner from the Partnership.

"Limited Partner Interest" means the ownership interest of a Limited Partner or Assignee in the Partnership and includes any and all benefits to which such Limited Partner or Assignee is entitled as provided in this Agreement, together with all obligations of such Limited Partner or Assignee to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

"Liquidation Date" means (a) in the case of an event giving rise to the dissolution of the Partnership of the type described in clauses (a) and (b) of the first sentence of Section 12.2, the date on which the applicable time period during which the Partners have the right to elect to reconstitute the Partnership and continue its business has expired without such an election being made, and (b) in the case of any other event giving rise to the dissolution of the Partnership, the date on which such event occurs.

"Liquidator" means one or more Persons selected by the General Partner to perform the functions described in Section 12.3 as liquidating trustee of the Partnership within the meaning of the Delaware Act.

"Merger Agreement" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 14.1.  $\,$ 

"Minimum Quarterly Distribution" has the meaning assigned to such term in the MLP Agreement.

"MLP" means TC PipeLines, LP.

"MLP Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of TC PipeLines, LP, as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"MLP Security" has the meaning assigned to the term "Partnership Security" in the MLP Agreement.

"Net Agreed Value" means, (a) in the case of any Contributed Property, the Agreed Value of such property reduced by any liabilities either assumed by the Partnership upon such contribution or to which such property is subject when contributed, and (b) in the case of any property distributed to a Partner or Assignee by the Partnership, the Partnership's Carrying Value of such property (as adjusted pursuant to Section 5.5(d)(ii)) at the time such property is distributed, reduced by any liabilities either assumed by such Partner or Assignee upon such distribution or to which such property is subject at the time of distribution, in either case, as determined under Section 752 of the Code.

"Net Income" means, for any taxable period, the excess, if any, of the Partnership's items of income and gain (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period over the Partnership's items of loss and deduction (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period. The items included in the calculation of Net Income shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items specially allocated under Section 6.1(d).

"Net Loss" means, for any taxable period, the excess, if any, of the Partnership's items of loss and deduction (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period, over the Partnership's items of income and gain (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period. The items included in the calculation of Net Loss shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items specially allocated under Section 6.1 (d).

"Net Termination Gain" means, for any taxable period, the sum, if positive, of all items of income, gain, loss or deduction recognized by the Partnership after the Liquidation Date. The items included in the determination of Net Termination Gain shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items of income, gain, loss or deduction specially allocated under Section 6.1(d).

"Net Termination Loss" means, for any taxable period, the sum, if negative, of all items of income, gain, loss or deduction recognized by the Partnership after the

Liquidation Date. The items included in the determination of Net Termination Loss shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items of income, gain, loss or deduction specially allocated under Section 6.1(d).

"Nonrecourse Built-in Gain" means with respect to any Contributed Properties or Adjusted Properties that are subject to a mortgage, pledge or other lien securing a Nonrecourse Liability, the amount of any taxable gain that would be allocated to the Partners pursuant to Sections 6.2(b)(i)(A), 6.2(b)(ii)(A) and 6.2(b)(iii) if such properties were disposed of in a taxable transaction in full satisfaction of such liabilities and for no other consideration.

"Nonrecourse Deductions" means any and all items of loss, deduction or expenditures (described in Section 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code) that, in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(b), are attributable to a Nonrecourse Liability.

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

"Northern Border Pipeline" means Northern Border Pipeline Company, a Texas general partnership.

"Organizational Limited Partner" means TC PipeLines, LP in its capacity as the organizational limited partner of the Partnership pursuant to this Agreement.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of counsel (who may be regular counsel to the Partnership or the General Partner or any of its Affiliates) acceptable to the General Partner in its reasonable discretion.

"Partner Nonrecourse Debt" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(b)(4).

"Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(2).

"Partner Nonrecourse Deductions" means any and all items of loss, deduction or expenditure (including, without limitation, any expenditure described in Section 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code) that, in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i), are attributable to a Partner Nonrecourse Debt.

"Partnership" means TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, and any successors thereto.

"Partners" means the General Partner and the Limited Partners.

"Partnership Group" means the Partnership, the MLP and any Subsidiary of any such entity, treated as a single consolidated entity.

"Partnership Interest" means an ownership interest of a Partner in the Partnership, which shall include the General Partner Interest and the Limited Partner Interest(s).

"Partnership Minimum Gain" means that amount determined in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(d).

"Percentage Interest" means the percentage interest in the Partnership held by each Partner upon completion of the transactions in Section 5.2 and shall mean, (a) as to the General Partner, an aggregate 1.0101% and (b) as to the MLP, 98.9899%.

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

"Prior Agreement" is defined in the Recitals.

"Pro Rata" means, when modifying Partners and Assignees, apportioned among all Partners and Assignees in accordance with their relative Percentage Interests.

"Recapture Income" means any gain recognized by the Partnership (computed without regard to any adjustment required by Section 734 or Section 743 of the Code) upon the disposition of any property or asset of the Partnership, which gain is characterized as ordinary income because it represents the recapture of deductions previously taken with respect to such property or asset.

"Registration Statement" means the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-69947) as it has been or as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, filed by the MLP with the Commission under the Securities Act to register the offering and sale of the Common Units in the Initial Offering.

"Required Allocations" means (a) any limitation imposed on any allocation of Net Losses or Net Termination Losses under Section 6.1(b) or 6.1(c)(ii) and (b) any allocation of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(i), 6.1(d)(ii), 6.1(d)(iv), 6.1(d)(vii) or 6.1(d)(ix).

"Residual Gain" or "Residual Loss" means any item of gain or loss, as the case may be, of the Partnership recognized for federal income tax purposes resulting from a sale, exchange or other disposition of a Contributed Property or Adjusted Property, to the extent such item of gain or loss is not allocated pursuant to Section 6.2(b)(i)(A) or 6.2(b)(i)(A), respectively, to eliminate Book-Tax Disparities.

"Special Approval" has the meaning assigned to such term in the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MLP}}$  Agreement.

"Subordinated Unit" has the meaning assigned to such term in the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MLP}}$  Agreement.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, (a) a corporation of which more than 50% of the voting power of shares entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors or other governing body of such corporation is owned, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination, by such Person, by one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or a combination thereof, (b) a partnership (whether general or limited) in which such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person is, at the date of determination, a general or limited partner of such partnership, but only if more than 50% of the partnership interests of such partnership (considering all of the partnership interests of the partnership as a single class) is owned, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination, by such Person, by one or more Subsidiaries of such Person, or a combination thereof, or (c) any other Person (other than a corporation or a partnership) in which such Person, one or more Subsidiaries of such Person, or a combination thereof, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination, has (i) at least a majority ownership interest or (ii) the power to elect or direct the election of a majority of the directors or other governing body of such Person. The foregoing definition shall not include any JV Entity, including, without limitation, Northern Border Pipeline.

"Substituted Limited Partner" means a Person who is admitted as a Limited Partner to the Partnership pursuant to Section 10.2 in place of and with all the rights of a Limited Partner and who is shown as a Limited Partner on the books and records of the Partnership.

"Surviving Business Entity" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 14.2(b).

"TransCanada" means TransCanada PipeLines Limited, a Canadian corporation.

"TransCanada Border Pipeline" means TransCanada Border Pipeline Ltd., a Nevada corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of TransCanada.

"TransCan Northern" means TransCan Northern Ltd., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of TransCanada.

"Treasury Regulations" means the permanent, temporary or proposed regulations of the United States Department of the Treasury promulgated under the Code, as such regulations may be amended and in effect from time to time. Any reference herein to a specific section or sections of the Treasury Regulations shall be deemed to include a reference to any corresponding provision of successor law.

"Transfer" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 4.4(a).

"Underwriter" means each Person named as an underwriter in Schedule I to the Underwriting Agreement who purchases Common Units pursuant thereto.

"Underwriting Agreement" means the Underwriting Agreement dated May 24, 1999 among the Underwriters, the MLP, the Partnership, the General Partner, TransCanada and certain other parties, providing for the purchase of Common Units by such Underwriters.

"Unit" has the meaning assigned to such term in the MLP Agreement.

"Unit Majority" has the meaning  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ 

"Unrealized Gain" attributable to any item of Partnership property means, as of any date of determination, the excess, if any, of (a) the fair market value of such property as of such date (as determined under Section 5.5(d)) over (b) the Carrying Value of such property as of such date (prior to any adjustment to be made pursuant to Section 5.5(d) as of such date).

"Unrealized Loss" attributable to any item of Partnership property means, as of any date of determination, the excess, if any, of (a) the Carrying Value of such property as of such date (prior to any adjustment to be made pursuant to Section 5.5(d) as of such date) over (b) the fair market value of such property as of such date (as determined under Section 5.5(d)).

 $\hbox{\tt "U.S. GAAP"}$  means United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles consistently applied.

"Working Capital Borrowings" means borrowings exclusively for working capital purposes. Amounts drawn from a credit facility to enable the Partnership to pay distributions to partners of the Partnership or partners of the MLP if there has been a temporary interruption or delay in receipt of distributions from Northern Border Pipeline shall also constitute Working Capital Borrowings.

## SECTION 1.2 Construction.

Unless the context requires otherwise: (a) any pronoun used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine or neuter forms, and the singular form of nouns, pronouns and verbs shall include the plural and vice versa; (b) references to Articles and Sections refer to Articles and Sections of this Agreement; and (c) the term "include" or "includes" means includes, without limitation, and "including" means including, without limitation.

## ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION

## SECTION 2.1 Formation.

The Partnership was previously formed as a limited partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act. The Partners hereby amend and restate the Prior Agreement in its entirety. This amendment and restatement shall become effective on the date of this Agreement. Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement, the rights, duties (including fiduciary duties), liabilities and obligations of the Partners and the administration, dissolution and termination of the Partnership shall be governed by the Delaware Act. All Partnership Interests shall constitute personal property of the owner thereof for all purposes and a Partner has no interest in specific Partnership property.

### SECTION 2.2 Name.

The name of the Partnership shall be "TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership." The Partnership's business may be conducted under any other name or names deemed necessary or appropriate by the General Partner in its sole discretion, including the name of the General Partner. The words "Limited Partnership," "L.P." or "Ltd." or similar words or letters shall be included in the Partnership's name where necessary for the purpose of complying with the laws of any jurisdiction that so requires. The General Partner in its discretion may change the name of the Partnership at any time and from time to time and shall notify the other Partner(s) of such change in the next regular communication to the Partners.

# SECTION 2.3 Registered Office; Registered Agent; Principal Office; Other Offices.

Unless and until changed by the General Partner, the registered office of the Partnership in the State of Delaware shall be located at Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, and the registered agent for service of process on the Partnership in the State of Delaware at such registered office shall be The Corporation Trust Company. The principal office of the Partnership shall be located at Four Greenspoint Plaza, 16945 Northchase Drive, Houston, Texas 77060 or such other place as the General Partner may from time to time designate by notice to the Limited Partners. The Partnership may maintain offices at such other place or places within or outside the State of Delaware as the General Partner deems necessary or appropriate. The address of the General Partner shall be Four Greenspoint Plaza, 16945 Northchase Drive, Houston, Texas 77060 or such other place as the General Partner may from time to time designate by notice to the Limited Partners.

## SECTION 2.4 Purpose and Business.

The purpose and nature of the business to be conducted by the Partnership shall be to (a) acquire, manage, operate and sell the Assets, (b) serve as a general partner of Northern Border Pipeline and, in connection therewith, exercise all the rights and powers conferred upon the Partnership as a partner of Northern Border Pipeline pursuant to the partnership agreement of Northern Border Pipeline or otherwise, (c) (i) acquire, manage, operate and sell any assets or

properties similar to the Assets now or hereafter acquired by the Partnership, (ii) engage directly in, or enter into or form any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other arrangement to engage indirectly in, any business activity that the Partnership is permitted to engage in, or any type of business or activity engaged in by the General Partner prior to the Closing Date and, in connection therewith, to exercise all of the rights and powers conferred upon the Partnership pursuant to the agreements relating to such business activity, and (iii) engage directly in, or enter into or form any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other arrangement to engage indirectly in, any business activity that is approved by the General Partner and which lawfully may be conducted by a limited partnership organized pursuant to the Delaware Act and, in connection therewith, to exercise all of the rights and powers conferred upon the Partnership pursuant to the agreements relating to such business activity; provided, however, that in the case of any activity described in this subsection (c), the General Partner reasonably determines, as of the date of the acquisition or commencement of such activity, that such activity (A) generates "qualifying income" (as such term is defined pursuant to Section 7704 of the Code) or (B) enhances the operations of an activity of the Partnership that generates qualifying income, and (d) do anything necessary or appropriate to the foregoing, including the making of capital contributions or loans to a Group Member, a JV Entity, the MLP or any Subsidiary of the MLP. The General Partner has no obligation or duty to the Partnership, the Limited Partners or the Assignees to propose or approve, and in its discretion may decline to propose or approve, the conduct by the Partnership of any business.

### SECTION 2.5 Powers.

The Partnership shall be empowered to do any and all acts and things necessary, appropriate, proper, advisable, incidental to or convenient for the furtherance and accomplishment of the purposes and business described in Section 2.4.

## SECTION 2.6 Power of Attorney.

- (a) Each Limited Partner and each Assignee hereby constitutes and appoints the General Partner and, if a Liquidator shall have been selected pursuant to Section 12.3, the Liquidator (and any successor to the Liquidator by merger, transfer, assignment, election or otherwise) and each of their authorized officers and attorneys-in-fact, as the case may be, with full power of substitution, as its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority in his name, place and stead, to:
  - (i) execute, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file and record in the appropriate public offices (A) all certificates, documents and other instruments (including this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership and all amendments or restatements hereof or thereof) that the General Partner or the Liquidator deems necessary or appropriate to form, qualify or continue the existence or qualification of the Partnership as a limited partnership (or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability) in the State of Delaware and in all other jurisdictions in which the Partnership may conduct business or own property; (B) all certificates, documents and other instruments that the General Partner or the Liquidator deems necessary or appropriate to reflect, in accordance with its terms, any amendment, change, modification or restatement of this Agreement;

- (C) all certificates, documents and other instruments (including conveyances and a certificate of cancellation) that the General Partner or the Liquidator deems necessary or appropriate to reflect the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; (D) all certificates, documents and other instruments relating to the admission, withdrawal, removal or substitution of any Partner pursuant to, or other events described in, Article IV, X, XI or XII; (E) all certificates, documents and other instruments relating to the determination of the preferences, rights, powers, privileges and duties of any class or series of Partnership Interests issued pursuant hereto; and (F) all certificates, documents and other instruments (including agreements and a certificate of merger) relating to a merger or consolidation of the Partnership pursuant to Article XIV; and
- (ii) execute, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file and record all ballots, consents, approvals, waivers, certificates, documents and other instruments necessary or appropriate, in the discretion of the General Partner or the Liquidator, to make, evidence, give, confirm or ratify any vote, consent, approval, agreement or other action that is made or given by the Partners hereunder or is consistent with the terms of this Agreement or is necessary or appropriate, in the discretion of the General Partner or the Liquidator, to effectuate the terms or intent of this Agreement; provided, that when required by any provision of this Agreement that establishes a percentage of the Limited Partners or of the Limited Partners of any class or series required to take any action, the General Partner and the Liquidator may exercise the power of attorney made in this Section 2.6(a)(ii) only after the necessary vote, consent or approval of the Limited Partners or of the Limited Partners or series, as applicable.

Nothing contained in this Section 2.6(a) shall be construed as authorizing the General Partner to amend this Agreement except in accordance with Article XIII or as may be otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement.

(b) The foregoing power of attorney is hereby declared to be irrevocable and a power coupled with an interest, and it shall survive and, to the maximum extent permitted by law, not be affected by the subsequent death, incompetency, disability, incapacity, dissolution, bankruptcy or termination of any Limited Partner or Assignee and the transfer of all or any portion of such Limited Partner's or Assignee's Partnership Interest and shall extend to such Limited Partner's or Assignee's heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives. Each such Limited Partner or Assignee hereby agrees to be bound by any representation made by the General Partner or the Liquidator acting in good faith pursuant to such power of attorney; and each such Limited Partner or Assignee, to the maximum extent permitted by law, hereby waives any and all defenses that may be available to contest, negate or disaffirm the action of the General Partner or the Liquidator taken in good faith under such power of attorney. Each Limited Partner or Assignee shall execute and deliver to the General Partner or the Liquidator, within 15 days after receipt of the request therefor, such further designation, powers of attorney and other instruments as the General Partner or the Liquidator deems necessary to effectuate this Agreement and the purposes of the Partnership.

#### SECTION 2.7 Term.

The term of the Partnership commenced upon the filing of the Certificate of Limited Partnership in accordance with the Delaware Act and shall continue in existence until the close of Partnership business on December 31, 2097 or until the earlier dissolution of the Partnership in accordance with the provisions of Article XII. The existence of the Partnership as a separate legal entity shall continue until the cancellation of the Certificate of Limited Partnership as provided in the Delaware Act.

### SECTION 2.8 Title to Partnership Assets.

Title to Partnership assets, whether real, personal or mixed and whether tangible or intangible, shall be deemed to be owned by the Partnership as an entity, and no Partner or Assignee, individually or collectively, shall have any ownership interest in such Partnership assets or any portion thereof. Title to any or all of the Partnership assets may be held in the name of the Partnership, the General Partner, one or more of its Affiliates or one or more nominees, as the General Partner may determine. The General Partner hereby declares and warrants that any Partnership assets for which record title is held in the name of the General Partner or one or more of its Affiliates or one or more nominees shall be held by the General Partner or such Affiliate or nominee for the use and benefit of the Partnership in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; provided, however, that the General Partner shall use reasonable efforts to cause record title to such assets (other than those assets in respect of which the General Partner determines that the expense and difficulty of conveyancing makes transfer of record title to the Partnership impracticable) to be vested in the Partnership as soon as reasonably practicable; provided, further, that, prior to the withdrawal or removal of the General Partner or as soon thereafter as practicable, the General Partner shall use reasonable efforts to effect the transfer of record title to the Partnership and, prior to any such transfer, will provide for the use of such assets in a manner satisfactory to the General Partner. All Partnership assets shall be recorded as the property of the Partnership in its books and records, irrespective of the name in which record title to such Partnership assets is held.

## ARTICLE III RIGHTS OF LIMITED PARTNERS

### SECTION 3.1 Limitation of Liability.

The Limited Partners and the Assignees shall have no liability under this Agreement except as expressly provided in this Agreement or in the Delaware Act.

## SECTION 3.2 Management of Business.

No Limited Partner or Assignee, in its capacity as such, shall participate in the operation, management or control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership. Any action taken by any Affiliate of the General Partner or any officer, director, employee, member, general partner, agent or trustee of the General Partner or

any of its Affiliates, or any officer, director, employee, member, general partner, agent or trustee of a Group Member, in its capacity as such, shall not be deemed to be participation in the control of the business of the Partnership by a limited partner of the Partnership (within the meaning of Section 17-303(a) of the Delaware Act) and shall not affect, impair or eliminate the limitations on the liability of the Limited Partners or Assignees under this Agreement.

### SECTION 3.3 Outside Activities of the Limited Partners.

Subject to the provisions of Section 7.5, which shall continue to be applicable to the Persons referred to therein, regardless of whether such Persons shall also be Limited Partners or Assignees, any Limited Partner or Assignee shall be entitled to and may have business interests and engage in business activities in addition to those relating to the Partnership, including business interests and activities in direct competition with any Group Member or JV Entity. Neither the Partnership nor any of the other Partners or Assignees shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement in any business ventures of any Limited Partner or Assignee.

## SECTION 3.4 Rights of Limited Partners.

- (a) In addition to other rights provided by this Agreement or by applicable law, and except as limited by Section 3.4(b), each Limited Partner shall have the right, for a purpose reasonably related to such Limited Partner's interest as a limited partner in the Partnership, upon reasonable written demand and at such Limited Partner's own expense:
  - (i) to obtain true and full information regarding the status of the business and financial condition of the Partnership;
  - (ii) promptly after becoming available, to obtain a copy of the Partnership's federal, state and local income tax returns for each year;
  - (iii) to have furnished to him a current list of the name and last known business, residence or mailing address of each Partner;
  - (iv) to have furnished to him a copy of this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership and all amendments thereto, together with a copy of the executed copies of all powers of attorney pursuant to which this Agreement, the Certificate of Limited Partnership and all amendments thereto have been executed;
  - (v) to obtain true and full information regarding the amount of cash and a description and statement of the Net Agreed Value of any other Capital Contribution by each Partner and which each Partner has agreed to contribute in the future, and the date on which each became a Partner; and
  - (vi) to obtain such other information regarding the affairs of the Partnership as is just and reasonable.
- (b) The General Partner may keep confidential from the Limited Partners and Assignees, for such period of time as the General Partner deems reasonable, (i) any information  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{$

that the General Partner reasonably believes to be in the nature of trade secrets or (ii) other information the disclosure of which the General Partner in good faith believes (A) is not in the best interests of any Group Member or JV Entity, (B) could damage any Group Member or JV Entity or (C) that any Group Member or JV Entity is required by law or by agreement with any third party to keep confidential (other than agreements with Affiliates of the Partnership the primary purpose of which is to circumvent the obligations set forth in this Section 3.4).

# ARTICLE IV TRANSFERS OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS

### SECTION 4.1 Transfer Generally.

- (a) The term "transfer," when used in this Agreement with respect to a Partnership Interest, shall be deemed to refer to a transaction by which the General Partner assigns its General Partner Interest to another Person who becomes the General Partner (or an Assignee) or by which the holder of a Limited Partner Interest assigns such Limited Partner Interest to another Person who is or becomes a Limited Partner (or an Assignee), and includes a sale, assignment, gift, pledge, encumbrance, hypothecation, mortgage, exchange or any other disposition by law or otherwise.
- (b) No Partnership Interest shall be transferred, in whole or in part, except in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Article IV. Any transfer or purported transfer of a Partnership Interest not made in accordance with this Article IV shall be null and void.
- (c) Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent a disposition by any stockholder of the General Partner of any or all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the General Partner.

### SECTION 4.2 Transfer of General Partner's Partnership Interest.

If the General Partner transfers its interest as the general partner of the MLP to any Person in accordance with the provisions of the MLP Agreement, the General Partner shall contemporaneously therewith transfer all, but not less than all, of its General Partner Interest herein to such Person, and the Limited Partners and Assignees, if any, hereby expressly consent to such transfer. Except as set forth in the immediately preceding sentence and in Section 5.2, a General Partner may not transfer all or any part of its Partnership Interest as the General Partner.

## SECTION 4.3 Transfer of a Limited Partner's Partnership Interest.

A Limited Partner may transfer all, but not less than all, of its Partnership Interest as a Limited Partner in connection with the merger, consolidation or other combination of such Limited Partner with or into any other Person or the transfer by such Limited Partner of all or substantially all of its assets to another Person, and following any such transfer such Person may become a Substituted Limited Partner pursuant to Article X. Except as set forth in the immediately preceding sentence and in Section 5.2, or in connection with any pledge of (or any related foreclosure on) a Partnership Interest as a Limited Partner solely for the purpose of

securing, directly or indirectly, indebtedness of the Partnership or the MLP, and except for the transfers contemplated by Sections 5.2 and 10.1, a Limited Partner may not transfer all or any part of its Partnership Interest or withdraw from the Partnership.

### SECTION 4.4 Restrictions on Transfers.

- (a) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Article IV, no transfer of any Partnership Interest shall be made if such transfer would (i) violate the then applicable federal or state securities laws or rules and regulations of the Commission, any state securities commission or any other governmental authority with jurisdiction over such transfer, (ii) terminate the existence or qualification of the Partnership or the MLP under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation or (iii) cause the Partnership or the MLP to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not already so treated or taxed).
- (b) The General Partner may impose restrictions on the transfer of Partnership Interests if it determines based upon a subsequent Opinion of Counsel that such restrictions are necessary to avoid a significant risk of the Partnership or the MLP being treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise being taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes. The restrictions may be imposed by making such amendments to this Agreement as the General Partner may determine to be necessary or appropriate to impose such restrictions.

# ARTICLE V CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ISSUANCE OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS

### SECTION 5.1 Initial Contributions.

In connection with the formation of the Partnership under the Delaware Act, the General Partner made an initial Capital Contribution to the Partnership in the amount of \$ 10.10 in exchange for an interest in the Partnership and was admitted as General Partner, and the Organizational Limited Partner made an initial Capital Contribution to the Partnership in the amount of \$ 989.90 in exchange for an interest in the Partnership and was admitted as a Limited Partner. As of the Closing Date, the interest of the Organizational Limited Partner shall be redeemed; the initial Capital Contributions of each Partner shall thereupon be refunded; and the Organizational Limited Partner shall cease to be a Limited Partner of the Partnership. 98.9899% of any interest or other profit that may have resulted from the investment or other use of such initial Capital Contributions shall be allocated and distributed to the Organizational Limited Partner, and the balance thereof shall be allocated and distributed to the General Partner.

SECTION 5.2 Contributions Pursuant to the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement.

(a) Pursuant to the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement, (i) TransCanada Border Pipeline contributed to the Partnership, as a Capital Contribution, a general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline, representing a 6% "Partner's Percentage" (which term shall, for the purposes of this Section 5.2, have the meaning assigned to it in the Northern Border Pipeline Partnership Agreement) in Northern Border Pipeline, in exchange for (A) a 1.0101%

General Partner Interest in the Partnership and (B) an 18.9899% Limited Partner Interest in the Partnership, representing a combined 20% partner interest in the Partnership, and (ii) TransCan Northern transferred to the Partnership, as a Capital Contribution, a general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline representing a 24% Partner's Percentage in Northern Border Pipeline in exchange for an 80% Limited Partner Interest in the Partnership.

- (b) Pursuant to the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement, (i) TransCanada Border PipeLine contributed to the MLP all of its Limited Partner interest in the Partnership, in exchange for (1) a 1% general partner interest in the MLP, (2) 3,200,000 Subordinated Units, (3) 14,286 Common Units, and (4) the Incentive Distribution Rights, all as more fully described in the MLP Agreement, and (ii) TransCan Northern contributed all of its interest in the Partnership, in exchange for 14,285,714 Common Units.
- (c) Pursuant to the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement, TransCanada Border Pipeline transferred to the General Partner, as a contribution to capital, (i) its 1% general partner interest in the MLP, (ii) its 1.0101% General Partner Interest in the Partnership, (iii) its limited partner interest in the MLP consisting of 3,200,000 Subordinated Units, and (iv) the Incentive Distribution Rights.
- (d) Following the foregoing transactions, the General Partner holds a 1.0101% Partnership Interest as the General Partner and the MLP holds a 98.9899% Partnership Interest as the Limited Partner.

## SECTION 5.3 Additional Capital Contributions.

With the consent of the General Partner, any Limited Partner may, but shall not be obligated to, make additional Capital Contributions to the Partnership. Contemporaneously with the making of any Capital Contributions by a Limited Partner, in addition to those provided in Sections 5.1 and 5.2, the General Partner shall be required to make an additional Capital Contribution to the Partnership in an amount equal to 1.0101 divided by 98.9899 times the amount of the additional Capital Contribution then made by such Limited Partner. Except as set forth in the immediately preceding sentence and in Article XII, the General Partner shall not be obligated to make any additional Capital Contributions to the Partnership.

### SECTION 5.4 Interest and Withdrawal.

No interest shall be paid by the Partnership on Capital Contributions. No Partner or Assignee shall be entitled to the withdrawal or return of its Capital Contribution, except to the extent, if any, that distributions made pursuant to this Agreement or upon termination of the Partnership may be considered as such by law and then only to the extent provided for in this Agreement. Except to the extent expressly provided in this Agreement, no Partner or Assignee shall have priority over any other Partner or Assignee either as to the return of Capital Contributions or as to profits, losses or distributions. Any such return shall be a compromise to which all Partners and Assignees agree within the meaning of Section 17-502(b) of the Delaware Act.

- (a) The Partnership shall maintain for each Partner (or a beneficial owner of Partnership Interests held by a nominee in any case in which the nominee has furnished the identity of such owner to the Partnership in accordance with Section 6031(c) of the Code or any other method acceptable to the General Partner in its sole discretion) holding a Partnership Interest a separate Capital Account with respect to such Partnership Interest in accordance with the rules of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv). Such Capital Account shall be increased by (i) the amount of all Capital Contributions made to the Partnership with respect to such Partnership Interest pursuant to this Agreement and (ii) all items of Partnership income and gain (including, without limitation, income and gain exempt from tax) computed in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and allocated with respect to such Partnership Interest pursuant to Section 6.1, and decreased by (x) the amount of cash or Net Agreed Value of all actual and deemed distributions of cash or property made with respect to such Partnership Interest pursuant to this Agreement and (y) all items of Partnership deduction and loss computed in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and allocated with respect to such Partnership Interest pursuant to Section 6.1.
- (b) For purposes of computing the amount of any item of income, gain, loss or deduction which is to be allocated pursuant to Article VI and is to be reflected in the Partners' Capital Accounts, the determination, recognition and classification of any such item shall be the same as its determination, recognition and classification for federal income tax purposes (including, without limitation, any method of depreciation, cost recovery or amortization used for that purpose), provided, that:
  - (i) Solely for purposes of this Section 5.5, the Partnership shall be treated as owning directly its proportionate share (as determined by the General Partner) of all property owned by any ILP Subsidiary or JV Entity that is classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.
  - (ii) All fees and other expenses incurred by the Partnership to promote the sale of (or to sell) a Partnership Interest that can neither be deducted nor amortized under Section 709 of the Code, if any, shall, for purposes of Capital Account maintenance, be treated as an item of deduction at the time such fees and other expenses are incurred and shall be allocated among the Partners pursuant to Section 6.1.
  - (iii) Except as otherwise provided in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), computation of all items of income, gain, loss and deduction shall be made without regard to any election under Section 754 of the Code which may be made by the Partnership and, as to those items described in Section 705(a)(1)(B) or 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code, without regard to the fact that such items are not includable in gross income or are neither currently deductible nor capitalized for federal income tax purposes. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any Partnership asset pursuant to Section 734(b) or 743(b) of the Code is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of such adjustment in the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain or loss.

- (iv) Any income, gain or loss attributable to the taxable disposition of any Partnership property shall be determined as if the adjusted basis of such property as of such date of disposition were equal in amount to the Partnership's Carrying Value with respect to such property as of such date.
- (v) In accordance with the requirements of Section 704(b) of the Code, any deductions for depreciation, cost recovery or amortization attributable to any Contributed Property shall be determined as if the adjusted basis of such property on the date it was acquired by the Partnership were equal to the Agreed Value of such property. Upon an adjustment pursuant to Section 5.5(d) to the Carrying Value of any Partnership property subject to depreciation, cost recovery or amortization, any further deductions for such depreciation, cost recovery or amortization attributable to such property shall be determined (A) as if the adjusted basis of such property were equal to the Carrying Value of such property immediately following such adjustment and (B) using a rate of depreciation, cost recovery or amortization derived from the same method and useful life (or, if applicable, the remaining useful life) as is applied for federal income tax purposes; 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 reasonable method that the General Partner may adopt.
- (vi) If the Partnership's adjusted basis in a depreciable or cost recovery property is reduced for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 48(q)(1) or 48(q)(3) of the Code, the amount of such reduction shall, solely for purposes hereof, be deemed to be an additional depreciation or cost recovery deduction in the year such property is placed in service and shall be allocated among the Partners pursuant to Section 6.1. Any restoration of such basis pursuant to Section 48(q)(2) of the Code shall, to the extent possible, be allocated in the same manner to the Partners to whom such deemed deduction was allocated.
- (c) A transferee of a Partnership Interest shall succeed to a pro rata portion of the Capital Account of the transferor relating to the Partnership Interest so transferred.
  - (d) (i) In accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(f), on an issuance of additional Partnership Interests for cash or Contributed Property or the conversion of the General Partner's Partnership Interest to Common Units pursuant to Section 11.3(a), the Capital Accounts of all Partners and the Carrying Value of each Partnership property immediately prior to such issuance shall be adjusted upward or downward to reflect any Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such Partnership property, as if such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss had been recognized on an actual sale of each such property immediately prior to such issuance and had been allocated to the Partners at such time pursuant to Section 6.1 in the same manner as any item of gain or loss actually recognized during such period would have been allocated. In determining such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss, the aggregate cash amount and fair market value of all Partnership assets (including, without limitation, cash or cash equivalents) immediately prior to the issuance of additional Partnership Interests shall be determined by the General Partner using such reasonable method of valuation as it may

adopt; provided, however, that the General Partner, in arriving at such valuation, must take fully into account the fair market value of the Partnership Interests of all Partners at such time. The General Partner shall allocate such aggregate value among the assets of the Partnership (in such manner as it determines in its discretion to be reasonable) to arrive at a fair market value for individual properties.

(ii) In accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(f), immediately prior to any actual or deemed distribution to a Partner of any Partnership property (other than a distribution of cash that is not in redemption or retirement of a Partnership Interest), the Capital Accounts of all Partners and the Carrying Value of all Partnership property shall be adjusted upward or downward to reflect any Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such Partnership property, as if such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss had been recognized in a sale of such property immediately prior to such distribution for an amount equal to its fair market value, and had been allocated to the Partners, at such time, pursuant to Section 6.1 in the same manner as any item of gain or loss actually recognized during such period would have been allocated. In determining such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss the aggregate cash amount and fair market value of all Partnership assets (including, without limitation, cash or cash equivalents) immediately prior to a distribution shall (A) in the case of an actual distribution which is not made pursuant to Section 12.4 or in the case of a deemed contribution and/or distribution occurring as a result of a termination of the Partnership pursuant to Section 708 of the Code, be determined and allocated in the same manner as that provided in Section 5.5(d)(i) or (B) in the case of a liquidating distribution pursuant to Section 12.4, be determined and allocated by the Liquidator using such reasonable method of valuation as it may adopt.

#### SECTION 5.6 Loans from Partners.

Loans by a Partner to the Partnership shall not constitute Capital Contributions. If any Partner shall advance funds to the Partnership in excess of the amounts required hereunder to be contributed by it to the capital of the Partnership, the making of such excess advances shall not result in any increase in the amount of the Capital Account of such Partner. The amount of any such excess advances shall be a debt obligation of the Partnership to such Partner and shall be payable or collectible only out of the Partnership assets in accordance with the terms and conditions upon which such advances are made.

## SECTION 5.7 Limited Preemptive Rights.

Except as provided in Section 5.3, no Person shall have preemptive, preferential or other similar rights with respect to (a) additional Capital Contributions; (b) issuance or sale of any class or series of Partnership Interests, whether unissued, held in the treasury or hereafter created; (c) issuance of any obligations, evidences of indebtedness or other securities of the Partnership convertible into or exchangeable for, or carrying or accompanied by any rights to receive, purchase or subscribe to, any such Partnership Interests; (d) issuance of any right of subscription to or right to receive, or any warrant or option for the purchase of, any such Partnership Interests; or (e) issuance or sale of any other securities that may be issued or sold by the Partnership.

SECTION 5.8 Fully Paid and Non-Assessable Nature of Partnership Interests.

All Partnership Interests issued to Limited Partners pursuant to, and in accordance with the requirements of, this Article V shall be fully paid and non-assessable Partnership Interests, except as such non-assessability may be affected by Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act.

## ARTICLE VI ALLOCATIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

## SECTION 6.1 Allocations for Capital Account Purposes.

For purposes of maintaining the Capital Accounts and in determining the rights of the Partners among themselves, the Partnership's items of income, gain, loss and deduction (computed in accordance with Section 5.5(b)) shall be allocated among the Partners in each taxable period (or portion thereof) as provided herein below.

- (a) Net Income. After giving effect to the special allocations set forth in Section 6.1(d), Net Income for each taxable period and all items of income, gain, loss and deduction taken into account in computing Net Income for such taxable period shall be allocated among the Partners as follows:
  - (i) First, 100% to the General Partner, until the aggregate Net Income allocated to the General Partner pursuant to this Section 6.1(a)(i) for the current taxable period and all previous taxable periods is equal to the aggregate Net Losses allocated to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(ii)(B) for all previous taxable periods; and
  - (ii) Second, 1.0101% to the General Partner and 98.9899% to the Limited Partners.
- (b) Net Losses. After giving effect to the special allocations set forth in Section 6.1(d), Net Losses for each taxable period and all items of income, gain, loss and deduction taken into account in computing Net Losses for such taxable period shall be allocated among the Partners as follows:
  - (i) For taxable years 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002, 100% to the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{General}}$  Partner; and
    - (ii) For taxable years after 2002:
  - (A) First, 1.0101% to the General Partner and 98.9899% to the Limited Partners; provided, however, that Net Losses shall not be allocated to a Limited Partner pursuant to this Section 6.1(b)(i) to the extent that such allocation would cause a Limited Partner to have a deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account at the end of such taxable period (or increase any existing deficit balance in such Limited Partner's Adjusted Capital Account); and
    - (B) Second, the balance, if any, 100% to the General Partner.

- (c) Net Termination Gains and Losses. After giving effect to the special allocations set forth in Section 6.1(d), all items of income, gain, loss and deduction taken into account in computing Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss for each taxable period shall be allocated in the same manner as such Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss is allocated hereunder. All allocations under this Section 6.1(c) shall be made after Capital Account balances have been adjusted by all other allocations provided under this Section 6.1 and after all distributions of Available Cash provided under Section 6.4 have been made with respect to the taxable period ending on or before the Liquidation Date; provided, however, that solely for purposes of this Section 6.1(c), Capital Accounts shall not be adjusted for distributions made pursuant to Section 12.4.
  - (i) If a Net Termination Gain is recognized (or deemed recognized pursuant to Section 5.5(d)), such Net Termination Gain shall be allocated among the Partners in the following manner (and the Capital Accounts of the Partners shall be increased by the amount so allocated in each of the following subclauses, in the order listed, before an allocation is made pursuant to the next succeeding subclause):
    - (A) First, 100% to the General Partner until the General Partner has been allocated Net Termination Gain under this Section 6.1(c)(i)(A) equal to the aggregate amount of Net Losses previously allocated to the General Partner under Section 6.1(b)(i); provided, however, that no amount of Net Termination Gain shall be allocated to the General Partner under this Section 6.1(c)(i)(A) to the extent that such allocation would cause the General Partner's Capital Account balance as a percentage of the total Capital Account balances of the Partners to exceed the Percentage Interest of the General Partner;
    - (B) Second, to each Partner having a deficit balance in its Capital Account, in the proportion that such deficit balance bears to the total deficit balances in the Capital Accounts of all Partners, until each such Partner has been allocated Net Termination Gain equal to any such deficit balance in its Capital Account; and
    - (C) Third, 1.0101% to the General Partner and 98.9899% to the Limited Partners.
  - (ii) If a Net Termination Loss is recognized (or deemed recognized pursuant to Section 5.5(d)), such Net Termination Loss shall be allocated among the Partners in the following manner (and the Capital Accounts of the Partners shall be decreased by the amount so allocated in each of the following subclauses, in the order listed, before an allocation is made pursuant to the next succeeding subclause):
    - (A) First, to the General Partner and the Limited Partners in proportion to, and to the extent of, the positive balances in their respective Capital Accounts; and
      - (B) Second, the balance, if any, 100% to the General Partner.

- (d) Special Allocations. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, the following special allocations shall be made for such taxable period:
  - (i) Partnership Minimum Gain Chargeback. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, if there is a net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during any Partnership taxable period, each Partner shall be allocated items of Partnership income and gain for such period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in the manner and amounts provided in Treasury Regulation Sections  $1.704\text{-}2(f)(6),\ 1.704\text{-}2(g)(2)$  and 1.704-2(j)(2)(i). For purposes of this Section 6.1(d), each Partner's Adjusted Capital Account balance shall be determined, and the allocation of income or gain required hereunder shall be effected, prior to the application of any other allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d) with respect to such taxable period (other than an allocation pursuant to Sections 6.1(d)(v) and 6.1(d)(vi)). This Section 6.1(d)(i) is intended to comply with the Partnership Minimum Gain chargeback requirement in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(f) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.
  - (ii) Chargeback of Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1 (other than Section 6.1(d)(i), except as provided in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(4), if there is a net decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain during any Partnership taxable period, any Partner with a share of Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain at the beginning of such taxable period shall be allocated items of Partnership income and gain for such period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in the manner and amounts provided in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(i)(4) and 1.704-2(j)(2)(ii). For purposes of this Section 6.1(d), each Partner's Adjusted Capital Account balance shall be determined, and the allocation of income or gain required hereunder shall be effected, prior to the application of any other allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d), other than Section 6.1(d)(i) and other than an allocation pursuant to Sections 6.1(d)(v) and 6.1(d)(vi), with respect to such taxable period. This Section 6.1(d)(ii) is intended to comply with the chargeback of items of income and gain requirement in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(4) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.
  - (iii) Qualified Income Offset. In the event any Partner unexpectedly receives any adjustments, allocations or distributions described in Treasury Regulation Sections  $1.704 \cdot 1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4)$ ,  $1.704 \cdot 1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(5)$ , or  $1.704 \cdot 1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(6)$ , items of Partnership income and gain shall be specially allocated to such Partner in an amount and manner sufficient to eliminate, to the extent required by the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) of the Code, the deficit balance, if any, in its Adjusted Capital Account created by such adjustments, allocations or distributions as quickly as possible unless such deficit balance is otherwise eliminated pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(i) or (ii).
  - (iv) Gross Income Allocations. In the event any Partner has a deficit balance in its Capital Account at the end of any Partnership taxable period in excess of the sum of (A) the amount such Partner is required to restore pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement and (B) the amount such Partner is deemed obligated to restore pursuant to

Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5), such Partner shall be specially allocated items of Partnership gross income and gain in the amount of such excess as quickly as possible; provided, that an allocation pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(iv) shall be made only if and to the extent that such Partner would have a deficit balance in its Capital Account as adjusted after all other allocations provided for in this Section 6.1 have been tentatively made as if this Section 6.1(d)(iv) were not in this Agreement.

- (v) Nonrecourse Deductions. Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable period shall be allocated to the Partners in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests. If the General Partner determines in its good faith discretion that the Partnership's Nonrecourse Deductions must be allocated in a different ratio to satisfy the safe harbor requirements of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) of the Code, the General Partner is authorized, upon notice to the other Partners, to revise the prescribed ratio to the numerically closest ratio that does satisfy such requirements.
- (vi) Partner Nonrecourse Deductions. Partner Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable period shall be allocated 100% to the Partner that bears the Economic Risk of Loss with respect to the Partner Nonrecourse Debt to which such Partner Nonrecourse Deductions are attributable in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i). If more than one Partner bears the Economic Risk of Loss with respect to a Partner Nonrecourse Debt, such Partner Nonrecourse Deductions attributable thereto shall be allocated between or among such Partners in accordance with the ratios in which they share such Economic Risk of Loss.
- (vii) Nonrecourse Liabilities. For purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-3(a)(3), the Partners agree that Nonrecourse Liabilities of the Partnership in excess of the sum of (A) the amount of Partnership Minimum Gain and (B) the total amount of Nonrecourse Built-in Gain shall be allocated among the Partners in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests.
- (viii) Code Section 754 Adjustments. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any Partnership asset pursuant to Section 734(b) or 743(c) of the Code is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of such adjustment to the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain (if the adjustment increases the basis of the asset) or loss (if the adjustment decreases such basis), and such item of gain or loss shall be specially allocated to the Partners in a manner consistent with the manner in which their Capital Accounts are required to be adjusted pursuant to such Section of the Treasury Regulations.

## (ix) Curative Allocation.

(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, other than the Required Allocations, the Required Allocations shall be taken into account in making the Agreed Allocations so that, to the extent possible, the net amount of items of income, gain, loss and deduction allocated to each Partner pursuant to the

Required Allocations and the Agreed Allocations, together, shall be equal to the net amount of such items that would have been allocated to each such Partner under the Agreed Allocations had the Required Allocations and the related Curative Allocation not otherwise been provided in this Section 6.1. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, Required Allocations relating to (1) Nonrecourse Deductions shall not be taken into account except to the extent that there has been a decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain and (2) Partner Nonrecourse Deductions shall not be taken into account except to the extent that there has been a decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain. Allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(ix)(A) shall only be made with respect to Required Allocations to the extent the General Partner reasonably determines that such allocations will otherwise be inconsistent with the economic agreement among the Partners. Further, allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(ix)(A) shall be deferred with respect to allocations pursuant to Sections 6.1(d)(ix)(A)(1) and (2) to the extent the General Partner reasonably determines that such allocations are likely to be offset by subsequent Required Allocations.

(B) The General Partner shall have reasonable discretion, with respect to each taxable period, to (1) apply the provisions of Section 6.1(d)(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 6.1(d)(ix)(A) among the Partners in a manner that is likely to minimize such economic distortions.

## SECTION 6.2 Allocations for Tax Purposes.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, for federal income tax purposes, each item of income, gain, loss and deduction shall be allocated among the Partners in the same manner as its correlative item of "book" income, gain, loss or deduction is allocated pursuant to Section 6.1.
- (b) In an attempt to eliminate Book-Tax Disparities attributable to a Contributed Property or Adjusted Property, items of income, gain, loss, depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions shall be allocated for federal income tax purposes among the Partners as follows:
  - (i) (A) In the case of a Contributed Property, such items attributable thereto shall be allocated among the Partners in the manner provided under Section 704(c) of the Code that takes into account the variation between the Agreed Value of such property and its adjusted basis at the time of contribution; and (B) any item of Residual Gain or Residual Loss attributable to a Contributed Property shall be allocated among the Partners in the same manner as its correlative item of "book" gain or loss is allocated pursuant to Section 6.1.
  - (ii) (A) In the case of an Adjusted Property, such items shall (1) first, be allocated among the Partners in a manner consistent with the principles of Section 704(c)

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of the Code to take into account the Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such property and the allocations thereof pursuant to Section 5.5(d)(i) or 5.5(d)(ii), and (2) second, in the event such property was originally a Contributed Property, be allocated among the Partners in a manner consistent with Section 6.2(b)(i)(A); and (B) any item of Residual Gain or Residual Loss attributable to an Adjusted Property shall be allocated among the Partners in the same manner as its correlative item of "book" gain or loss is allocated pursuant to Section 6.1.

- (iii) The General Partner shall apply the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-3(d) to eliminate Book-Tax Disparities.
- (c) For the proper administration of the Partnership and for the preservation of uniformity of the Units or other limited partner interests of the MLP (or any class or classes thereof), the General Partner shall have sole discretion to (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; and (iii) amend the provisions of this Agreement as appropriate (x) to reflect the proposal or promulgation of Treasury Regulations under Section 704(b) or Section 704(c) of the Code or (y) otherwise to preserve or achieve uniformity of the Units or other limited partner interests of the MLP (or any class or classes thereof). The General Partner may adopt such conventions, make such allocations and make such amendments to this Agreement as provided in this Section 6.2(c) only if such conventions, allocations or amendments would not have a material adverse effect on the Partners, the holders of any class or classes of Units or other limited partner interests of the MLP issued and outstanding or the Partnership and if such allocations are consistent with the principles of Section 704 of the Code.
- (d) The General Partner in its discretion may determine to depreciate or amortize the portion of an adjustment under Section 743(b) of the Code attributable to unrealized appreciation in any Adjusted Property (to the extent of the unamortized Book-Tax Disparity) using a predetermined rate derived from the depreciation or amortization method and useful life applied to the Partnership's common basis of such property, despite any inconsistency of such approach with Treasury Regulation Section 1.167(c)-1(a)(6), Proposed Treasury Regulation Section 1.197-2(g)(3), or any successor regulations thereto. If the General Partner determines that such reporting position cannot reasonably be taken, the General Partner may adopt depreciation and amortization conventions under which all purchasers acquiring limited partner interests of the MLP in the same month would receive depreciation and amortization deductions, based upon the same applicable rate as if they had purchased a direct interest in the Partnership's property. If the General Partner chooses not to utilize such aggregate method, the General Partner may use any other reasonable depreciation and amortization conventions to preserve the uniformity of the intrinsic tax characteristics of any limited partner interests of the MLP that would not have a material adverse effect on the Partners or the holders of any class or classes of limited partner interests of the MLP.
- (e) Any gain allocated to the Partners upon the sale or other taxable disposition of any Partnership asset shall, to the extent possible, after taking into account other required allocations of gain pursuant to this Section 6.2, be characterized as Recapture Income in

the same proportions and to the same extent as such Partners (or their predecessors in interest) have been allocated any deductions directly or indirectly giving rise to the treatment of such gains as Recapture Income.

- (f) All items of income, gain, loss, deduction and credit recognized by the Partnership for federal income tax purposes and allocated to the Partners in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be determined without regard to any election under Section 754 of the Code which may be made by the Partnership; provided, however, that such allocations, once made, shall be adjusted as necessary or appropriate to take into account those adjustments permitted or required by Sections 734 and 743 of the Code.
- (g) The General Partner may adopt such methods of allocation of income, gain, loss or deduction between a transferor and a transferee of a Partnership Interest as it determines necessary, to the extent permitted or required by Section 706 of the Code and the regulations or rulings promulgated thereunder.
- (h) Allocations that would otherwise be made to a Partner under the provisions of this Article VI shall instead be made to the beneficial owner of Partnership Interests held by a nominee in any case in which the nominee has furnished the identity of such owner to the Partnership in accordance with Section 6031(c) of the Code or any other method acceptable to the General Partner in its sole discretion.

### SECTION 6.3 Distributions.

- (a) Within 45 days following the end of each Quarter commencing with the Quarter ending on June 30, 1999, an amount equal to 100% of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter shall, subject to Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act, be distributed in accordance with this Article VI by the Partnership to the Partners in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests. The immediately preceding sentence shall not require any distribution of cash if and to the extent such distribution would be prohibited by applicable law or by any loan agreement, security agreement, mortgage, debt instrument or other agreement or obligation to which the Partnership is a party or by which it is bound or its assets are subject. All distributions required to be made under this Agreement shall be made subject to Section 17-607 of the Delaware Act.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 6.3(a), in the event of the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership, all receipts received during or after the Quarter in which the Liquidation Date occurs, other than from borrowings described in (a)(ii) of the definition of Available Cash, shall be applied and distributed solely in accordance with, and subject to the terms and conditions of, Section 12.4.
- (c) The General Partner shall have the discretion to treat taxes paid by the Partnership on behalf of, or amounts withheld with respect to, all or less than all of the Partners, as a distribution of Available Cash to such Partners.

## ARTICLE VII MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF BUSINESS

## SECTION 7.1 Management.

- (a) The General Partner shall conduct, direct and manage all activities of the Partnership. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all management powers over the business and affairs of the Partnership shall be exclusively vested in the General Partner, and no Limited Partner or Assignee shall have any management power over the business and affairs of the Partnership. In addition to the powers now or hereafter granted a general partner of a limited partnership under applicable law or which are granted to the General Partner under any other provision of this Agreement, the General Partner, subject to Section 7.3, shall have full power and authority to do all things and on such terms as it, in its sole discretion, may deem necessary or appropriate to conduct the business of the Partnership, to exercise all powers set forth in Section 2.5 and to effectuate the purposes set forth in Section 2.4, including the following:
  - (i) the making of any expenditures, the lending or borrowing of money, the assumption or guarantee of, or other contracting for, indebtedness and other liabilities, the issuance of evidences of indebtedness, including indebtedness that is convertible into a Partnership Interest, and the incurring of any other obligations;
  - (ii) the making of tax, regulatory and other filings, or rendering of periodic or other reports to governmental or other agencies having jurisdiction over the business or assets of the Partnership;
  - (iii) the acquisition, disposition, mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, hypothecation or exchange of any or all of the assets of the Partnership or the merger or other combination of the Partnership with or into another Person (the matters described in this clause (iii) being subject, however, to any prior approval that may be required by Section 7.3);
  - (iv) the use of the assets of the Partnership (including cash on hand) for any purpose consistent with the terms of this Agreement, including the financing of the conduct of the operations of the Partnership Group, including investments in and any contributions to JV Entities, subject to Section 7.6, the lending of funds to other Persons (including the MLP and any member of the Partnership Group), the repayment of obligations of the MLP or any member of the Partnership Group or any JV Entity and the making of capital contributions to any Group Member or JV Entity;
  - (v) the negotiation, execution and performance of any contracts, conveyances or other instruments (including contracts, conveyances or instruments that limit the liability of the Partnership under contractual arrangements to all or particular assets of the Partnership, with the other party to the contract to have no recourse against the General Partner or its assets other than its interest in the Partnership, even if these arrangements

result in the terms of the transaction being less favorable to the Partnership than would otherwise be the case);

- (vi) the distribution of Partnership cash;
- (vii) the selection and dismissal of employees (including employees having titles such as "president," "vice president," "secretary" and "treasurer") and agents, outside attorneys, accountants, consultants and contractors and the determination of their compensation and other terms of employment or hiring;
- (viii) the maintenance of such insurance for the benefit of the Partnership Group and the Partners as it deems necessary or appropriate;
- (ix) the formation of, or acquisition of an interest in, and the contribution of property and the making of loans to, any further limited or general partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other relationships subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 2.4;
- (x) the control of any matters affecting the rights and obligations of the Partnership, including the bringing and defending of actions at law or in equity and otherwise engaging in the conduct of litigation and the incurring of legal expense and the settlement of claims and litigation; and
- (xi) the indemnification of any Person against liabilities and contingencies to the extent permitted by law.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the MLP Agreement the Delaware Act or any applicable law, rule or regulation, each of the Partners and Assignees and each other Person who may acquire an interest in the Partnership hereby (i) approves, ratifies and confirms the execution, delivery and performance by the parties thereto of the Partnership Agreement, the MLP Agreement, the Underwriting Agreement, the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement and the other agreements, documents and instruments described in or filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement that are related to the transactions contemplated by the Registration Statement; (ii) agrees that the General Partner (on its own or through any officer or attorney-in-fact of the Partnership) is authorized to execute, deliver and perform the agreements referred to in clause (i) of this sentence and the other agreements, acts, transactions and matters described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement on behalf of the Partnership without any further act, approval or vote of the Partners or the Assignees or the other Persons who may acquire an interest in the Partnership; and (iii) agrees that the execution, delivery or performance by the General Partner, the MLP, any Group Member or any Affiliate of any of them, of this Agreement or any agreement authorized or permitted under this Agreement (including the exercise by the General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner of the rights accorded pursuant to Article XV), shall not constitute a breach by the General Partner of any duty that the General Partner may owe the Partnership or the Limited Partners or any other Persons under this Agreement (or any other agreements) or of any duty stated or implied by law or equity.

### SECTION 7.2 Certificate of Limited Partnership.

The General Partner has caused the Certificate of Limited Partnership to be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as required by the Delaware Act and shall use all reasonable efforts to cause to be filed such other certificates or documents as may be determined by the General Partner in its sole discretion to be reasonable and necessary or appropriate for the formation, continuation, qualification and operation of a limited partnership (or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability) in the State of Delaware or any other state in which the Partnership may elect to do business or own property. To the extent that such action is determined by the General Partner in its sole discretion to be reasonable and necessary or appropriate, the General Partner shall file amendments to and restatements of the Certificate of Limited Partnership and do all things to maintain the Partnership as a limited partnership (or a partnership or other entity in which the limited partners have limited liability) under the laws of the State of Delaware or of any other state in which the Partnership may elect to do business or own property. Subject to the terms of Section 3.4(a), the General Partner shall not be required, before or after filing, to deliver or mail a copy of the Certificate of Limited Partnership, any qualification document or any amendment thereto to any Limited Partner or Assignee.

## SECTION 7.3 Restrictions on General Partner's Authority.

- (a) The General Partner may not, without written approval of the specific act by the Limited Partners or by other written instrument executed and delivered by the Limited Partners subsequent to the date of this Agreement, take any action in contravention of this Agreement, including, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, (i) committing any act that would make it impossible to carry on the ordinary business of the Partnership; (ii) possessing Partnership property, or assigning any rights in specific Partnership property, for other than a Partnership purpose; (iii) admitting a Person as a Partner; (iv) amending this Agreement in any manner or (v) transferring its General Partner Interest.
- (b) Except as provided in Articles XII and XIV, the General Partner may not sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the Partnership's assets in a single transaction or a series of related transactions (including by way of merger, consolidation or other combination) or approve on behalf of the Partnership the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership, without the approval of the Limited Partners; provided, however, that this provision shall not preclude or limit the General Partner's ability to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership and shall not apply to any sale of any or all of the assets of the Partnership pursuant to the foreclosure of, or other realization upon, any such encumbrance. Without the approval of at least a Unit Majority, the General Partner shall not, on behalf of the MLP, (i) consent to any amendment to this Agreement or, except as expressly permitted by Section 7.9(d) of the MLP Agreement, take any action permitted to be taken by a Partner, in either case, that would have a material adverse effect on the MLP as a Partner or (ii) except as permitted under Section 4.6, 11.1 or 11.2 of the ML P Agreement, elect or cause the MLP to elect a successor general partner of the Partnership.

(c) The General Partner may not approve or consent to the conversion of Northern Border Pipeline or any other JV Entity that is not then taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes to corporate form without first obtaining the approval of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the Outstanding Units during the Subordination Period and at least a majority of the Outstanding Units thereafter.

### SECTION 7.4 Reimbursement of the General Partner.

- (a) Except as provided in this Section 7.4 and elsewhere in this Agreement or in the MLP Agreement, the General Partner shall not be compensated for its services as General Partner, general partner of the MLP or as general partner or managing member of any Group Member.
- (b) The General Partner shall be reimbursed on a monthly basis, or such other reasonable basis as the General Partner may determine in its sole discretion, for (i) all direct and indirect expenses it incurs or payments it makes on behalf of the Partnership (including salary, bonus, incentive compensation and other amounts paid to any Person including Affiliates of the General Partner to perform services for the Partnership or for the General Partner in the discharge of its duties to the Partnership), and (ii) all other necessary or appropriate expenses allocable to the Partnership or otherwise reasonably incurred by the General Partner in connection with operating the Partnership's business (including expenses allocated to the General Partner by its Affiliates). The General Partner shall determine the expenses that are allocable to the Partnership in any reasonable manner determined by the General Partner in its sole discretion. Reimbursements pursuant to this Section 7.4 shall be in addition to any reimbursement to the General Partner as a result of indemnification pursuant to Section 7.7.
- (c) Subject to Section 5.7, the General Partner, in its sole discretion and without the approval of the Limited Partners (who shall have no right to vote in respect thereof), may propose and adopt on behalf of the Partnership employee benefit plans, employee programs and employee practices, or cause the Partnership to issue Partnership Interests, in connection with or pursuant to any employee benefit plan, employee program or employee practice maintained or sponsored by the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, in each case for the benefit of employees of the General Partner, any Group Member or any Affiliate, or any of them, in respect of services performed, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of the Partnership Group. Expenses incurred by the General Partner in connection with any such plans, programs and practices shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 7.4(b). Any and all obligations of the General Partner under any employee benefit plans, employee programs or employee practices adopted by the General Partner as permitted by this Section 7.4(c) shall constitute obligations of the General Partner hereunder and shall be assumed by any successor General Partner approved pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2 or the transferee of or successor to all of the General Partner's General Partner Interest pursuant to Section 4.2.

## SECTION 7.5 Outside Activities.

(a) After the Closing Date, the General Partner, for so long as it is the General Partner of the Partnership (i) agrees that its sole business will be to act as the General Partner of

the Partnership, the general partner of the MLP, and a general partner or managing member of any other partnership or limited liability company of which the Partnership or the MLP is, directly or indirectly, a partner or member and to undertake activities that are ancillary or related thereto (including being a limited partner in the MLP) and (ii) shall not engage in any business or activity or incur any debts or liabilities except in connection with or incidental to (A) its performance as general partner or managing member of the Partnership, the MLP or one or more Group Members or as described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement or (B) the acquiring, owning or disposing of debt or equity securities or interests in any Group Member.

- (b) Except as specifically restricted by Section 7.5(a), each Indemnitee (other than the General Partner) shall have the right to engage in businesses of any and every type and description and other activities for profit and to engage in and possess an interest in other business ventures of any and every type or description, whether in businesses engaged in or anticipated to be engaged in by any Group Member or JV Entity, independently or with others, including business interests and activities in direct competition with the business and activities of any Group Member or JV Entity, and none of the same shall constitute a breach of this Agreement or any duty express or implied by law to the MLP or any Group Member or any Partner or Assignee. Neither any Group Member, any JV Entity, any Limited Partner, nor any other Person shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement, the MLP Agreement or the partnership relationship established hereby or thereby in any business ventures of any Indemnitee.
- (c) Subject to the terms of Section 7.5(a) and Section 7.5(b), but otherwise notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, (i) the engaging in competitive activities by any Indemnitees (other than the General Partner) in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.5 is hereby approved by the Partnership and all Partners, (ii) it shall be deemed not to be a breach of the General Partner's fiduciary duty or any other obligation of any type whatsoever of the General Partner for the Indemnitees (other than the General Partner) to engage in such business interests and activities in preference to or to the exclusion of the Partnership and (iii) the General Partner and the Indemnities shall have no obligation to present business opportunities to the Partnership.
- (d) The General Partner and any of its Affiliates may acquire Units or other MLP Securities in addition to those acquired on the Closing Date and, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, shall be entitled to exercise all rights, powers and privileges (as General Partner, Limited Partner or Assignee, as applicable) relating to such Units or MLP Securities.
- (e) The term "Affiliates" when used in Section 7.5(a) and Section 7.5(d) with respect to the General Partner shall not include any Group Member or any Subsidiary of a Group Member.
- (f) Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, to the extent that provisions of Sections 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.10 or other Sections of this Agreement purport or are interpreted to have the effect of restricting the fiduciary duties that might otherwise, as a result of Delaware or other applicable law, be owed by the General Partner to the Partnership and its Limited Partners, or to constitute a waiver or consent by the Limited Partners to any such

restriction, such provisions shall be inapplicable and have no effect in determining whether the General Partner has complied with its fiduciary duties in connection with determinations made by it under Section 7.5(a).

SECTION 7.6 Loans from the General Partner; Loans or Contributions from the Partnership; Contracts with Affiliates; Certain Restrictions on the General Partner.

- (a) The General Partner or its Affiliates may lend to any Group Member or JV Entity, and any Group Member or JV Entity may borrow from the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, funds needed or desired by the Group Member or the JV Entity for such periods of time and in such amounts as the General Partner may determine; provided, however, that in any such case the lending party may not charge the borrowing party interest at a rate greater than the rate that would be charged the borrowing party or impose terms less favorable to the borrowing party than would be charged or imposed on the borrowing party by unrelated lenders on comparable loans made on an arm's-length basis (without reference to the lending party's financial abilities or guarantees). The borrowing party shall reimburse the lending party for any costs (other than any additional interest costs) incurred by the lending party in connection with the borrowing of such funds. For purposes of this Section 7.6(a) and Section 7.6(b), the term "Group Member" shall include any Affiliate of a Group Member that is controlled by the Group Member. No Group Member may lend funds to the General Partner or any of its Affiliates (other than the MLP, a Subsidiary of the MLP or a Subsidiary of another Group Member).
- (b) The Partnership may lend or contribute to any Group Member or JV Entity, and any Group Member or JV Entity may borrow from the Partnership, funds on terms and conditions established in the sole discretion of the General Partner; provided, however, that the Partnership may not charge the Group Member or JV Entity interest at a rate less than the rate that would be charged to the Group Member or JV Entity (without reference to the General Partner's financial abilities or guarantees) by unrelated lenders on comparable loans. The foregoing authority shall be exercised by the General Partner in its sole discretion and shall not create any right or benefit in favor of any Group Member, JV Entity or any other Person.
- (c) The General Partner may itself, or may enter into an agreement with any of its Affiliates to, render services to a Group Member, JV Entity or to the General Partner in the discharge of its duties as general partner of the Partnership. Any services rendered to a Group Member or JV Entity by the General Partner or any of its Affiliates shall be on terms that are fair and reasonable to the Partnership; provided, however, that the requirements of this Section 7.6(c) shall be deemed satisfied as to (i) any transaction approved by Special Approval, (ii) any transaction, the terms of which are no less favorable to such Group Member or JV Entity than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or (iii) any transaction that, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved (including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to such Group Member or JV Entity), is equitable to such Group Member or JV Entity. The provisions of Section 7.4 shall apply to the rendering of services described in this Section 7.6(c).
- (d) The Partnership Group may transfer assets to joint ventures, other partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies or other business entities in which it is or

thereby becomes a participant upon such terms and subject to such conditions as are consistent with this Agreement and applicable law.

- (e) Neither the General Partner nor any of its Affiliates shall sell, transfer or convey any property to, or purchase any property from, the Partnership, any other Group Member or any JV Entity, directly or indirectly, except pursuant to transactions that are fair and reasonable to the Partnership; provided, however, that the requirements of this Section 7.6(e) shall be deemed to be satisfied as to (i) the transactions effected pursuant to Sections 5.2 and 5.3, the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement and any other transactions described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement, (ii) any transaction approved by Special Approval, (iii) any transaction, the terms of which are no less favorable to the Partnership than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties, or (iv) any transaction that, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved (including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to the Partnership), is equitable to the Partnership.
- (f) The General Partner and its Affiliates will have no obligation to permit any Group Member or JV Entity to use any facilities or assets of the General Partner and its Affiliates, except as may be provided in contracts entered into from time to time specifically dealing with such use, nor shall there be any obligation on the part of the General Partner or its Affiliates to enter into such contracts.
- (g) Without limitation of Sections 7.6(a) through 7.6(f), and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement (including Sections 7.6(a) through 7.6(f)), (i) the existence of the conflicts of interest described in the Registration Statement and (ii) the Revolving Credit Facility described in the Registration Statement and any extension, refunding or replacement on substantially similar terms, including interest rate, are hereby approved by all Partners.

## SECTION 7.7 Indemnification.

(a) To the fullest extent permitted by law but subject to the limitations expressly provided in this Agreement, all Indemnitees shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Partnership from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts arising from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, in which any Indemnitee may be involved, or is threatened to be involved, as a party or otherwise, by reason of its status as an Indemnitee; provided, that in each case the Indemnitee acted in good faith and in a manner that such Indemnitee reasonably believed to be in, or (in the case of a Person other than the General Partner) not opposed to, the best interests of the Partnership and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe its conduct was unlawful; provided, further, no indemnification pursuant to this Section 7.7 shall be available to the General Partner with respect to its obligations incurred pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement or the Contribution and Conveyance Agreement (other than obligations incurred by the General Partner on behalf of the MLP or the Partnership). The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order,

settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere, or its equivalent, shall not create a presumption that the Indemnitee acted in a manner contrary to that specified above. Any indemnification pursuant to this Section 7.7 shall be made only out of the assets of the Partnership, it being agreed that the General Partner shall not be personally liable for such indemnification and shall have no obligation to contribute or loan any monies or property to the Partnership to enable it to effectuate such indemnification.

- (b) To the fullest extent permitted by law, expenses (including legal fees and expenses) incurred by an Indemnitee who is indemnified pursuant to Section 7.7(a) in defending any claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding shall, from time to time, be advanced by the Partnership prior to the final disposition of such claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding upon receipt by the Partnership of any undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall be determined that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified as authorized in this Section 7.7.
- (c) The indemnification provided by this Section 7.7 shall be in addition to any other rights to which an Indemnitee may be entitled under any agreement, pursuant to any vote of the Partners, as a matter of law or otherwise, both as to actions in the Indemnitee's capacity as an Indemnitee and as to actions in any other capacity (including any capacity under the Underwriting Agreement), and shall continue as to an Indemnitee who has ceased to serve in such capacity and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors, assigns and administrators of the Indemnitee.
- (d) The Partnership may purchase and maintain (or reimburse the General Partner or its Affiliates for the cost of) insurance, on behalf of the General Partner, its Affiliates and such other Persons as the General Partner shall determine, against any liability that may be asserted against or expense that may be incurred by such Person in connection with the Partnership's activities or such Person's activities on behalf of the Partnership, regardless of whether the Partnership would have the power to indemnify such Person against such liability under the provisions of this Agreement.
- (e) For purposes of this Section 7.7, the Partnership shall be deemed to have requested an Indemnitee to serve as fiduciary of an employee benefit plan whenever the performance by it of its duties to the Partnership also imposes duties on, or otherwise involves services by, it to the plan or participants or beneficiaries of the plan; excise taxes assessed on an Indemnitee with respect to an employee benefit plan pursuant to applicable law shall constitute "fines" within the meaning of Section 7.7(a); and action taken or omitted by it with respect to any employee benefit plan in the performance of its duties for a purpose reasonably believed by it to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan shall be deemed to be for a purpose which is in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Partnership.
- (f) In no event may an Indemnitee subject the Limited Partners to personal liability by reason of the indemnification provisions set forth in this Agreement.
- (g) An Indemnitee shall not be denied indemnification in whole or in part under this Section 7.7 because the Indemnitee had an interest in the transaction with respect to which

the indemnification applies if the transaction was otherwise permitted by the terms of this Agreement.

- (h) The provisions of this Section 7.7 are for the benefit of the Indemnitees, their heirs, successors, assigns and administrators and shall not be deemed to create any rights for the benefit of any other Persons.
- (i) No amendment, modification or repeal of this Section 7.7 or any provision hereof shall in any manner terminate, reduce or impair the right of any past, present or future Indemnitee to be indemnified by the Partnership, nor the obligations of the Partnership to indemnify any such Indemnitee under and in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.7 as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.

## SECTION 7.8 Liability of Indemnitees.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, no Indemnitee shall be liable for monetary damages to the Partnership, the Limited Partners, the Assignees or any other Persons who have acquired interests in the Units or other MLP Securities, for losses sustained or liabilities incurred as a result of any act or omission if such Indemnitee acted in good faith.
- (b) Subject to its obligations and duties as General Partner set forth in Section 7.1(a), the General Partner may exercise any of the powers granted to it by this Agreement and perform any of the duties imposed upon it hereunder either directly or by or through its agents, and the General Partner shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any such agent appointed by the General Partner in good faith.
- (c) To the extent that, at law or in equity, an Indemnitee has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Partnership or to the Limited Partners, the General Partner and any other Indemnitee acting in connection with the Partnership's business or affairs shall not be liable to the Partnership or to any Partner for its good faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement, to the extent that they restrict or otherwise modify the duties and liabilities of an Indemnitee otherwise existing at law or in equity, are agreed by the Partners to replace such other duties and liabilities of such Indemnitee.
- (d) Any amendment, modification or repeal of this Section 7.8 or any provision hereof shall be prospective only and shall not in any way affect the limitations on the liability to the Partnership, the Limited Partners, the General Partner, and the Partnership's and General Partner's directors, officers and employees under this Section 7.8 as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.

(a) Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or the MLP Agreement, whenever a potential conflict of interest exists or arises between the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Partnership, the MLP, any Partner or any Assignee, on the other, any resolution or course of action by the General Partner or its Affiliates in respect of such conflict of interest shall be permitted and deemed approved by all Partners, and shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement or the MLP Agreement, of any agreement contemplated herein or therein, or of any duty stated or implied by law or equity, if the resolution or course of action is, or by operation of this Agreement is deemed to be, fair and reasonable to the Partnership. The General Partner shall be authorized but not required in connection with its resolution of such conflict of interest to seek Special Approval of such resolution. Any conflict of interest and any resolution of such conflict of interest shall be conclusively deemed fair and reasonable to the Partnership if such conflict of interest or resolution is (i) approved by Special Approval (as long as the material facts known to the General Partner or any of its Affiliates regarding any proposed transaction were disclosed to the Conflicts Committee at the time it gave its approval), (ii) on terms no less favorable to the Partnership than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or (iii) fair to the Partnership, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved (including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to the Partnership). The General Partner may also adopt a resolution or course of action that has not received Special Approval. The General Partner (including the Conflicts Committee in connection with Special Approval) shall be authorized in connection with its determination of what is "fair and reasonable" to the Partnership and in connection with its resolution of any conflict of interest to consider (A) the relative interests of any party to such conflict, agreement, transaction or situation and the benefits and burdens relating to such interest; (B) any customary or accepted industry practices and any customary or historical dealings with a particular Person; (C) any applicable generally accepted accounting practices or principles; and (D) such additional factors as the General Partner (including the Conflicts Committee) determines in its sole discretion to be relevant, reasonable or appropriate under the circumstances. Nothing contained in this Agreement, however, is intended to nor shall it be construed to require the General Partner (including the Conflicts Committee) to consider the interests of any Person other than the Partnership. In the absence of bad faith by the General Partner, the resolution, action or terms so made, taken or provided by the General Partner with respect to such matter shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein or a breach of any standard of care or duty imposed herein or therein or, to the extent permitted by law, under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation.

(b) Whenever this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated hereby provides that the General Partner or any of its Affiliates is permitted or required to make a decision (i) in its "sole discretion" or "discretion," that it deems "necessary or appropriate" or "necessary or advisable" or under a grant of similar authority or latitude, except as otherwise provided herein, the General Partner or such Affiliate shall be entitled to consider only such interests and factors as it desires and shall have no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of, or factors affecting, the Partnership, any other Group Member or JV Entity, any Limited Partner or any Assignee, (ii) it may make such decision in its sole discretion (regardless of whether there is a reference to "sole discretion" or "discretion") unless another express standard

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is provided for, or (iii) in "good faith" or under another express standard, the General Partner or such Affiliate shall act under such express standard and shall not be subject to any other or different standards imposed by this Agreement, the MLP Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation. In addition, any actions taken by the General Partner or such Affiliate consistent with the standards of "reasonable discretion" set forth in the definition of Available Cash shall not constitute a breach of any duty of the General Partner to the Partnership or the Limited Partners. The General Partner shall have no duty, express or implied, to sell or otherwise dispose of any asset of the Partnership Group other than in the ordinary course of business. No borrowing by any Group Member or the approval thereof by the General Partner shall be deemed to constitute a breach of any duty of the General Partner to the Partnership or the Limited Partners by reason of the fact that the purpose or effect of such borrowing is directly or indirectly to (A) enable distributions to the General Partner or its Affiliates to exceed 1.010% of the total amount distributed to all Partners or (B) hasten the expiration of the Subordination Period or the conversion of any Subordinated Units into Common Units.

- (c) Whenever a particular transaction, arrangement or resolution of a conflict of interest is required under this Agreement to be "fair and reasonable" to any Person, the fair and reasonable nature of such transaction, arrangement or resolution shall be considered in the context of all similar or related transactions.
- (d) The Limited Partner hereby authorizes the General Partner, on behalf of the Partnership as a partner or member of a Group Member, to approve of actions by the general partner or managing member of such Group Member similar to those actions permitted to be taken by the General Partner pursuant to this Section 7.9.
- SECTION 7.10 Other Matters Concerning the General Partner.
- (a) The General Partner may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, bond, debenture or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.
- (b) The General Partner may consult with legal counsel, accountants, appraisers, management consultants, investment bankers and other consultants and advisers selected by it, and any act taken or omitted to be taken in reliance upon the opinion (including an Opinion of Counsel) of such Persons as to matters that the General Partner reasonably believes to be within such Person's professional or expert competence and in accordance with such opinion shall be conclusively presumed to have been done or omitted in good faith.
- (c) The General Partner shall have the right, in respect of any of its rights, powers or obligations hereunder, to act through any of its duly authorized officers, a duly appointed attorney or attorneys-in-fact or the duly authorized officers of the Partnership.
- (d) Any standard of care and duty imposed by this Agreement or under the Delaware Act or any applicable law, rule or regulation shall be modified, waived or limited, to the  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_$

extent permitted by law, as required to permit the General Partner to act under this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated by this Agreement and to make any decision pursuant to the authority prescribed in this Agreement, so long as such action is reasonably believed by the General Partner to be in, or not inconsistent with, the best interests of the Partnership.

## SECTION 7.11 Reliance by Third Parties.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Person  $\,$ dealing with the Partnership shall be entitled to assume that (i) the General Partner and (ii) any officer or attorney-in-fact of the General Partner authorized by the General Partner to act on behalf of and in the name of the Partnership has full power and authority to encumber, sell or otherwise use in any manner any and all assets of the Partnership and to enter into any authorized contracts on behalf of the Partnership, and such Person shall be entitled to deal with the General Partner or any such officer or attorney-in-fact as if it were the Partnership's sole party in interest, both legally and beneficially. Each Limited Partner hereby waives any and all defenses or other remedies that may be available against such Person to contest, negate or disaffirm any action of the General Partner or any such officer or attorney-in-fact in connection with any such dealing. In no event shall any Person dealing with the General Partner or any such officer or attorney-in-fact be obligated to ascertain that the terms of the Agreement have been complied with or to inquire into the necessity or expedience of any act or action of the General Partner or any such officer or attorney-in-fact. Each and every certificate, document or other instrument executed on behalf of the Partnership by the General Partner or any such officer or attorney-in-fact shall be conclusive evidence in favor of any and every Person relying thereon or claiming thereunder that (a) at the time of the execution and delivery of such certificate, document or instrument, this Agreement was in full force and effect, (b) the Person executing and delivering such certificate, document or instrument was duly authorized and empowered to do so for and on behalf of the Partnership and (c) such certificate, document or instrument was duly executed and delivered in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and is binding upon the Partnership.

# ARTICLE VIII BOOKS, RECORDS, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTS

### SECTION 8.1 Records and Accounting.

The General Partner shall keep or cause to be kept at the principal office of the Partnership appropriate books and records with respect to the Partnership's business, including all books and records necessary to provide to the Limited Partners any information required to be provided pursuant to Section 3.4(a). Any books and records maintained by or on behalf of the Partnership in the regular course of its business, including books of account and records of Partnership proceedings, may be kept on, or be in the form of, computer disks, hard drives, punch cards, magnetic tape, photographs, micrographics or any other information storage device; provided, that the books and records so maintained are convertible into clearly legible written form within a reasonable period of time. The books of the Partnership shall be maintained, for financial reporting purposes, on an accrual basis in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

#### SECTION 8.2 Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the Partnership shall be a fiscal year ending December 31.

## ARTICLE IX TAX MATTERS

#### SECTION 9.1 Tax Returns and Information.

The Partnership shall timely file all returns of the Partnership that are required for federal, state and local income tax purposes on the basis of the accrual method and a taxable year ending on December 31. The tax information reasonably required by the Partners for federal and state income tax reporting purposes with respect to a taxable year shall be furnished to them within 90 days of the close of the calendar year in which the Partnership's taxable year ends. The classification, realization and recognition of income, gain, losses and deductions and other items shall be on the accrual method of accounting for federal income tax purposes.

### SECTION 9.2 Tax Elections.

- (a) The Partnership shall make the election under Section 754 of the Code in accordance with applicable regulations thereunder, subject to the reservation of the right to seek to revoke any such election upon the General Partner's determination that such revocation is in the best interests of the Limited Partners.
- (b) The Partnership shall elect to deduct expenses incurred in organizing the Partnership ratably over a sixty-month period as provided in Section 709 of the Code.

#### SECTION 9.3 Tax Controversies.

Subject to the provisions hereof, the General Partner is designated as the Tax Matters Partner (as defined in the Code) and is authorized and required to represent the Partnership (at the Partnership's expense) in connection with all examinations of the Partnership's affairs by tax authorities, including resulting administrative and judicial proceedings, and to expend Partnership funds for professional services and costs associated therewith. Each Partner agrees to cooperate with the General Partner and to do or refrain from doing any or all things reasonably required by the General Partner to conduct such proceedings.

## SECTION 9.4 Withholding.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the General Partner is authorized to take any action that it determines in its discretion to be necessary or appropriate to cause the Partnership to comply with any withholding requirements established under the Code or any other federal, state or local law including, without limitation, pursuant to Sections 1441, 1442, 1445 and 1446 of the Code. To the extent that the Partnership is required or elects to withhold and pay

over to any taxing authority any amount resulting from the allocation or distribution of income to any Partner or Assignee (including, without limitation, by reason of Section 1446 of the Code), the amount withheld may at the discretion of the General Partner be treated by the Partnership as a distribution of cash pursuant to Section 6.3 in the amount of such withholding from such Partner.

## ARTICLE X ADMISSION OF PARTNERS

SECTION 10.1 Admission of Partners.

Upon the consummation of the transfers and conveyances described in Section 5.2, the General Partner shall be the sole general partner of the Partnership and the MLP shall be the sole limited partner of the Partnership.

SECTION 10.2 Admission of Substituted Limited Partner.

By transfer of a Limited Partner Interest in accordance with Article IV. the transferor shall be deemed to have given the transferee the right to seek admission as a Substituted Limited Partner subject to the conditions of, and in the manner permitted under, this Agreement. A transferor of a Limited Partner Interest shall, however, only have the authority to convey to a purchaser or other transferee (a) the right to negotiate such Limited Partner Interest to a purchaser or other transferee and (b) the right to request admission as a Substituted Limited Partner to such purchaser or other transferee in respect of the transferred Limited Partner Interests. Each transferee of a Limited Partner Interest shall be an Assignee and be deemed to have applied to become a Substituted Limited Partner with respect to the Limited Partner Interests so transferred to such Person. Such Assignee shall become a Substituted Limited Partner (x) at such time as the General Partner consents thereto, which consent may be given or withheld in the General Partner's discretion, and (y) when any such admission is shown on the books and records of the Partnership. If such consent is withheld, such transferee shall remain an Assignee. An Assignee shall have an interest in the Partnership equivalent to that of a Limited Partner with respect to allocations and distributions, including liquidating distributions, of the Partnership. With respect to voting rights attributable to Limited Partner Interests that are held by Assignees, the General Partner shall be deemed to be the Limited Partner with respect thereto and shall, in exercising the voting rights in respect of such Limited Partner Interests on any matter, vote such Limited Partner Interests at the written direction of the Assignee who is the holder of such Limited Partner Interests. If no such written direction is received, such Partnership Interests will not be voted. An Assignee shall have no other rights of a Limited Partner.

SECTION 10.3 Admission of Additional Limited Partners.

(a) A Person (other than the General Partner, the MLP or a Substituted Limited Partner) who makes a Capital Contribution to the Partnership in accordance with this Agreement shall be admitted to the Partnership as an Additional Limited Partner only upon furnishing to the General Partner (i) evidence of acceptance in form satisfactory to the General Partner of all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including the power of attorney

granted in Section 2.6, and (ii) such other documents or instruments as may be required in the discretion of the General Partner to effect such Person's admission as an Additional Limited Partner.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 10.3, no Person shall be admitted as an Additional Limited Partner without the consent of the General Partner, which consent may be given or withheld in the General Partner's discretion. The admission of any Person as an Additional Limited Partner shall become effective on the date upon which the name of such Person is recorded as such in the books and records of the Partnership, following the consent of the General Partner to such admission.

SECTION 10.4 Admission of Successor or Transferee General Partner.

A successor General Partner approved pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2 or the transferee of or successor to all of the General Partner's Partnership Interest pursuant to Section 4.2 who is proposed to be admitted as a successor General Partner shall, subject to compliance with the terms of Section 11.3, if applicable, be admitted to the Partnership as the General Partner, effective immediately prior to the withdrawal or removal of the predecessor or transferring General Partner pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2 or the transfer of the General Partner Interest pursuant to Section 4.2, provided, however, that no such successor shall be admitted to the Partnership until compliance with the terms of Section 4.2 has occurred and such successor has executed and delivered such other documents or instruments as may be required to effect such admission. Any such successor shall, subject to the terms hereof, carry on the business of the members of the Partnership Group without dissolution.

SECTION 10.5 Amendment of Agreement and Certificate of Limited Partnership.

To effect the admission to the Partnership of any Partner, the General Partner shall take all steps necessary and appropriate under the Delaware Act to amend the records of the Partnership to reflect such admission and, if necessary, to prepare as soon as practicable an amendment to this Agreement and, if required by law, the General Partner shall prepare and file an amendment to the Certificate of Limited Partnership, and the General Partner may for this purpose, among others, exercise the power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 2.6.

### ARTICLE XI WITHDRAWAL OR REMOVAL OF PARTNERS

SECTION 11.1 Withdrawal of the General Partner.

- (a) The General Partner shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Partnership upon the occurrence of any one of the following events (each such event herein referred to as an "Event of Withdrawal");
  - (i) The General Partner voluntarily withdraws from the Partnership by giving written notice to the other Partners;

- (ii) The General Partner transfers all of its rights as General Partner pursuant to Section 4.2;
  - (iii) The General Partner is removed pursuant to Section 11.2;
- (iv) The General Partner withdraws from, or is removed as the General Partner of, the MLP;
- (v) The General Partner (A) makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (B) files a voluntary bankruptcy petition for relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code; (C) files a petition or answer seeking for itself a liquidation, dissolution or similar relief (but not a reorganization) under any law; (D) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against the General Partner in a proceeding of the type described in clauses (A)-(C) of this Section 11.1(a)(v); or (E) seeks, consents to or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee (but not a debtor in possession), receiver or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of its properties;
- (vi) A final and non-appealable order of relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code is entered by a court with appropriate jurisdiction pursuant to a voluntary or involuntary petition by or against the General Partner; or
- (vii) (A) in the event the General Partner is a corporation, a certificate of dissolution or its equivalent is filed for the General Partner, or 90 days expire after the date of notice to the General Partner of revocation of its charter without a reinstatement of its charter, under the laws of its state of incorporation; (B) in the event the General Partner is a partnership or limited liability company, the dissolution and commencement of winding up of the General Partner; (C) in the event the General Partner is acting in such capacity by virtue of being a trustee of a trust, the termination of the trust; (D) in the event the General Partner is a natural person, his death or adjudication of incompetency; and (E) otherwise in the event of the termination of the General Partner.

If an Event of Withdrawal specified in Section 11.1(a)(iv) (with respect to withdrawal), (v), (vi) or (vii)(A), (B), (C) or (E) occurs, the withdrawing General Partner shall give notice to the Limited Partners within 30 days after such occurrence. The Partners hereby agree that only the Events of Withdrawal described in this Section 11.1 shall result in the withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership.

(b) Withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership upon the occurrence of an Event of Withdrawal shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement under the following circumstances: (i) at any time during the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending at 12:00 midnight, Eastern Standard Time, on June 30, 2009, the General Partner voluntarily withdraws by giving at least 90 days' advance notice of its intention to withdraw to the Limited Partners; provided that prior to the effective date of such withdrawal, the withdrawal is approved by the Limited Partners and the General Partner delivers to the Partnership an Opinion of Counsel ("Withdrawal Opinion of Counsel") that such withdrawal (following the selection of

the successor General Partner) would not result in the loss of the limited liability of any Limited Partner or of the limited partners of the MLP or cause the Partnership or the MLP to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not previously treated as such); (ii) at any time after 12:00 midnight, Eastern Standard Time, on June 30, 2009, the General Partner voluntarily withdraws by giving at least 90 days' advance notice to the Limited Partners, such withdrawal to take effect on the date specified in such notice; (iii) at any time that the General Partner ceases to be the General Partner pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(ii), (iii) or (iv). If the General Partner gives a notice of withdrawal pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(i) hereof or Section 11.1(a)(i) of the MLP Agreement, the Limited Partners may, prior to the effective date of such withdrawal, elect a successor General Partner; provided, however, that such successor shall be the same person, if any, that is elected by the limited partners of the MLP pursuant to Section 11.1 of the MLP Agreement as the successor to the general partner of the MLP. If, prior to the effective date of the General Partner's withdrawal, a successor is not selected by the Limited Partners as provided herein or the Partnership does not receive a Withdrawal Opinion of Counsel, the Partnership shall be dissolved in accordance with Section 12.1. Any successor General Partner elected in accordance with the terms of this Section 11.1 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10.3.

### SECTION 11.2 Removal of the General Partner.

The General Partner shall be removed if the General Partner is removed as the general partner of the MLP pursuant to Section 11.2 of the MLP Agreement. Such removal shall be effective concurrently with the effectiveness of the removal of the General Partner as the general partner of the MLP pursuant to the terms of the MLP Agreement. If a successor general partner for the MLP is elected in connection with the removal of the General Partner, such successor general partner for the MLP shall, upon admission pursuant to Article X of the MLP Agreement, automatically become the successor General Partner of the Partnership. The admission of any such successor General Partner to the Partnership shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10.3.

### SECTION 11.3 Interest of Departing Partner.

- (a) The Partnership Interest of the Departing Partner departing as a result of withdrawal or removal pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2 shall (unless it is otherwise required to be converted into Common Units pursuant to Section 11.3(b) of the MLP Agreement) be purchased by the successor to the Departing Partner for cash in the manner specified in the MLP Agreement. Such purchase (or conversion into Common Units, as applicable) shall be a condition to the admission to the Partnership of the successor as the General Partner. Any successor General Partner shall indemnify the Departing Partner as to all debts and liabilities of the Partnership arising on or after the effective date of the withdrawal or removal of the Departing Partner.
- (b) The Departing Partner shall be entitled to receive all reimbursements due such Departing Partner pursuant to Section 7.4, including any employee-related liabilities (including severance liabilities), incurred in connection with the termination of any employees employed by such Departing Partner for the benefit of the Partnership.

SECTION 11.4 Withdrawal of a Limited Partner.

Without the prior written consent of the General Partner, which may be granted or withheld in its sole discretion, and except as provided in Section 10.1, no Limited Partner shall have the right to withdraw from the Partnership.

## ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

SECTION 12.1 Dissolution.

The Partnership shall not be dissolved by the admission of Substituted Limited Partners or Additional Limited Partners or by the admission of a successor General Partner in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Upon the removal or withdrawal of the General Partner, if a successor General Partner is elected pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2, the Partnership shall not be dissolved and such successor General Partner shall continue the business of the Partnership. The Partnership shall dissolve, and (subject to Section 12.2) its affairs shall be wound up, upon:

- (a) the expiration of its term as provided in Section 2.7;
- (b) an Event of Withdrawal of the General Partner as provided in Section 11.1(a) (other than Section 11.1(a)(ii)), unless a successor is elected and an Opinion of Counsel is received as provided in Section 11.1(b) or 11.2 and such successor is admitted to the Partnership pursuant to Section 10.3;
- (c) an election to dissolve the Partnership by the General Partner that is approved by all of the Limited Partners;
- (d) the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of the Partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act;
- (e) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets and properties of the Partnership Group; or
  - (f) the dissolution of the MLP.

 ${\tt SECTION~12.2~Continuation~of~the~Business~of~the~Partnership~After~Dissolution.}$ 

Upon (a) dissolution of the Partnership following an Event of Withdrawal caused by the withdrawal or removal of the General Partner as provided in Section 11.1(a)(i) or (iii) and the failure of the Partners to select a successor to such Departing Partner pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2, then within 90 days thereafter, or (b) dissolution of the Partnership upon an event constituting an Event of Withdrawal as defined in Section 11.1(a)(iv), (v) or (vi), then, to the maximum extent permitted by law, within 180 days thereafter, all of the Limited Partners may elect to reconstitute the Partnership and continue its business on the same terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement by forming a new limited partnership on terms identical to those set forth in this Agreement and having as a general partner a Person approved by a majority in

interest of the Limited Partners (subject to the proviso in the last sentence of this Section 12.2). In addition, upon dissolution of the Partnership pursuant to Section 12.1(f), if the MLP is reconstituted pursuant to Section 12.2 of the MLP Agreement, the reconstituted MLP may, within 180 days after such event of dissolution, acting alone, regardless of whether there are any other Limited Partners, elect to reconstitute the Partnership in accordance with the immediately preceding sentence. Upon any such election by the Limited Partners or the MLP, as the case may be, all Partners shall be bound thereby and shall be deemed to have approved same. Unless such an election is made within the applicable time period as set forth above, the Partnership shall conduct only activities necessary to wind up its affairs. If such an election is so made, then:

- (a) the reconstituted Partnership shall continue until the end of the term set forth in Section 2.7 unless earlier dissolved in accordance with this Article XII;
- (b) if the successor General Partner is not the former General Partner, then the interest of the former General Partner shall be purchased by the successor General Partner or converted into Common Units as provided in the MLP Agreement; and
- (c) all necessary steps shall be taken to cancel this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership and to enter into and, as necessary, to file a new partnership agreement and certificate of limited partnership, and the successor General Partner may for this purpose exercise the power of attorney granted the General Partner pursuant to Section 2.6;

provided, that the right of the Limited Partners to approve a successor General Partner and to reconstitute and to continue the business of the Partnership shall not exist and may not be exercised unless the Partnership has received an Opinion of Counsel that (x) the exercise of the right would not result in the loss of limited liability of the Limited Partners or any limited partner of the MLP and (y) neither the Partnership, the reconstituted limited partnership, the MLP nor any Group Member would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise be taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes upon the exercise of such right to continue.

## SECTION 12.3 Liquidator.

Upon dissolution of the Partnership, unless the Partnership is continued under an election to reconstitute and continue the Partnership pursuant to Section 12.2, the General Partner shall select one or more Persons to act as Liquidator. The Liquidator (if other than the General Partner) shall be entitled to receive such compensation for its services as may be approved by a majority in interest of the Limited Partners. The Liquidator (if other than the General Partner) shall agree not to resign at any time without 15 days' prior notice and may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by notice of removal approved by a majority in interest of the Limited Partners. Upon dissolution, removal or resignation of the Liquidator, a successor and substitute Liquidator (who shall have and succeed to all rights, powers and duties of the original Liquidator) shall within 30 days thereafter be approved by at least a majority in interest of the Limited Partners, who shall also approve the compensation payable to such Liquidator. The right to approve a successor or substitute Liquidator in the manner provided herein shall be deemed to refer also to any such successor or substitute Liquidator approved in the manner herein provided. Except as expressly provided in this Article XII, the Liquidator approved in the manner provided

herein shall have and may exercise, without further authorization or consent of any of the parties hereto, all of the powers conferred upon the General Partner under the terms of this Agreement (but subject to all of the applicable limitations, contractual and otherwise, upon the exercise of such powers, other than the limitation on sale or other disposition set forth in Section 7.3 (b)) to the extent necessary or desirable in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to carry out the duties and functions of the Liquidator hereunder for and during such period of time as shall be reasonably required in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to complete the winding up and liquidation of the Partnership as provided for herein.

## SECTION 12.4 Liquidation.

The Liquidator shall proceed to dispose of the assets of the Partnership, discharge its liabilities, and otherwise wind up its affairs in such manner and over such period as the Liquidator determines to be in the best interest of the Partners, subject to Section 17-804 of the Delaware Act and the following:

- (a) Disposition of Assets. The assets may be disposed of by public or private sale or by distribution in kind to one or more Partners on such terms as the Liquidator and such Partner or Partners may agree. If any property is distributed in kind, the Partner receiving the property shall be deemed for purposes of Section 12.4(c) to have received cash equal to its fair market value; and contemporaneously therewith, appropriate cash distributions must be made to the other Partners. The Liquidator may, in its absolute discretion, defer liquidation or distribution of the Partnership's assets for a reasonable time if it determines that an immediate sale or distribution of all or some of the Partnership's assets would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partnership's assets, in whole or in part, in kind if it determines that a sale would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partners.
- (b) Discharge of Liabilities. Liabilities of the Partnership include amounts owed to Partners otherwise than in respect of their distribution rights under Article VI. With respect to any liability that is contingent, conditional or unmatured or is otherwise not yet due and payable, the Liquidator shall either settle such claim for such amount as it thinks appropriate or establish a reserve of cash or other assets to provide for its payment. When paid, any unused portion of the reserve shall be distributed as additional liquidation proceeds.
- (c) Liquidation Distributions. All property and all cash in excess of that required to discharge liabilities as provided in Section 12.4(b) shall be distributed to the Partners in accordance with, and to the extent of, the positive balances in their respective Capital Accounts, as determined after taking into account all Capital Account adjustments (other than those made by reason of distributions pursuant to this Section 12.4(c)) for the taxable period during which the liquidation of the Partnership occurs (with such date of occurrence being determined pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(g)), and such distribution shall be made by the end of such taxable period (or, if later, within 90 days after said date of such occurrence).

### SECTION 12.5 Cancellation of Certificate of Limited Partnership.

Upon the completion of the distribution of Partnership cash and property as provided in Section 12.4 in connection with the liquidation of the Partnership, the Partnership shall be terminated and the Certificate of Limited Partnership, and all qualifications of the Partnership as a foreign limited partnership in jurisdictions other than the State of Delaware, shall be canceled and such other actions as may be necessary to terminate the Partnership shall be taken

### SECTION 12.6 Return of Contributions.

The General Partner shall not be personally liable for, and shall have no obligation to contribute or loan any monies or property to the Partnership to enable it to effectuate, the return of the Capital Contributions of the Limited Partners, or any portion thereof, it being expressly understood that any such return shall be made solely from Partnership assets.

## SECTION 12.7 Waiver of Partition.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, each Partner hereby waives any right to partition of the Partnership property.

## SECTION 12.8 Capital Account Restoration.

No Limited Partner shall have any obligation to restore any negative balance in its Capital Account upon liquidation of the Partnership. The General Partner shall be obligated to restore any negative balance in its Capital Account upon liquidation of its interest in the Partnership by the end of the taxable period during which such liquidation occurs, or, if later, within 90 days after the date of such liquidation.

# ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENT OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

### SECTION 13.1 Amendment to be Adopted Solely by the General Partner.

Each Partner agrees that the General Partner, without the approval of any Partner or Assignee, may amend any provision of this Agreement and execute, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file and record whatever documents may be required in connection therewith, to reflect:

- (a) a change in the name of the Partnership, the location of the principal place of business of the Partnership, the registered agent of the Partnership or the registered office of the Partnership;
- (b) admission, substitution, withdrawal or removal of Partners in accordance with this Agreement;
- (c) a change that, in the sole discretion of the General Partner, is necessary or advisable to qualify or continue the qualification of the Partnership as a limited partnership or a partnership in which the Limited Partners have limited liability under the laws of any state or to

ensure that no Group Member will be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes;

- (d) a change that, in the discretion of the General Partner, (i) does not adversely affect the Limited Partners in any material respect, (ii) is necessary or advisable to (A) satisfy any requirements, conditions or guidelines contained in any opinion, directive, order, ruling or regulation of any federal or state agency or judicial authority or contained in any federal or state statute (including the Delaware Act) or (B) facilitate the trading of limited partner interests of the MLP (including the division of any class or classes of outstanding limited partner interests of the MLP into different classes to facilitate uniformity of tax consequences within such classes of limited partner interests of the MLP) or comply with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which such limited partner interests are or will be listed for trading, compliance with any of which the General Partner determines in its discretion to be in the best interests of the MLP and the limited partners of the MLP, (iii) is required to effect the intent expressed in the Registration Statement or the intent of the provisions of this Agreement or is otherwise contemplated by this Agreement or (iv) is required to conform the provisions of this Agreement may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time;
- (e) a change in the fiscal year or taxable year of the Partnership and any changes that, in the discretion of the General Partner, are necessary or advisable as a result of a change in the fiscal year or taxable year of the Partnership including, if the General Partner shall so determine, a change in the definition of "Quarter" and the dates on which distributions are to be made by the Partnership;
- (f) an amendment that is necessary, in the Opinion of Counsel, to prevent the Partnership, or the General Partner or its directors, officers, trustees or agents from in any manner being subjected to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, or "plan asset" regulations adopted under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, regardless of whether such are substantially similar to plan asset regulations currently applied or proposed by the United States Department of Labor;
- (g) any amendment expressly permitted in this Agreement to be made by the General Partner acting alone;
- (h) an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by a Merger Agreement approved in accordance with Section 14.3;
- (i) an amendment that, in the discretion of the General Partner, is necessary or advisable to reflect, account for and deal with appropriately the formation by the Partnership of, or investment by the Partnership in, any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity, in connection with the conduct by the Partnership of activities permitted by the terms of Section 2.4;
  - (j) a merger or conveyance pursuant to Section 14.3(d); or

(k) any other amendments substantially similar to the foregoing.

### SECTION 13.2 Amendment Procedures.

Except with respect to amendments of the type described in Section 13.1, all amendments to this Agreement shall be made in accordance with the following requirements. Amendments to this Agreement may be proposed only by or with the consent of the General Partner which consent may be given or withheld in its sole discretion. A proposed amendment shall be effective upon its approval by the Limited Partners.

## ARTICLE XIV

### SECTION 14.1 Authority.

The Partnership may merge or consolidate with one or more corporations, limited liability companies, business trusts or associations, real estate investment trusts, common law trusts or unincorporated businesses, including a general partnership or limited partnership, formed under the laws of the State of Delaware or any other state of the United States of America, pursuant to a written agreement of merger or consolidation (a "Merger Agreement") in accordance with this Article XIV.

### SECTION 14.2 Procedure for Merger or Consolidation.

Merger or consolidation of the Partnership pursuant to this Article XIV requires the prior approval of the General Partner. If the General Partner shall determine, in the exercise of its discretion, to consent to the merger or consolidation, the General Partner shall approve the Merger Agreement, which shall set forth:

- (a) The names and jurisdictions of formation or organization of each of the business entities proposing to merge or consolidate;
- (b) The name and jurisdiction of formation or organization of the business entity that is to survive the proposed merger or consolidation (the "Surviving Business Entity");
- $% \left( c\right) =\left( c\right) \left( c\right) =\left( c\right) ^{2}$  (c) The terms and conditions of the proposed merger or consolidation;
- (d) The manner and basis of exchanging or converting the equity securities of each constituent business entity for, or into, cash, property or general or limited partner interests, rights, securities or obligations of the Surviving Business Entity; and (i) if any general or limited partner interests, securities or rights of any constituent business entity are not to be exchanged or converted solely for, or into, cash, property or general or limited partner interests, rights, securities or obligations of the Surviving Business Entity, the cash, property or general or limited partner interests, rights, securities or obligations of any limited partnership, corporation, trust or other entity (other than the Surviving Business Entity) which the holders of such general or limited partner interests, securities or rights are to receive in exchange for, or upon conversion of their general or limited partner interests, securities or rights, and (ii) in the case of securities

represented by certificates, upon the surrender of such certificates, which cash, property or general or limited partner interests, rights, securities or obligations of the Surviving Business Entity or any general or limited partnership, corporation, trust or other entity (other than the Surviving Business Entity), or evidences thereof, are to be delivered;

- (e) A statement of any changes in the constituent documents or the adoption of new constituent documents (the articles or certificate of incorporation, articles of trust, declaration of trust, certificate or agreement of limited partnership or other similar charter or governing document) of the Surviving Business Entity to be effected by such merger or consolidation;
- (f) The effective time of the merger, which may be the date of the filing of the certificate of merger pursuant to Section 14.4 or a later date specified in or determinable in accordance with the Merger Agreement (provided, that if the effective time of the merger is to be later than the date of the filing of the certificate of merger, the effective time shall be fixed no later than the time of the filing of the certificate of merger and stated therein); and
- (g) Such other provisions with respect to the proposed merger or consolidation as are deemed necessary or appropriate by the General Partner.
- SECTION 14.3 Approval by Limited Partners of Merger or Consolidation.
- (a) Except as provided in Section 14.3(d), the General Partner, upon its approval of the Merger Agreement, shall direct that the Merger Agreement be submitted to a vote of the Limited Partners, whether at a special meeting or by written consent. A copy or a summary of the Merger Agreement shall be included in or enclosed with the notice of a special meeting or the written consent.
- (b) Except as provided in Section 14.3(d), the Merger Agreement shall be approved upon receiving the affirmative vote or consent of the Limited Partners.
- (c) Except as provided in Section 14.3(d), after such approval by vote or consent of the Limited Partners, and at any time prior to the filing of the certificate of merger pursuant to Section 14.4, the merger or consolidation may be abandoned pursuant to provisions therefor, if any, set forth in the Merger Agreement.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Article XIV or in this Agreement, the General Partner is permitted, in its discretion, without Limited Partner approval, to merge the Partnership or any Group Member into, or convey all of the Partnership's assets to, another limited liability entity which shall be newly formed and shall have no assets, liabilities or operations at the time of such Merger other than those it receives from the Partnership or other Group Member if (i) the General Partner has received an Opinion of Counsel that the merger or conveyance, as the case may be, would not result in the loss of the limited liability of any Limited Partner or any limited partner in the MLP or cause the Partnership or the MLP to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not previously treated as such), (ii) the sole purpose of such merger or

conveyance is to effect a mere change in the legal form of the Partnership into another limited liability entity and (iii) the governing instruments of the new entity provide the Limited Partners and the General Partner with the same rights and obligations as are herein contained.

### SECTION 14.4 Certificate of Merger.

Upon the required approval by the General Partner and the Limited Partners of a Merger Agreement, a certificate of merger shall be executed and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in conformity with the requirements of the Delaware Act.

## SECTION 14.5 Effect of Merger.

- (a) At the effective time of the certificate of merger:
- (i) all of the rights, privileges and powers of each of the business entities that has merged or consolidated, and all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due to any of those business entities and all other things and causes of action belonging to each of those business entities, shall be vested in the Surviving Business Entity and after the merger or consolidation shall be the property of the Surviving Business Entity to the extent they were property of each constituent business entity;
- (ii) the title to any real property vested by deed or otherwise in any of those constituent business entities shall not revert and shall not in any way be impaired because of the merger or consolidation;
- (iii) all rights of creditors and all liens on or security interests in property of any of those constituent business entities shall be preserved unimpaired; and
- (iv) all debts, liabilities and duties of those constituent business entities shall attach to the Surviving Business Entity and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if the debts, liabilities and duties had been incurred or contracted by it.
- (b) A merger or consolidation effected pursuant to this Article shall not be deemed to result in a transfer or assignment of assets or liabilities from one entity to another.

# ARTICLE XV GENERAL PROVISIONS

## SECTION 15.1 Addresses and Notices.

Any notice, demand, request, report or proxy materials required or permitted to be given or made to a Partner or Assignee under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given or made when delivered in person or when sent by first class United States mail or by other means of written communication to the Partner at the address described below. Any notice to the Partnership shall be deemed given if received by the General Partner at the principal office of the Partnership designated pursuant to Section 2.3. The General Partner may rely and shall be

protected in relying on any notice or other document from a Partner, Assignee or other Person if believed by it to be genuine.

## SECTION 15.2 Further Action.

The parties hereto 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 15.3 Binding Effect.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives and permitted assigns.

### SECTION 15.4 Integration.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings pertaining thereto.

## SECTION 15.5 Creditors.

None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of, or shall be enforceable by, any creditor of the Partnership.

### SECTION 15.6 Waiver.

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

## SECTION 15.7 Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute an agreement binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart. Each party shall become bound by this Agreement immediately upon affixing its signature hereto, independently of the signature of any other party.

## SECTION 15.8 Applicable Law.

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law.

SECTION 15.9 Invalidity of Provisions.

If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 15.10 Consent of Partners.

Each Partner hereby expressly consents and agrees that, whenever in this Agreement it is specified that an action may be taken upon the affirmative vote or consent of less than all of the Partners, such action may be so taken upon the concurrence of less than all of the Partners and each Partner shall be bound by the results of such action.

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

GENERAL PARTNER

TC PIPELINES GP, INC.

By: /s/ Paul F. MacGregor

Name: Paul F. MacGregor

Its: Vice-President, Business Development

LIMITED PARTNER:

TC PIPELINES, LP

By: TC PipeLines GP, Inc. Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Paul F. MacGregor

Name: Paul F. MacGregor

Its: Vice-President, Business Development

CONTRIBUTION, CONVEYANCE AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT

DATED AS OF May 28, 1999

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This CONTRIBUTION, CONVEYANCE AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), dated as of May 28, 1999, is entered into by and among TRANSCANADA BORDER PIPELINE LTD., a Nevada corporation ("TRANSCANADA BORDER PIPELINE"), TRANSCAN NORTHERN LTD., a Delaware corporation ("TRANSCANADA NORTHERN" and together with TransCanada Border PipeLine, the "TRANSFERORS"), TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LIMITED, a Canadian corporation ("TRANSCANADA"), TC PIPELINES, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "MLP"), TC PIPELINES INTERMEDIATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "ILP"), and TC PIPELINES GP, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "GP").

#### RECITALS

TransCanada Border PipeLine owns a 6% general partner interest (the "TRANSCANADA BORDER PIPELINE INTEREST") in Northern Border Pipeline Company, a Texas general partnership ("NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE").

TransCan Northern owns a 24% general partner interest (the "TRANSCAN NORTHERN INTEREST," and together with the TransCanada Border Pipeline Interest, the "TRANSFERRED INTERESTS") in Northern Border Pipeline.

The parties hereto desire to set forth their mutual agreement regarding the Transferred Interests and related matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, the parties hereto agree as follows:

## DEFINITIONS.

Any capitalized term used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given such term in that certain Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of TC PipeLines, LP dated May 28, 1999 (the "MLP PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT").

### 2. CONTRIBUTION OF INTERESTS IN NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE.

- (a) TransCan Northern hereby conveys, contributes, transfers, assigns and delivers as a capital contribution to the ILP (and the ILP accepts and agrees to be admitted with), a general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline representing a 24% "Partner's Percentage" (which term shall, for purposes of this SECTION 2, have the meaning assigned to it in the Northern Border Pipeline Partnership Agreement) in Northern Border Pipeline, and in exchange therefor, the ILP hereby issues to TransCan Northern (i) a 1.0101% general partner interest in the ILP and (ii) an 78.989% limited partner interest in the ILP representing a combined 80% partner interest in the ILP; and
- (b) TransCanada Border PipeLine hereby conveys, contributes, transfers, assigns and delivers as a capital contribution to the ILP (and the ILP accepts and agrees to be admitted with), a general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline representing a 6% Partner's Percentage in Northern Border Pipeline, and in exchange therefor, the ILP hereby issues to TransCanada Border PipeLine a 20% limited partner interest in the ILP.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described interests in Northern Border Pipeline unto the ILP, its successors and assigns, forever, subject, however, to the terms and conditions stated in this Agreement. Each of TransCanada Border Pipeline and TransCan Northern acknowledges and agrees that the foregoing contribution by it of such general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline is intended to, and shall be construed as, a contribution by such party of all of its interest as a general partner in Northern Border Pipeline (including, without limitation, all of its rights of every kind and character in and to Northern Border Pipeline and under the Northern Border Pipeline Partnership Agreement).

### CONTRIBUTION OF INTERESTS IN ILP.

Upon completion of the transactions in SECTION 2 of this Agreement on the Effective Date, the following transactions shall occur:

- (a) The MLP shall issue and sell 11,500,000 Common Units to the Underwriters in a public offering as described in the Underwriting Agreement (the "PUBLIC OFFERING");
- (b) An affiliate of the GP shall purchase 2,800,000 Common Units issued by the MLP (the "AFFILIATE PURCHASE");
- (c) TransCan Northern hereby conveys, contributes, transfers, assigns and delivers to the MLP, as a capital contribution, a 78.9899% limited partner interest in the ILP, and in exchange therefor, the MLP hereby issues to TransCan Northern (i) a 1.0% general partner interest in the MLP, (ii) a limited partner interest in the MLP consisting of 10,728,571 Common Units and 3,200,000 Subordinated Units, and (iii) the Incentive Distribution Rights; and
- (d) TransCanada Border PipeLine hereby conveys, contributes, transfers, assigns and delivers to the MLP, as a capital contribution, a 20% limited partner interest in the ILP, and in exchange therefor, the MLP hereby issues to TransCanada Border PipeLine a limited partner interest in the MLP consisting of 3,571,429 Common Units.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described limited partner interests in the ILP unto the MLP, its successors and assigns, forever, subject, however, to the terms and conditions stated in this Agreement. Each of TransCanada Border PipeLine and TransCan Northern acknowledges and agrees that the foregoing contribution by it of such limited partner interest in the ILP is intended to, and shall be construed as, a contribution by such party of all of its interest as a limited partner in the ILP (including, without limitation, all of its rights of every kind and character as a limited partner in and to the ILP and under the ILP Partnership Agreement).

- 4. TRANSFER OF INTERESTS IN MLP AND ILP TO GP; UNDERWRITERS' OVER-ALLOTMENT OPTION.
- (a) Upon completion of the transactions in SECTION 3 of this Agreement on the Effective Date, the following transactions shall occur:
  - (i) The MLP shall use the proceeds of the Public Offering, after underwriting discounts and commissions and payment of expenses, and the proceeds from the Affiliate Purchase to redeem all of the Common Units of the MLP issued to TransCanada Border PipeLine and TransCan Northern under SECTION 3 of this Agreement; and
  - (ii) TransCan Northern hereby conveys, contributes, transfers, assigns and delivers to the GP as a contribution to capital (i) the 1.0% general partner interest in the MLP, (ii) the 1.0101% general partner interest in the ILP, (iii) the limited partner interest in the MLP consisting of 3,200,000 Subordinated Units and (iv) the Incentive Distribution Rights.
- - (i) The MLP shall issue and sell up to an additional 1,725,000 Common Units (the "OVERALLOTMENT UNITS") to the Underwriters in the Public Offering in respect of any portion of the over-allotment option exercised by the Underwriters; and
  - (ii) The MLP shall use the proceeds received from the issuance and sale of the Overallotment Units to redeem Subordinated Units held by the GP on a one-for-one basis equal to the number of Common Units issued upon exercise of the over-allotment option.
- 5. CONDITIONS TO CLOSING AND EFFECTIVENESS OF INDEMNIFICATION.
- (a) The obligations of each party to close the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be subject to the prior satisfaction of each of the following conditions:

- (i) There shall not be in effect any injunction or restraining order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction barring the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and
- (ii) All of the conditions under the Underwriting Agreement (other than those conditions relating to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement) shall have been (or the MLP believes on the Effective Date, as defined in SECTION 6, will be) satisfied or waived and the Underwriting Agreement shall be in full force and effect, enforceable against the Underwriters in accordance with its terms (subject to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement).
- (b) SECTION 7 shall become operative upon the closing of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

#### CLOSING.

Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions in SECTION 5 of this Agreement, the closing of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall take place on the Effective Date at the offices of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, One New York Plaza, New York, New York 10004 (or at such other place as the parties may agree).

#### 7. INDEMNIFICATION.

7.1 EXCULPATION AND INDEMNIFICATION BY THE TRANSFERORS. Subject to SECTION 7.3, the Transferors and their Affiliates shall, without any further responsibility or liability of, or recourse to, the MLP or the ILP, absolutely and irrevocably be solely liable and responsible for (i) their respective federal, state, local and foreign income tax and corporate franchise tax liabilities of the Transferors and their Affiliates (including all federal, state, local and foreign income tax liabilities attributable to ownership of the Transferred Interests prior to the Effective Time), including any such income tax liabilities of the Transferors and their Affiliates that may result from the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and (ii) any and all claims, liabilities and obligations of the Transferors and their Affiliates (whether accruing or arising before, on or after the Effective Date) which primarily arise out of or relate to any property, operations or business of the Transferors or their Affiliates other than with respect to the Transferred Interests (the items in (i) and (ii), collectively the "EXCLUDED LIABILITIES"). The MLP or the ILP shall not be liable to any of the Transferors and their Affiliates or any third parties for any reason whatsoever on account of any of the Excluded Liabilities.

For purposes of this Agreement, "AFFILIATES" of the Transferors include TransCanada but shall exclude the MLP, the ILP, Northern Border Pipeline and their respective Subsidiaries.

The Transferors and TransCanada shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the MLP and the ILP from and against all claims, liabilities, obligations, losses, costs, costs of defense (as and when incurred), including expenses, fines, charges, penalties, allegations, demands, damages (including but not limited to actual, punitive or consequential, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown), settlements, awards or judgments of any kind or nature whatsoever and reasonable outside attorneys' and consultants' fees, to the extent arising out of (a) the Excluded Liabilities, or (b) the breach by the Transferors or TransCanada of any of their respective obligations under this Agreement, all of which are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "TRANSFEREE DAMAGES".

Transferee Damages with respect to which, but only to the extent that, any proceeds are received by, or on behalf of, the MLP, the ILP or any of their Affiliates, from any third party insurance policy (and are non-reimbursable by the MLP, the ILP or any of their Affiliates), shall not be the subject of indemnification under this Agreement.

7.2 EXCULPATION AND INDEMNIFICATION BY THE ILP. Subject to SECTION 7.3, the ILP shall, without any further responsibility or liability of, or recourse to, any of the Transferors and their Affiliates, absolutely and irrevocably assume and be solely liable and responsible for any and all claims, liabilities and obligations (whether accruing or arising before, on or after the Effective Date) which primarily arise out of or relate to the Transferred Interests, other than Excluded Liabilities (the "ASSUMED LIABILITIES"). None of the Transferors and their Affiliates shall be liable to the ILP or any third parties for any reason whatsoever on account of any of the Assumed Liabilities.

The ILP shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless each of the Transferors and their Affiliates from and against all claims, liabilities, obligations, losses, costs, costs of defense (as and when incurred), including expenses, fines, charges, penalties, allegations, demands, damages (including but not limited to actual, punitive or consequential, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown), settlements, awards or judgments of any kind or nature whatsoever and reasonable outside attorneys' and consultants' fees, to the extent arising out of (a) the Assumed Liabilities or (b) the breach by the ILP of any of its obligations under this Agreement, all of which are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "TRANSFEROR DAMAGES".

Transferor Damages with respect to which, but only to the extent that, any proceeds are received by, or on behalf of, the Transferors, or by any of their Affiliates, from any third party insurance policy (and are non-reimbursable by the Transferors or any of their Affiliates), shall not be the subject of indemnification under this Agreement.

7.3 SPECIFIC INDEMNIFICATION ISSUES. (a) In the event a claim, demand, action or proceeding is brought by a third party in which the liability as between the Transferors and their Affiliates, on the one hand, and the ILP, on the other hand, is determined after

trial in any judgment, award or decree to be joint or concurrent or in which the entitlement to indemnification hereunder is not readily determinable, the parties shall negotiate in good faith in an effort to agree, as between the Transferors and their Affiliates, on the one hand, and the ILP, on the other hand, on the proper allocation of liability or entitlement to indemnification, as well as the proper allocation of the costs of any joint defense or settlement pursuant to SECTION 7.5(D) of this Agreement, all in accordance with the provisions of, and the principles set forth in, this Agreement. In the absence of any such agreement, such allocation of liability, entitlement to indemnification and allocation of costs shall be subject to ultimate resolution between the Transferors and their Affiliates, on the one hand, and the ILP, on the other hand, pursuant to SECTION 8 of this Agreement.

- (b) It is acknowledged that after the Effective Time, the parties may have various business relationships, which relationships will be described in contracts, agreements and other documents entered into by the relevant parties. Such documents may include agreements by the parties and their affiliates to supply, after the Effective Time, credit or services. Such business relationships shall not be subject to the indemnity provisions hereof, unless the parties expressly agree to the contrary in the agreements governing such relationships.
- 7.4 NOTICE AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS. (a) If any person entitled to a defense and/or indemnification under this Agreement (the "INDEMNIFIED PARTY") determines that it is or may be entitled to a defense or indemnification by the ILP or any of the Transferors or their Affiliates, as the case may be (the "INDEMNIFYING PARTY"), under this Agreement:
  - (i) The Indemnified Party shall deliver promptly to the Indemnifying Party a written notice and demand for a defense or indemnification, specifying the basis for the claim for defense and/or indemnification, the nature of the claim, and if known, the amount for which the Indemnified Party reasonably believes it is entitled to be indemnified. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be interpreted to invalidate any claim by the Indemnified Party to be entitled to indemnification, except to the extent the failure of the Indemnified Party to deliver such notice resulted in actual prejudice.
  - (ii) The Indemnifying Party shall have 30 days from receipt of the notice requesting indemnification within which to either: (A) assume the defense of such litigation or claim; (B) pay the claim in immediately available funds; (C) reserve its rights pending resolution under SECTION 7.5(D); or (D) object in accordance with CLAUSE (B) of this SECTION 7.4. This 30-day period may be extended by agreement of the parties. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be interpreted to abrogate or delay a party's obligation to provide the other with a defense under this Agreement.
- (b) The Indemnifying Party may object to the claim for defense and/or indemnification set forth in any notice; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if the Indemnifying Party

does not give the Indemnified Party written notice setting forth its objection to such claim (or the amount thereof) and the grounds therefor within the same 30-day period (or any extended period), the Indemnifying Party shall be deemed to have acknowledged its liability to provide a defense or to pay the amount of such claim and, subject to SECTION 8 of this Agreement, the Indemnified Party may exercise any and all of its rights under applicable law to collect such amount or obtain such defense. Any objection to a claim for a defense or indemnification shall be resolved in accordance with SECTION 8 of this Agreement.

- (c) To the extent provided in the last sentence of SECTION 7.1 of this Agreement or the last sentence of SECTION 7.2 of this Agreement, the right to a defense or indemnification under this Agreement applies only insofar as defense and indemnification are not provided for by insurance (whether through a third party or otherwise). Nevertheless, the potential availability of insurance coverage to the Transferors, their Affiliates, or the ILP shall not relieve the other party of its obligations for defense or indemnification hereunder, or delay either party's obligation to the other to assume a defense or pay any sums due hereunder.
- (d) Payments due to be made to any Indemnified Party under this SECTION 7 shall bear interest from the date on which the Indemnified Party paid any amount or actually suffered a loss in respect of Transferee Damages or Transferor Damages, as the case may be, to but excluding the date of actual payment (whether before or after judgment) at the prime rate announced by Chemical Bank for its corporate customers during such period.
- (e) Payments due to be made under this Agreement shall be free and clear of all deductions, withholdings, set-offs or counterclaims whatsoever, except as may be required by law.
- 7.5 DEFENSE OF THIRD PARTY CLAIMS. (a) If the Indemnified Party's claim for indemnification is based, under this Agreement, on a claim, demand, investigation, action or proceeding, judicial or otherwise, brought by a third party, and the Indemnifying Party does not object under SECTION 7.4(b) of this Agreement, the Indemnifying Party shall, within the 30 day period (or any extended period) referred to in SECTION 7.4(a) of this Agreement, assume the defense of such third-party claim at its sole cost and expense and shall thereafter be designated as the "CASE HANDLER." Any such defense shall be conducted by attorneys employed by the Indemnifying Party. The Indemnified Party may retain attorneys of its own choosing to participate in such defense at the Indemnified Party's sole cost and expense.
- (b) If the Indemnifying Party assumes the defense of any such third-party claim, the Indemnifying Party may settle or compromise the claim without the prior consent of the Indemnified Party so long as all present and future claims relating to the

compromised claim against the Indemnified Party are irrevocably and unconditionally released in full.

- (c) The Indemnifying Party shall pay to the Indemnified Party in immediately available funds the amount for which the Indemnified Party is entitled to be indemnified within 30 days after the settlement or compromise of such third-party claim or the judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction (or within such longer period as agreed to by the parties). If the Indemnifying Party does not assume the defense of any such third-party claim, the Indemnifying Party shall be bound by the result obtained with respect thereto by the Indemnified Party, except that the Indemnifying Party has the right to contest that it is obligated to the Indemnified Party under the terms of this Agreement, provided the Indemnifying Party shall have raised its objection in a timely manner under SECTION 7.4 of this Agreement.
- (d) In the event a claim, demand, action or proceeding is brought by a third party in which the liability as between the ILP and the Transferors and their Affiliates is alleged to be joint or in which the entitlement to indemnification hereunder is not readily determinable, the parties shall cooperate in a joint defense. Such joint defense shall be under the general management and supervision of the party which is expected to bear the greater share of the liability, and which will be considered the Case Handler, unless otherwise agreed; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that neither party shall settle or compromise any such joint defense matter without the consent of the other. The costs of such joint defense, any settlement and any award or judgment (unless the award or judgment specifies otherwise) shall be borne as the parties may agree; or in the absence of such agreement, such costs shall be borne by the party incurring such costs, subject to ultimate resolution between the ILP and the Transferors pursuant to SECTION 8 of this Agreement.
- 7.6 COOPERATION AND PRESERVATION OF RECORDS. (a) The ILP and the Transferors and their Affiliates shall cooperate with one another fully and in a timely manner in connection with the defense of any litigation and claims pending as of the Effective Date or brought, threatened or alleged after the Effective Date, against the ILP and/or the Transferors and their Affiliates.
- (b) Such cooperation shall include, without limitation, making available to the other party, during normal business hours and upon reasonable notice, all books, records and information ("LITIGATION RECORDS"), officers and employees (without substantial interruption of employment) necessary or useful in connection with any actual or threatened claim, investigation, audit, action or proceeding.
- (c) Each party shall maintain the Litigation Records, or at the request of the other party, shall issue, notices exempting from destruction any Litigation Records which the requesting party represents may be necessary to the defense of, or required to be produced in discovery in connection with, any such claim, investigation, audit, action

or proceeding and shall refrain from destroying any such Litigation Records until authorized by the requesting party. The requesting party shall notify the other party promptly when the Litigation Records are no longer required to be maintained.

- (d) The party requesting access to Litigation Records or officers and employees pursuant to CLAUSE (b) hereof or preservation of Litigation Records pursuant to CLAUSE (c) hereof shall bear all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (except reimbursement of salaries, employee benefits and general overhead) incurred by the other party in connection with providing such Litigation Records or officers and employees.
- (e) The party providing Litigation Records hereunder may elect, upon a reasonable basis and within a reasonable time, to designate all or a portion of the Litigation Records as confidential or proprietary. If Litigation Records are so designated, the party receiving them will treat them as it would its own confidential or proprietary information and will take all reasonable steps to protect and safeguard the Litigation Records while in its own custody and will attempt to shield such information from disclosure by motions to quash, motions for a protective order, redaction or other appropriate actions.

#### 8. ARBITRATION.

Resolution of any and all disputes arising from or in connection with this Agreement, whether based on contract, tort, statute or otherwise, including but not limited to, disputes over arbitrability and disputes in connection with claims by third parties (collectively, "DISPUTES"), shall be exclusively governed by and settled in accordance with the provisions of this SECTION 8; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that nothing contained herein shall preclude any party from seeking or obtaining (a) injunctive relief or (b) equitable or other judicial relief, in each case to preserve the status quo, pending resolution of Disputes hereunder. Any party may commence proceedings hereunder by delivering a written notice to any other party providing reasonable description of the Dispute to the other, and expressly requesting arbitration hereunder. The parties hereby agree to submit all Disputes to arbitration under the terms hereof, which arbitration shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the parties, their successors and assigns. The arbitration shall be conducted in Houston, Texas, by a single arbitrator (the "ARBITRATOR") selected by agreement of the parties not later than ten (10) days after delivery of the Demand or, failing such agreement, appointed pursuant to the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association, as amended from time to time (the "AAA RULES"). If the arbitrator so selected becomes unable to serve, his or her successor shall be similarly selected or appointed. The arbitration shall be conducted pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act and such procedures as the parties involved in any Dispute may agree, or, in the absence of or failing such agreement, pursuant to the AAA Rules. Notwithstanding the foregoing: (i) each party shall have the right to audit the books and records of each other party that are reasonably related to the Dispute; (ii) each party shall provide to each

other Party involved in the applicable Dispute, reasonably in advance of any hearing, copies of all documents which such party intends to present in such hearing; and (iii) each party shall be allowed to conduct reasonable discovery through written requests for information, document requests, requests for stipulation of fact and depositions, the nature and extent of which discovery shall be determined by the Arbitrator, taking into account the needs of the parties and the desirability of making discovery expeditious and cost effective. All hearings shall be conducted on an expedited schedule, and all proceedings shall be confidential. Any party may, at its expense, make a stenographic record thereof. The Arbitrator shall complete all hearings not later than ninety days after its selection or appointment, and shall make a final award not later than thirty days thereafter. The award shall be in writing and shall specify the factual and legal basis for the award. The Arbitrator shall apportion all costs and expenses of arbitration, including the Arbitrator's fees and expenses and fees and expenses of experts, between the prevailing and non-prevailing Party as the Arbitrator deems fair and reasonable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event may the Arbitrator award multiple, punitive or exemplary damages. Any arbitration award shall be binding and enforceable against each Party involved in the particular Dispute and judgment may be entered thereon in any court of competent jurisdiction.

#### 9. MISCELLANEOUS.

- 9.1 HEADINGS; REFERENCES; INTERPRETATION. All article and section headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof. All references herein to articles and sections shall, unless the context requires a different construction, be deemed to be references to the articles and sections of this Agreement. All personal pronouns used in this Agreement, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, shall include all other genders, and the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. The use herein of the word "including" following any general statement, term or matter shall not be construed to limit such statement, term or matter to the specific items or matters set forth immediately following such word or to similar items or matters, whether or not nonlimiting language (such as "without limitation," "but not limited to," or words of similar import) is used with reference thereto, but rather shall be deemed to refer to all other items or matters that could reasonably fall within the broadest possible scope of such general statement, term or matter. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, any reference in this Agreement to any document shall mean such document as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.
- 9.2 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. The Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns.
- $9.3\ NO\ THIRD\ PARTY\ RIGHTS.$  The provisions of this Agreement are not intended to and do not create rights in any other person or confer upon any other person any

benefits, rights or remedies and no person is or is intended to be a third party beneficiary of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

- 9.4 COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one agreement binding on the parties hereto.
- 9.5 GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal the laws of the State of Texas without regard to the conflicts of law principles thereof.
- 9.6 SEVERABILITY. If any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by any court of competent jurisdiction to contravene, or to be invalid under, the laws of any political body having jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof, such contravention or invalidity shall not invalidate the entire Agreement. Instead, this Agreement shall be construed as if it did not contain the particular provision or provisions held to be invalid, and an equitable adjustment shall be made and necessary provision added so as to give effect to the intention of the parties as expressed in this Agreement at the time of execution of this Agreement.
- 9.7 DEED; BILL OF SALE; ASSIGNMENT. To the extent required by applicable law, this Agreement shall also constitute a "deed", "bill of sale" or "assignment" of the Transferred Interests.
- 9.8 AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION. This Agreement may be amended or modified, or any provision waived or rescinded, from time to time only by the written agreement of the Parties directly bound by, or benefited from, the provisions in respect of which such amendment, modification, waiver or rescission is sought.
- 9.9 INTEGRATION. This Agreement supersedes all previous understandings or agreements between the parties, whether oral or written, with respect to its subject matter. This Agreement constitutes an integrated agreement which contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereto. No understanding, representation, promise or agreement, whether oral or written, is intended to be or shall be included in or form part of this Agreement unless it is contained in a written amendment hereto executed by the parties hereto after the date of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed by the parties hereto as of the date first above written.

#### TRANSCANADA BORDER PIPELINE LTD.

/s/ Paul F. MacGregor

Name: Paul F. MacGregor

Title: Vice-President

# TRANSCAN NORTHERN LTD.

/s/ Paul F. MacGregor

Name: Paul F. MacGregor Title: Vice-President

#### TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LIMITED

/s/ Russell K. Girling By:

Name: Russell K. Girling Title: Vice-President, Finance

By: /s/ Rhondda E.S. Grant

Name: Rhondda E.S. Grant Title: Corporate Secretary

# TC PIPELINES, LP

TC PIPELINES GP, INC. its general partner

/s/ Paul F. MacGregor By:

Name: Paul F. MacGregor Title: Vice-President, Business Development

# TC PIPELINES INTERMEDIATE LIMITED

PARTNERSHIP

its general partner

TC PIPELINES GP, INC.

/s/ Paul F. MacGregor By:

Name: Paul F. MacGregor Title: Vice-President, Business Development

# TC PIPELINES GP, INC.

By: /s/ Paul F. MacGregor

Name: Paul F. MacGregor Title: Vice-President, Business Development

By:

#### EIGHTH SUPPLEMENT AMENDING NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY GENERAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT DATED May 21, 1999

This Agreement is dated as of May 21, 1999 (the "Eighth Supplement") by and among (i) the "Divesting Partners," consisting of TransCanada Border PipeLine Ltd., a Nevada corporation and TransCan Northern Ltd., a Delaware corporation; (ii) Northern Border Intermediate Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership ("NBILP"); and (iii) TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership ("TCILP").

#### WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Divesting Partners and NBILP are parties to that certain General Partnership Agreement for Northern Border Pipeline Company, a Texas general partnership (the "Partnership"), effective as of March 9, 1978, as amended by (i) the "First Supplement," dated as of October 25, 1979 (as amended by Agreement dated April 20, 1990), (ii) the Phase I Partnership Commitment Agreement dated December 12, 1980, (iii) the "Second Supplement," dated as of December 15, 1980 (as amended by Agreement dated April 20, 1990), (iv) the "Third Supplement," dated October 1, 1981, (v) the "Fourth Supplement," dated February 17, 1984, (vi) the "Fifth Supplement," dated April 20, 1990, (vii) the "Sixth Supplement," dated April 19, 1991, and (viii) the "Seventh Supplement," dated September 23, 1993, such General Partnership Agreement, as amended or supplemented, being herein referred to as the "Partnership Agreement"; and

WHEREAS, the Divesting Partners intend to transfer, pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Partnership Agreement, each of their respective partnership interests in the Partnership to TCILP;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the admission of TCILP as a general partner in the Partnership, the Divesting Partners, NBILP and TCILP desire to evidence herein (i) the consent of NBILP to the transfer by the Divesting Partners of their respective partnership interest in the Partnership to TCILP, (ii) the admission of TCILP as a general partner in the Partnership, and (iii) certain amendments to the Partnership Agreement; and

WHEREAS, NBILP and the members of the Management Committee of the Partnership have unanimously consented to and approved the transfer, admission and amendments referred to herein pursuant to an Agreement dated March 17, 1999, by and among the general partners of NBILP, the Divesting Partners, the Partnership, NBILP, Northern Border Partners, L.P., the members of the Management Committee of the Partnership and the Operator.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Divesting Partners, NBILP and TCILP for good and

valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, hereby agree as follows:

- 1. DEFINITIONS. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
- 2. CONSENT OF NBILP. NBILP hereby consents to the transfer by each of the Divesting Partners to TCILP of its interest in and to the Partnership and agrees that each such transfer shall be permitted notwithstanding the terms of Section 10.5 of the Partnership Agreement or any other terms thereof that might prohibit such transfer.
- 3. ADMISSION OF TCILP. The Divesting Partners and NBILP hereby consent to the admission of TCILP as a partner in the Partnership (notwithstanding the terms of Section 11 of the Partnership Agreement or any other terms thereof that might restrict such admission of TCILP) and TCILP shall become a Partner in the Partnership effective as of the closing date of the transactions contemplated by that certain Registration Statement on Form S-I (File No. 333-69947), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by TC PipeLines, L.P. and as amended from time to time (hereinafter called the "Approval Date"). From and after the Approval Date, TCILP agrees to be bound by all of the terms, obligations and conditions of the Partnership Agreement. The Partnership shall pay the distribution to its partners for the quarter ending June 30, 1999 (that would, but for this sentence, be payable to TCILP) proportionately as between the Divesting Partners, on the one hand, and TCILP, on the other hand, based on the number of days these entities are actually partners of the Partnership during the quarter ending June 30, 1999.
- 4. AMENDMENT OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT. Effective the Approval Date, the Divesting Partners, NBILP and TCILP hereby agree that the Partnership Agreement shall be amended, effective as of the Approval Date, as follows:
- (a) Section 1 of the Partnership Agreement is amended and is restated in its entirety as follows:
  - 1. PARTIES. The following are the parties to this Agreement:
    - 1.1 Northern Border Intermediate Limited Partnership (hereinafter referred to as "NBILP"), a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business located at 1400 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002.
    - 1.2 TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership (hereinafter called "TCILP") a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business located at Four Greenspoint Plaza, 16945 Northchase Drive, Houston, Texas 77060.

- (b) Section 2.45 of the Partnership Agreement is amended to delete the reference to Sections 1.1 through 1.3 and replace it with ". . . Sections 1.1 and 1.2."
- - 2.61 EIGHTH SUPPLEMENT. The Agreement dated as of May 21, 1999 among the Partners.
- (d) Section 3.6.1 of the Partnership Agreement is amended and restated to read as follows (and TCILP and NBILP shall each be deemed, as of the Approval Date, to have made the representations set forth in Section 3.6.1).
  - REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES CONCERNING 1999 CHANGE IN COMPOSITION OF PARTNERSHIP. Each Partner represents and warrants that the execution and delivery by such Partner of the Seventh Supplement, the change in the composition of the Partnership to admit NBILP in lieu of the Divesting Partners, and the performance by such Partner of its obligation under the Partnership Agreement, as amended, will not contravene any provision of, or constitute a default under, an indenture, mortgage or other agreement of such Partner or any order of any court, commission or government agency having jurisdiction. Each Partner represents and warrants that the execution and delivery by such partner of the Eighth Supplement, the change in the composition of the Partnership to admit TCILP in lieu of the Divesting Partners, and the performance by such Partner of its obligation under the Partnership Agreement, as amended, will not contravene any provision of, or constitute a default under, an indenture, mortgage or other agreement of such Partner or any order of any court, commission or government agency having jurisdiction. Each Partner further (i) represents and warrants that it is a limited partnership duly organized and existing under the laws of its state of incorporation or organization, and (ii) covenants that it will do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its limited partnership existence for so long as it shall remain a Partner.
- (e) Section 7.6 of the Partnership Agreement is amended by amending the last paragraph to read in its entirety as follows:

The Parties intend that all tax items arising from or attributable to any change in the tax basis of Partnership properties occasioned by the admission of NBILP in 1993, or TCILP in 1999, as a Partner and related transaction shall be allocated solely to NBILP or TCILP, respectively. Accordingly, to the extent deemed necessary by the Management Committee, income, gain, loss and deduction shall be allocated for federal (and any applicable state) income tax purposes among the Partners in such manner (using any reasonable method, including curative allocations, consistent with Section 704(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the regulations promulgated or proposed thereunder) as will achieve such intent

(f) Sections 8.2.1 and 8.2.5(ii) of the Partnership Agreement are amended and  $\,$ 

- 8.2.1 The Management Committee shall consist of four members (the "Representatives"), one of whom shall be designated by TCILP and three of whom shall be designated by NBILP with one Representative being selected by each general partner of NBILP. Each Partner shall designate, by notice to each other Partner and the Partnership, its Representative(s) to serve on the Management Committee. By like notice, each Partner may designate an alternate Representative for each Representative appointed by it, who shall have authority to act on behalf of such appointed Representative in the event of such appointed Representative's absence or inability to serve. Any Partner may at any time, by written notice to all other Partners and to the Partnership, remove its appointed Representative(s) on the Management Committee and designate a new Representative(s).
- (ii) the Partner's Percentages on all matters determined 8.2.5 on or after the Commitment Date. For this purpose, the Representative(s) designated by NBILP shall have, in the aggregate, a number of votes equal to the Partner's Percentage of NBILP. Until NBILP provides written notification to the other Partner(s) of a change in allocation of its number of votes, the Representative of NBILP selected by Northern Plains shall have a number of votes equal to 35%; the Representative of NBILP selected by Pan Border Gas Company shall have a number of votes equal to 22.75%; and the Representative of NBILP selected by Northwest Border Pipeline Company shall have a number of votes equal to 12.25%. The representative appointed by TCILP shall have a number of votes equal to 30%. The majority of such votes cast by the Representatives of the Partners shall constitute a majority of the Partner's Percentages. Each Representative agrees not to enter into a voting agreement with another Representative pursuant to which such Representatives would vote as a block, but this sentence shall not be construed to prohibit two or more Representatives from agreeing with each other concerning particular projects, issues or subjects.
- (g) Section 8.2.6 is hereby amended to replace the word "Section 8.5.10" with "Section 8.4.10."
- (h) Section 8.4.1 is hereby amended to replace the words "Section 8.5.2 and Section 8.5.10," with "Section 8.4.2 and Section 8.4.10."

- (i) Section 8.4.5 is hereby amended to replace the words "Section 8.5" with "Section 8.4."
- (j) Section 8.4.9 is hereby amended to replace the word "Section 8.5" with "Section 8.4."
- (k) Section 8.4.10 is hereby amended to replace the words "Section 8.5" with "Section 8.4."
- (1) Section 10.6 of the Partnership Agreement is amended to add the following as a second paragraph:

"If the general partner of TCILP desires to transfer its general partnership interest in TCILP to a party other than an Affiliate of such general partner, such selling general partner of TCILP must first provide NBILP and the general partners of NBILP with notice of such intent to transfer and for a period of 30 days following the receipt by NBILP and the general partners of NBILP, NBILP and/or any general partner of NBILP shall have the right to submit an offer for the general partner interest of such selling general partner of TCILP (and any other interests in TCILP proposed to be sold by such selling general partner of TCILP). Such selling general partner of TCILP shall have no obligation to consider or accept any offers received from NBILP and/or any general partner of NBILP, and from and after such 30 day period, such selling general partner of TCILP shall be free to consummate the proposed transaction referred to in its notices to NBILP and the general partners of NBILP.

- 5. AMENDMENT OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 17, 1999. The parties affirm that effective March 17, 1999, Section 9 of the Partnership Agreement was amended to add the following:
  - 9.3 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. The Partners and their Affiliates are free to pursue any business opportunity without first offering such business opportunity to the Partnership (and such pursuit shall not be a breach of any duty to the Partnership or to any other Partner), except that no Partner and no Affiliate of a Partner may pursue the project known as Project 2000 filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory in Docket No. CP99-21 or any business opportunity that consists of an expansion, addition, betterment, improvement, renewal or replacement of the Line as it existed on January 15, 1999 (the "Effective Date") unless the party desiring to pursue such opportunity first offers to the Partnership the opportunity to pursue such business opportunity and the Partnership declines to do so. The

terms "expansion, addition, betterment, improvement, renewal or replacement" shall not include any extension of the Line beyond its terminus as it existed on the Effective Date or the construction or acquisition of any pipeline (including any lateral or any other extension) that connects with the Line as it existed on the Effective Date. The parties hereto agree that the waivers and agreements in this Section 9.3 constitute an agreement among the partners of the Partnership that governs the management of the business and affairs of the Partnership and the relationship among the Partners and the Partnership, as contemplated by Article 6132b-1.03 of the Texas Revised Partnership Act. The parties hereto further agree that the waivers and agreements in this Section 9.3 identify certain types and categories of activities which do not violate the duty of loyalty to the Partnership, and that such types and categories and the waivers and agreements in this Section 9.3 are not manifestly unreasonable.

#### 6. MISCELLANEOUS.

- (a) Except as amended hereby, the terms and provisions of the Partnership Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- (b) The Eighth Supplement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- (c) Each party hereto represents and warrants to every other party hereto that (i) it has the full corporate or partnership power and authority to execute and deliver this Eighth Supplement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereunder, (ii) the execution, delivery and performance by such party of this Eighth Supplement has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or partnership action on the part of such party, and (iii) this Eighth Supplement has been duly executed and delivered by such party and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of such party, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Eighth Supplement to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers.

TRANSCANADA BORDER PIPELINE LTD. (Divesting Partner)

By: /s/ Paul F. MacGregor Name: Paul F. MacGregor Title: Vice President By: /s/ Rhondda E.S. Grant Name: Rhondda E.S. Grant Title: Secretary TRANSCAN NORTHERN LTD. (Divesting Partner) By: /s/ Paul F. MacGregor Name: Paul F. MacGregor Title: Vice President By: /s/ Rhondda E.S. Grant Name: Rhondda E.S. Grant Title: Secretary NORTHERN BORDER INTERMEDIATE LIMITED **PARTNERSHIP** (NBILP) By: /s/ Larry L. DeRoin Name: Larry L. DeRoin Title: Chief Executive Officer TC PIPELINES INTERMEDIATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (TCILP) By: TC PipeLines GP, Inc., its General Partner By: /s/ Paul F. MacGregor Name: Paul F. MacGregor Title: Vice-President, Business Development By: /s/ Rhondda E.S. Grant Name: Rhondda E.S. Grant Title: Secretary

May 28, 1999

TC PipeLines, LP Four Greenspoint Plaza 16945 Northchase Drive Houston, Texas 77060

Dear Sirs:

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S. \$40,000,000 TWO YEAR REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY IN FAVOR OF TC PIPELINES, L.P.

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In consideration of the covenants and agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are conclusively acknowledged by each of the parties, TransCanada PipeLine USA Ltd., a Nevada corporation (together with its successors and permitted assigns, the "LENDER") hereby covenants and agrees with TC PipeLines, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (together with its successors and permitted assigns, the "BORROWER") to make available to the Borrower the credit facility (the "CREDIT FACILITY") as more particularly described below and upon the terms and conditions outlined in this letter agreement (as may be amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "AGREEMENT").

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Unless something in the subject matter or context is inconsistent therewith, the following capitalized terms used in the Agreement (including Schedule A to the Agreement) shall have meanings indicated below:

"BANKING DAY" means a day which is both a Business Day and a day on which dealings in United States Dollars by and between the banks in the London, England interbank market may be conducted.

"BUSINESS DAY" means a day on which banks are open for business in New York, New York but does not in any event include a Saturday or a Sunday.

"COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE" means a certificate of the Borrower signed on its behalf by the General Partner, substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule A.

"CONTRIBUTION, CONVEYANCE AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT" means the Contribution, Conveyance and Assumption Agreement dated May 28, 1999 between TransCanada Border PipeLine Ltd., TransCan Northern Ltd., TransCanada PipeLines Limited, the Borrower, the General Partner and the Intermediate Partnership.

"DEBT" means, without duplication, with respect to any person, all obligations, liabilities and indebtedness of such person with respect to:

- indebtedness for borrowed money;
- ii) obligations arising pursuant to commercial paper programs or letters of credit or indemnities issued in connection therewith;
- iii) obligations under guarantees, indemnities, assurances, legally binding comfort letters or other contingent obligations relating to the indebtedness for borrowed money of any other person and all other obligations incurred for the purpose of or having the effect of providing financial assistance to another person, including, without limitation, endorsements of bills of exchange (other than for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business); and
- iv) all other financing indebtedness, including monetary obligations of such person created or arising under any capital lease or other lease financing.

"DRAWDOWN" means, individually or collectively, as the context may require, an advance of funds made by the Lender to the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement.

"DRAWDOWN DATE" means the date on which an advance of funds is made by the Lender to a Borrower pursuant to the provisions hereof.

"DRAWDOWN NOTICE" means a written notice given by the Borrower to the Lender of a Drawdown.

"EVENT OF DEFAULT" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.01;

"GENERAL PARTNER" means TC PipeLines GP, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any successor thereto.

"GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY" means any federal, state, provincial, regional, municipal or local government or any department, agency, board, tribunal or authority thereof or other political subdivision thereof and any entity or person exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of, or pertaining to, government or the operation thereof.

"INTEREST PAYMENT DATE" means, with respect to each Loan, the last Business Day of each applicable Interest Period; provided that, any earlier date on which the Credit Facility is fully cancelled or permanently reduced in full, shall be an Interest Payment Date with respect to all Loans then outstanding.

"INTEREST PERIOD" means, with respect to each Loan, the initial period of one month, two months, three months or six months (as selected by the Borrower and notified to the Lender) commencing on the applicable Drawdown Date or Rollover Date and ending on and including the last day of such period provided that the last day of each Interest Period whether with respect to the same or another Loan and the last day of each Interest period shall be a Banking Day and if the last day of an Interest Period selected by the Borrower is not a Banking Day the next Banking Day.

"INTERMEDIATE PARTNERSHIP" means TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, and any successor thereto.

"LIBOR" means the London Interbank Offered Rate of Interest and means, with respect to any Interest Period applicable to a Loan, the per annum rate of interest determined by the Lender, based on a three hundred sixty (360) day year, rounded upwards, if necessary, to the nearest whole multiple of one-sixteenth of one percent (1/16th%), as the average of the offered quotations appearing on the display referred to as the "LIBO Page" (or any display substituted therefor) of Reuter Monitor Money Rates Service (or if such LIBO Page shall not be available, any successor or similar services as may be selected by the Lender) for deposits in United States Dollars for a period equal to the number of days in the applicable Interest Period, at or about 11:00 a.m. (London, England time) on the second Banking Day prior to a Drawdown Date, for the applicable Interest Period. Each determination of LIBOR may be computed using any reasonable averaging and attribution method.

"LIMITED PARTNER" means any person who is or shall become a limited partner of the Borrower.

"LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT" means the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership dated as of the 28 day of May, 1999 and made among the General Partner, TransCan Northern Ltd. as the organizational Limited Partner and those parties referred to as Partners therein, as from time to time amended, supplemented or restated.

"LOAN DOCUMENTS" means this Agreement and all certificates, agreements, instruments and other documents delivered or to be delivered to the Lender in relation to the Credit Facility pursuant hereto, and, when used in relation to any person, the term "Loan Documents" shall mean and refer to the Loan Documents executed and delivered by such person.

"LOAN" means an advance of funds in United States dollars made by the Lender to the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement.

"MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT" means a material adverse effect (i) on the business, operations, property and assets or financial condition of the Borrower, or (ii) on the ability of the Borrower to repay or pay, as the case may be, any Obligations.

"NORTHERN BORDER" means Northern Border Pipeline Company, a general partnership organized under the laws of Texas.

"OBLIGATIONS" means, at any time and from time to time, all of the obligations, indebtedness and liabilities (present or future, absolute or contingent, matured or not) of the Borrower to the Lender under, pursuant to or relating to this Agreement or the Credit Facility and whether the same are from time to time reduced and thereafter increased or entirely extinguished and thereafter incurred again and including all interest, commissions, legal and other costs, charges and expenses under this Agreement.

"OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL" means, at any time, the aggregate of the principal amount of all outstanding Loans.

"PARTNERS" means the General Partner and the Limited Partners.

#### "PERMITTED ENCUMBRANCES" means:

- i) liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges which are not due and delinquent, or the validity of which the Borrower shall be contesting in good faith, provided the Borrower shall have made adequate provision (in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles) therefor;
- ii) the lien of any judgment rendered, or claim filed, against the Borrower which the Borrower shall be contesting in good faith, provided the Borrower shall have made adequate provision (in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles) therefor;
- iii) liens, privileges or other charges imposed or permitted by law such as statutory liens and deemed trusts, carriers' liens, builders' liens, materialmen's liens, operator's liens and other liens, privileges or other charges of a similar nature which relate to obligations which are not due and delinquent;
- iv) undetermined or inchoate liens arising in the ordinary course of and incidental to operations of the Borrower which relate to obligations which are not due and delinquent, or the validity of which the Borrower shall be contesting in good faith, provided the Borrower shall have made adequate provision (in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles) therefor;
- v) security given to a public utility or any municipality or governmental or other public authority when required by such utility, municipality or authority in connection with the operations of the Borrower, to the extent such security does not materially detract from the value of any material part of the property of the Borrower;

- vi) cash or marketable securities deposited in connection with bids or tenders, or deposited with a court as security for costs in any litigation, or to secure workmen's compensation or unemployment insurance liabilities;
- vii) the lien or any right of distress reserved in or exercisable under any real property lease for rent or otherwise to effect compliance with the terms of such lease in respect of which the rent or any other obligation is not at the time overdue or if overdue the validity of which is being contested at the time in good faith, if the Borrower shall have made on its books a provision therefor reasonably deemed by the Lender to be adequate therefor;
- viii) Security Interests on property of the Borrower which are not otherwise Permitted Encumbrances if the aggregate amount of the Debt or other obligations secured by all such Security Interests is not at any time in excess of U.S.\$1,000,000;
- ix) Security Interests arising under or in connection with the Partnership Agreement, the agreement of limited partnership of the Intermediate Partnership or the partnership agreement of Northern Border; and
- x) any extension, renewal or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals or replacements), as a whole or in part, of any Security Interest referred to in the preceding paragraphs (i) to (ix) inclusive of this definition, so long as any such extension, renewal or replacement of such Security Interest is limited to all or any part of the same property that secured the Security Interest extended, renewed or replaced (plus improvements on such property) and the indebtedness or obligation secured thereby is not increased;

provided that nothing in this definition shall in and of itself cause the Loans and other amounts owing by the Borrower to the Lender hereunder to be subordinated in priority to any such Permitted Encumbrance.

"PROSPECTUS" means the initial public offering prospectus of TC PipeLines, LP dated May 24, 1999.

"ROLLOVER" means the continuation of all or a portion of such Loan (subject to the provisions hereof) for an additional Interest Period subsequent to the initial or any subsequent Interest Period applicable thereto.

"ROLLOVER DATE" means the commencement of a new Interest Period applicable to a Loan.

"SECURITY INTEREST" means mortgages, charges, pledges, hypothecs, assignments by way of security, conditional sales or other title retentions (including, without limitation, capital leases or any other lease financing), liens, security interests or other encumbrances, howsoever created or arising, whether fixed or floating, perfected or not.

"UNITED STATES DOLLARS" and "U.S. \$" mean the lawful money of the United States.

#### ARTICLE ONE - THE REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY

- 1.01 AMOUNT. Revolving loans are available to the Borrower under the Credit Facility to a maximum outstanding principal amount of U.S.\$40,000,000. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the maximum outstanding principal amount of U.S.\$40,000,000 may be increased or decreased (but not to be less than U.S.\$2,500,000) upon mutual written agreement of the Lender and the Borrower.
- 1.02 CURRENCY AND MINIMUM AMOUNTS. Drawdowns may only be made in United States Dollars and in a minimum amount of U.S.\$500,000.
- 1.03 DRAWDOWN NOTICES. The Borrower shall deliver to the Lender a Drawdown Notice at least two Business Days prior to a Drawdown Date. Such notice shall specify: i) the date of the Drawdown, such date being a Business Day; ii) the principal amount of the Drawdown; and iii) particulars of the account into which funds representing the Drawdown are to be transferred on the Drawdown Date.
- 1.04 PURPOSE. The Credit Facility shall be used for working capital and other general business purposes, to fund capital expenditures, to fund capital contributions to Northern Border and to enable the Borrower to make cash distributions to Partners if there has been a temporary interruption or delay in the receipt of cash distributions from Northern Border.
- 1.05 REVOLVING NATURE AND AVAILABILITY. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower may increase or decrease Loans under the Credit Facility by making Drawdowns, repayments and further Drawdowns.
- 1.06 REPAYMENTS. The Borrower may at the end of any Interest Period repay, without payment of penalty, the whole or any part of any Loan together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of such repayment. The Borrower shall give the Lender advance notice of any such repayment at least two Business Days prior to the date of repayment.
- 1.07 LIBOR LOAN ROLLOVERS. At or before 10:00 a.m. (Calgary time) two Banking Days prior to the expiration of each Interest Period of each Loan, the Borrower shall, unless it has delivered a repayment notice pursuant to Section 1.06 of this Agreement (together with a Rollover Notice if a portion only is to be repaid; provided that a portion of a Loan may be continued only if the portion to remain outstanding is equal to or exceeds the minimum amount required hereunder for Drawdowns of Loans) with respect to the aggregate amount of such Loan, deliver a Rollover Notice to the Lender selecting the next Interest Period applicable to the Loan, which new Interest Period shall commence on and include the last day of such prior Interest Period. If the Borrower fails to deliver a Rollover Notice to the Lender as provided in this Section, the Borrower shall be deemed to have elected to Rollover the outstanding amount of the Loan for an Interest Period equal to the Interest Period of the maturing loan.
- 1.08 NO SECURITY. The Credit facility shall be unsecured.

- 1.09 SET-OFF; NO WITHHOLDING. Any and all payments by the Borrower to or for the benefit of the Lender shall be free and clear of and without set-off, counterclaim, reduction or deduction whatsoever, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for any claims that the Borrower have or may have against the Lender or for any present or future taxes, levies, imposts, deductions, charges or withholdings, whether imposed by or on behalf of the United States or Canada or any political subdivision thereof or any other taxing authority. If the Borrower shall be required by law to deduct or withhold any taxes from or in respect of any sum payable hereunder to the Lender, (i) the sum payable shall be increased as may be necessary so that, after making all required deductions and withholdings the Lender receives an amount equal to the amount it would have received had no such deductions or withholdings been made, (ii) the Borrower shall make such deductions and withholdings, and (iii) the Borrower shall pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant taxing authority or other authority in accordance with applicable law.
- 1.10 MATURITY. The Credit Facility shall mature on the earlier of: (i) the date two years from the date of this Agreement (the "FIXED MATURITY DATE"), or (ii) the date upon which the Borrower provides written notice to the Lender that it has obtained from another lender or lenders an economically comparable replacement Credit Facility. Upon such date of maturity, all Outstanding Principal, accrued and unpaid interest and all other amounts under or in respect of this Agreement and the Credit Facility shall be paid to the Lender (x) on the Fixed Maturity Date (in the case of maturity under clauses (i)) or (y) on or prior to the 30th day after such written notice is provided to the Lender (in the case of maturity under clause (ii)).
- 1.11 TERMINATION. The Borrower may terminate this Agreement upon 90 days written notice to the Lender, provided, however, that in order for such termination by the Borrower to be effective, all Outstanding Principal, accrued and unpaid interest and all other amounts under or in respect of this Agreement and the Credit Facility shall be paid to the Lender on or prior to the 30th day after the termination date specified in such written notice provided to the Lender.
- 1.12 RENEWAL. This Agreement may be renewed upon the mutual written agreement of the Borrower and the Lender.

#### ARTICLE TWO - INTEREST

- 2.01 RATE APPLICABLE TO LOANS. The Borrower shall pay interest to the Lender in United States Dollars on Loans outstanding under the Credit Facility at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 1.25 per cent.
- 2.02 CALCULATION AND PAYMENT OF INTEREST. Interest on Loans, as specified above, shall accrue daily and be calculated on the principal amount of each such loan and on the basis of the actual number of days each such loan is outstanding in a year of 360 days. Interest shall be calculated and payable in arrears on the Interest Payment Date for each such loan for the actual number of days such loan is outstanding in the period from and including the date such loan was made or the preceding Interest Payment Date to which all accrued interest has been duly paid, as

the case may be, to and including the day immediately preceding the following Interest Payment Date.

2.03 DEFAULT RATE. In the event that any amount due hereunder on any Loan (including, without limitation, any interest payment) is not paid when due, the Borrower shall pay interest on such unpaid amount (including, without limitation, interest on interest) from the date when such amount was due until the date that such amount is paid in full (but excluding the date of such payment if the payment is made for value on such date at the required place of payment specified by the Lender from time to time), and such interest shall accrue daily, be calculated and compounded monthly and be payable on demand, after as well as before demand, maturity, default and judgment, at a rate per annum that is equal to LIBOR plus 3.25 per cent.

2.04 MAXIMUM RATE PERMITTED BY LAW. No interest to be paid hereunder shall be paid at a rate exceeding the maximum non-usurious rate permitted by applicable law. In the event that any interest exceeds such maximum rate, such interest shall be reduced or refunded, as the case may be, so that interest payable hereunder shall be payable at the highest rate recoverable under applicable law.

#### ARTICLE THREE - ACCOUNTS OF RECORD; PAYMENTS

3.01 CURRENCY AND PLACE OF PAYMENT. All payments of principal, interest and other amounts to be made by the Borrower to the Lender pursuant to this Agreement shall be made in United States Dollars for value on the Interest Payment Date, or at such other date under this Agreement when such amounts are due and payable and if such day is not a Business Day on the Business Day next following, by deposit or transfer thereof to the account or accounts of the Lender designated by the Lender to the Borrower for such purpose from time to time.

3.02 LENDER RECORDS EVIDENCE. The Lender shall open and maintain books of account evidencing the Loans and all other amounts owing by the Borrower to the Lender hereunder. The Lender shall enter in the foregoing accounts details of all amounts from time to time owing, paid or repaid by the Borrower hereunder. The information entered in the foregoing accounts shall constitute prima facie evidence of the obligations of the Borrower to the Lender hereunder with respect to all Loans and all other amounts owing by the Borrower to the Lender hereunder.

### ARTICLE FOUR - CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

- 4.01 CONDITIONS FOR ALL DRAWDOWNS. On or before each Drawdown under the Credit Facility the following conditions shall be satisfied to the satisfaction of the Lender:
- a) after giving effect to the proposed Drawdown, the Outstanding Principal shall not exceed the maximum amount of the Credit Facility as set forth in Section 1.01; and

- b) the Borrower shall, if so requested by the Lender, have executed and delivered to the Lender a promissory note in favour of the Lender evidencing the obligation of the Borrower to pay the Lender the principal amount of such Drawdown and interest thereon in accordance with this Agreement.
- 4.02 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS TO FIRST DRAWDOWN. In addition to the conditions set forth above, on or before the first Drawdown under the Credit Facility the following further conditions shall be satisfied to the satisfaction of the Lender:
- the closing shall have occurred (or shall occur simultaneously) pursuant to the terms of the Contribution, Conveyance and Assumption Agreement;
- b) the Lender shall have received all such other agreements, certificates, declarations, opinions and documents, and all steps, actions and proceedings shall have been taken or performed, as the Lender may reasonably require, all in form and substance satisfactory to the Lender and its counsel.
- 4.03 WAIVERS. The above conditions are inserted for the sole benefit of the Lender and may be waived by the Lender, in whole or in part (with or without terms or conditions) without prejudicing the right of the Lender at any time to assert such conditions in respect of any subsequent Drawdown.

#### ARTICLE FIVE - REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

5.01 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. The Borrower and the General Partner hereby represent and warrant to the Lender as follows and acknowledge and confirm that the Lender is relying upon such representations and warranties:

- a) CORPORATE STATUS. The Borrower is a limited partnership duly formed and validly existing under the laws of Delaware and the General Partner is duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of Delaware.
- b) AUTHORITY. Each of the Borrower and the General Partner has the requisite power and authority to own or hold its respective properties and assets, to carry on its business as presently conducted and to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party.
- c) DUE AUTHORIZATION. Each of the Borrower and the General Partner has duly authorized, by all necessary action, the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party.
- d) ENFORCEABILITY. This Agreement and each of the Loan Documents has been duly executed and delivered by each of the Borrower and the General Partner and constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of each of the Borrower and the General Partner enforceable

against each of the Borrower and the General Partner in accordance with their respective terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other applicable laws relating to creditor's rights generally and to general principles of equity and public policy.

- e) NO RESULTING VIOLATION. Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, nor compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, has resulted or will (x) result in a violation of any applicable law or the Limited Partnership Agreement or the articles or by-laws of the General Partner or any resolutions passed by the Limited Partners of the Borrower or the shareholders or directors of the General Partner, or (y) result in a default under any agreement to which the Borrower or the General Partner is a party or by which the Borrower or the General Partner is bound, or (z) result in the creation of any Security Interest on any property of the Borrower or the General Partner under any agreement or instrument to which the Borrower or the General Partner is a party or by which the Borrower or the General Partner is bound, which in the case of (y) or (z) has a Material Adverse Effect.
- f) NON-DEFAULT. No event has occurred which would constitute an Event of Default or a breach of or default under the covenants herein or in any of the other Loan Documents or which would constitute such a breach or default with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both.
- g) FINANCIAL CONDITION. Except as has been disclosed to the Lender by written notice in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, no change in the Borrower's financial condition (as disclosed or reflected in the Prospectus or in the financial statements delivered under Section 6.01(e) of this Agreement) has occurred which would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- h) ABSENCE OF LITIGATION. There are no actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened in writing against or affecting the Borrower or any of its undertakings, property or assets, at law or in equity, in or before any court or before any arbitrator or before or by any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of which there is a reasonable possibility of a determination adverse to the Borrower and which, if determined adversely, would have a Material Adverse Effect.
- i) COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, COURT ORDERS AND MATERIAL AGREEMENTS. The Borrower has obtained all licences, permits, approvals and authorizations required in connection with its respective businesses and operations, all of which are in good standing, except where the failure to obtain such or be in good standing would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Borrower and its respective businesses and operations are in compliance with all applicable laws, all applicable directives, judgments, decrees, injunctions and orders rendered by any Governmental Authority or court of competent jurisdiction, the Limited Partnership Agreement and all agreements or instruments to which it is a party or by which its property or assets are bound, except

where the failure to comply would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- j) NO ENCUMBRANCES. Except for Permitted Encumbrances, there are no Security Interests against, on or affecting any or all of the properties or assets, of whatsoever nature or kind, of the Borrower, and the Borrower has not given any undertaking to grant or create any such Security Interest or otherwise entered into any agreement pursuant to which any person may have or be entitled to any such Security Interest.
- k) AGREEMENTS. Each of the Limited Partnership Agreement and the Contribution, Conveyance and Assumption Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto and constitutes legal, valid and binding obligations of the parties thereto, enforceable against such parties in accordance with its respective terms and no such agreement has been amended in any manner which would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- RANKING WITH OTHER DEBT. All Obligations of the Borrower hereunder rank at least PARI PASSU in right of payment with the other unsecured and unsubordinated Debt of the Borrower.

5.02 INQUIRIES; DEEMED REPETITION. All representations and warranties made herein shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the execution of the Loan Documents and shall be deemed to be restated by the Borrower and the General Partner as if made effective on each Drawdown under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE SIX - GENERAL COVENANTS

6.01 COVENANTS OF THE BORROWERS. The Borrower hereby covenants and agrees with the Lender that, unless the Lender otherwise consents in writing:

- a) PUNCTUAL PAYMENT. The Borrower shall duly and punctually pay all Outstanding Principal, interest and other amounts required to be paid by the Borrower hereunder in the manner specified hereunder.
- b) MAINTAIN EXISTENCE; NO CHANGE OF BUSINESS. The Borrower shall maintain its existence in good standing and do or cause to be done all things necessary to keep in full force and effect all properties, rights, franchises, licenses, permits and qualifications to carry on business in any jurisdiction in which it carries on business, except where failure to comply with the foregoing would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Borrower shall maintain all its respective properties and assets and conduct its business, activities and operations in a manner consistent with applicable industry standards and industry practice in each jurisdiction where its business is conducted or its property and interests are located, except where failure to comply with the foregoing would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Borrower shall

not carry on businesses or operations which are materially different from the businesses and operations carried on by the Borrower on the date of this Agreement.

- c) MATERIAL LITIGATION. The Borrower shall promptly give written notice to the Lender of any litigation, proceeding, dispute or action if the same has or might reasonably have a Material Adverse Effect and from time to time shall furnish to the Lender all reasonable information requested by the Lender concerning the status of any of the foregoing.
- d) NOTICE OF DEFAULT. The Borrower shall give prompt written notice to the Lender upon becoming aware of any default of the performance of any covenant, agreement or condition contained in this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, which notice shall specify such default or defaults
- e) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. i) The Borrower shall deliver to the Lender, as soon as available, and in any event within 90 days after the end of each of its fiscal years, copies of the audited annual financial statements of the Borrower, together with the notes thereto, all prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting, consistently applied, together with a report of the Borrower's auditors on such statements, together with a Compliance Certificate, and ii) the Borrower shall deliver to the Lender, as soon as available, and in any event within 45 days after the end of each of its first, second and third fiscal quarters, copies of its unaudited quarterly financial statements, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- f) NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF AND DEFAULT UNDER AGREEMENTS. The Borrower shall give prompt written notice to the Lender of any default under or pursuant to the Limited Partnership Agreement and the amendment, cancellation or termination of, or the giving of any notice or the taking of any other step or action to amend, cancel or terminate the Limited Partnership Agreement or any other agreement in which the amendment, cancellation or termination of which might reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- g) BOOKS AND RECORDS. The Borrower shall have and maintain proper books of account, records and other documents (in accordance with sound accounting practice) relating to its business and financial affairs and shall permit the Lender or its authorized agents at any reasonable time, at the expense of the Borrower, to examine such books of account, records and other documents and to make copies thereof and take extracts therefrom.
- h) INSPECTIONS. The Lender shall be entitled from time to time at any reasonable time to inspect the assets and properties and the business and operations of the Borrower and, for such purpose, the Lender shall have access to all premises occupied by the Borrower where any of such assets or properties may be found.
- i) OTHER INFORMATION. At the request of the Lender, the Borrower shall provide such other information regarding the business, affairs, financial condition, property or assets of the Borrower as the Lender may reasonably request.

- j) INSURANCE. The Borrower shall maintain insurance of such types, in such amounts and with such deductibles as are customary in the case of businesses of established reputation engaged in the same or similar businesses.
- k) COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS. The Borrower shall comply with all applicable laws if the consequences of a failure to comply might reasonably be expected, either alone or in conjunction with any other such non-compliances, to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 1) PAYMENT OF TAXES. The Borrower shall from time to time pay or cause to be paid all material rents, taxes, rates, levies or assessments, ordinary or extraordinary, governmental royalties, fees or dues, and any other amount which may result in a Security Interest or similar encumbrance against the assets of the Borrower arising under statute or regulation, lawfully levied, assessed or imposed upon the Borrower as and when the same become due and payable, except when and so long as the validity of any such rents, taxes, rates, levies, assessments, royalties, fees, dues or other amounts is in good faith being contested by the Borrower in appropriate proceedings and provided that it shall have established adequate reserves therefor (in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles) and such contestation will not involve forfeiture of any part of its assets which are material to the Borrower.
- m) DEFEND TITLE. The Borrower shall defend its property, undertaking and assets and its right, title and interest thereto, against all adverse claims and demands respecting the same, other than Permitted Encumbrances.
- n) NO SALE OF ASSETS. The Borrower shall not sell, transfer, lease, convey, abandon or otherwise dispose of (including, without limitation, in connection with a sale and a lease-back transaction) any of its assets or property (each of the foregoing transactions, an "asset sale"), unless any such asset sale or the cumulative effect of a series of such asset sales would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- o) NEGATIVE PLEDGE. The Borrower shall not create, issue, incur, assume or permit to exist any Security Interests on any of its property, undertakings or assets other than Permitted Encumbrances.
- p) PARI PASSU RANKING. The Borrower shall not create, assume or otherwise incur any Debt ranking prior to the indebtedness and liabilities of the Borrower to the Lender hereunder other than Debt secured by Permitted Encumbrances. The Borrower shall ensure that at all times all of its Obligations hereunder and under any Loan Documents rank at least PARI PASSU in right of payment with the other unsecured and unsubordinated Debt of the Borrower.
- q) NO MERGER, ETC. The Borrower shall not enter into any transaction whereby all or substantially all of its undertaking, property or assets would become the property of another person, whether by way of reconstruction, reorganization, recapitalization,

consolidation, amalgamation, merger, transfer, sale or otherwise if the effect of any such transaction would be a Material Adverse Effect.

r) NO DISSOLUTION. The Borrower shall not liquidate, dissolve or wind-up or take any steps or proceedings in connection therewith.

6.02 COVENANTS OF THE GENERAL PARTNER. The General Partner hereby covenants and agrees with the Lender that:

- a) COMPLIANCE WITH AGREEMENT. The General Partner shall cause the Borrower to comply with this Agreement and each of the other Loan Documents to which the Borrower is a party.
- b) MAINTAIN EXISTENCE; NO DISSOLUTION. The General Partner shall maintain its existence in good standing. The General Partner shall not liquidate, dissolve or wind up or take any steps or proceedings in connection therewith.
- c) MAINTAIN STATUS AS GENERAL PARTNER. The General Partner shall not, without the consent of the Lender, resign as General Partner of the Borrower or otherwise limit its duties under the Limited Partnership Agreement.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN - EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

7.01 EVENTS OF DEFAULT. "Event of Default", as used in this Agreement, means the occurrence of any one or more of the following events or circumstances:

- a) if the Borrower fails to pay the principal amount of any Loan when due and such default continues for five Business Days after notice from the Lender of such default;
- b) if the Borrower fails to pay:
  - any interest (including, if applicable, default interest) hereunder when due; or
  - any other Obligation not specifically referred to above payable by the Borrower hereunder when due,

and such default continues for 30 days after notice from the Lender of such default;

c) if the Borrower fails to observe or perform any covenant or obligation contained in this Agreement on its part to be observed or performed (other than a covenant or obligation whose breach or default in performance is specifically dealt with elsewhere in this section) and such failure continues for a period in excess of 45 days after notice from the Lender of such failure, unless the Lender (having regard to the subject matter of the default) shall

have agreed to a longer period, and in such event, within the period agreed to by the Lender;

- d) the filing by or on behalf of the Borrower of a voluntary petition or an answer seeking or consenting to reorganization, liquidation, arrangement, readjustment of its debts or for any other relief under any bankruptcy, reorganization, compromise, arrangement, insolvency, readjustment of debt, dissolution, liquidation, or similar act or law, state or federal, now or hereafter existing ("BANKRUPTCY LAW"), or the making by the Borrower of any assignment for the benefit of creditors; or the admission by the Borrower in writing of its inability to pay its debts as they become due:
- e) the filing of any involuntary petition against the Borrower in bankruptcy or seeking reorganization, liquidation, arrangement, readjustment of its debts or for any other relief under any Bankruptcy Law and an order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises shall have been issued or entered therein; or a decree or order of a court having jurisdiction in the premises for the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, sequestrator, trustee or other officer having similar powers over the Borrower or all or a substantial part of its property shall have been entered;
- f) if a final judgment or order (subject to no further right of appeal) for the payment of money aggregating in excess of U.S.\$10,000,000 or the equivalent amount in any other currency shall be rendered against the Borrower in respect of which enforcement proceedings have been commenced and such proceedings have not been effectively stayed and the Borrower has not paid or settled such judgment or order within thirty days after enforcement proceedings have been commenced;
- g) if a default with respect to any issue of Debt (which shall include, for avoidance of doubt, Debt incurred, assumed or otherwise created by the Borrower), which default results in the acceleration of any Debt in an aggregate amount in excess of U.S.\$10,000,000 or the equivalent amount thereof in any other currency without such Debt having been discharged or such acceleration having been cured, waived, rescinded or annulled for a period of 30 days after written notice thereof has been given by the Lender to the Borrower; or
- h) if any representation or warranty made by the Borrower in this Agreement, in a Compliance Certificate or any of the Loan Documents to the Lender shall prove to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect on and as of the date thereof.

7.02 REMEDIES. If an Event of Default has occurred, which has not been waived by the Lender or cured to the satisfaction of the Lender, Drawdowns under the Credit Facility shall not be available and the Lender shall be entitled to immediately demand and receive payment of all amounts owing by the Borrower to the Lender hereunder by providing written notice to the Borrower. If the Borrower fails to perform or make payment of any Obligations upon demand for payment in accordance herewith, the Lender may in its discretion, exercise any right or recourse and/or proceed by any action, suit, remedy or proceeding against the Borrower authorized or

permitted by law for the recovery of all the Obligations and proceed to exercise any and all rights hereunder and the other Loan Documents and no such remedy for the enforcement of the rights of the Lender shall be exclusive of or dependent on any other remedy but any one or more of such remedies may from time to time be exercised independently or in combination.

7.03 REMEDIES CUMULATIVE. The rights and remedies of the Lender hereunder and under any other Loan Documents are cumulative and are in addition to and not in substitution of any rights or remedies provided by law or by equity. Any single or partial exercise by the Lender of any right or remedy for, or procurement of any judgment in respect of, default or breach of any term, covenant, condition or agreement contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall not be deemed to operate as a merger of or be a waiver of or to alter, affect or prejudice any other right or remedy or other rights or remedies to which the Lender may be lawfully entitled for such default or breach.

#### ARTICLE EIGHT - EXPENSES AND INDEMNITIES

8.01 COSTS AND EXPENSES. The Borrower shall promptly pay upon notice from the Lender all reasonable costs and expenses of the Lender in connection with the Credit Facility, this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including, without limitation, in connection with the reasonable fees and out-of-pocket expenses of legal counsel to the Lender and all costs and expenses in connection with the establishment of the validity and enforceability of the Loan Documents and the preservation, perfection or enforcement of the rights of the Lender under the loan Documents.

8.02 INDEMNITIES OF THE BORROWER. The Borrower hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Lender against any reasonable cost, loss, liability or expense incurred by the Lender as a result of the failure of the Borrower to fulfil any of its covenants or obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents.

8.03 INDEMNITY OF THE GENERAL PARTNER. The General Partner hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Lender against any reasonable cost, loss, liability or expense incurred by the Lender as a result of the failure of the General Partner to fulfil any of its covenants or obligations hereunder or under any of the other Loan Documents.

#### ARTICLE NINE - GENERAL

9.01 NOTICES. Any demand, notice or communication to be made or given hereunder (a "Communication") shall be in writing and shall be made or given by personal delivery, registered mail or by transmittal by telecopy or other electronic means of communication addressed to the respective parties as follows:

To the Borrower:

TC PipeLines, LP Four Greenspoint Plaza 16945 Northchase Drive Houston, Texas 77060

Attention: President Telecopy No.: (281) 539-4550

To the Lender:

TransCanada PipeLine USA Ltd. Four Greenspoint Plaza 16945 Northchase Drive Houston, Texas 77060

Attention: Treasurer of TransCanada PipeLine USA Ltd.

Telecopy No.: (281) 539-4550

or to such other address or telecopy number as either party may from time to time notify the other of in accordance with this provision. Any Communication made or given hereunder by personal delivery or electronic communication during normal business hours at the place of receipt on a Business Day shall be conclusively deemed to have been made or given at the time of actual delivery or receipt of Communication, as the case may be, on such Business Day. Any Communication made or given hereunder by personal delivery or electronic communication after normal business hours at the place of receipt or otherwise than on a Business Day shall be conclusively deemed to have been made or given at 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard time) on the first Business Day following actual delivery or receipt of Communication, as the case may be. Any Communication made or given hereunder by registered mail shall be conclusively deemed to have been made or given at 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard time) on the third Business Day after the mailing thereof.

9.02 WHOLE AGREEMENT. This Agreement together with any other Loan Documents constitute the whole and entire agreement between the Borrower and the Lender with respect to the subject matter hereof and cancel and supersede any prior agreements, undertakings, declarations, commitments, representations, warranties, written or oral, in respect thereof.

9.03 BENEFIT OF AGREEMENT. This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Borrower and the Lender and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

9.04 AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS. Any provision of this Agreement may be amended only if the Borrower and the Lender so agree in writing. Any waiver or any consent by the Lender under any provision of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents must be in writing and may be given subject to any conditions thought fit by the Lender. Any waiver or consent shall be effective only in the instance and for the purpose for which it is given.

- 9.05 SEVERABILITY. Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate the remaining provisions of this Agreement and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.
- 9.06 NUMBER AND PERSONS. Words used herein importing the singular number only shall include the plural and vice versa, words used herein importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa and words used herein importing persons shall include individuals, partnerships, associations, trusts, unincorporated associations and corporations and vice versa.
- 9.07 HEADINGS; SECTIONS. The insertion of headings herein is for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement. Unless something in the subject matter or context is inconsistent therewith, references herein to Articles and Sections are to Articles and Sections of this Agreement.
- 9.08 ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES. Wherever in this Agreement reference is made to generally accepted accounting principles, such reference shall be deemed to be United States generally accepted accounting principles in use from time to time.
- 9.09 ASSIGNMENT. The Borrower shall not assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents without the prior written consent of the Lender. The Lender may, without the consent of the Borrower, sell, assign, transfer or grant an interest in the outstanding Loans and this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to TransCanada PipeLines Limited, a Canadian corporation, or any subsidiary thereof so long as such transaction does not increase the Borrower's costs or risks under Section 1.09 hereof.
- 9.10 SCHEDULE. The Schedule to this Agreement is hereby incorporated herein and deemed to be part hereof.
- 9.11 THIS AGREEMENT GOVERNS. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of any of the other Loan Documents, the provisions this Agreement, to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency, shall govern and prevail with respect to any Obligations.
- 9.12 GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York (including Section 5-510.6(b) of the General Obligation Law of the State of New York) without regard to the choice or conflict of law rules or principles.
- 9.13 BORROWER'S STATUS. TC PipeLines, LP is a limited partnership formed under the laws of Delaware. A Limited Partner shall have no liability or obligation of any kind whatsoever for any Obligations.

Kindly signify your acceptance of the Agreement by signing and returning one copy of this Agreement to us.

Yours very truly,

TRANSCANADA PIPELINE USA LTD.

By: /s/ Russell K. Girling

Name: Russell K. Girling Title: Vice-President

ACCEPTED AND AGREED as of the date first written above.

TC PIPELINES, LP by its General Partner TC PipeLines GP, Inc.

By: /s/ Paul F. MacGregor

Name: Paul F. MacGregor Title: Vice-President, Business Development

TC PIPELINES GP, INC.

By: /s/ Paul F. MacGregor

Name: Paul F. MacGregor Title: Vice-President, Business Development

SCHEDULE A
TO THE LETTER AGREEMENT
DATED MAY \_\_\_, 1999 AMONG
TRANSCANADA PIPELINES USA LTD.,
TC PIPELINES, LP AND
TC PIPELINES GP INC.

#### COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

TO: TRANSCANADA PIPELINE USA LTD. (the "Lender")

Reference is made to the letter agreement dated May\_\_, 1999 among TransCanada PipeLine USA Ltd., TC PipeLines, LP and TC PipeLines GP, Inc. (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated, the "Credit Agreement"). Capitalized terms used herein, and not otherwise defined herein, shall have the meanings attributed to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

This Compliance Certificate is delivered to the Lender pursuant to Section 6.01(e) of the Credit Agreement.

The undersigned, [name], [title] of the General Partner of the Borrower, hereby certifies that, as of the date of this Compliance Certificate:

- 1. I have made or caused to be made such investigations as are necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this Compliance Certificate.
- 2. To the best of my knowledge after due enquiry:
  - a) the consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, \_\_\_\_\_ provided to the Lender pursuant to the Credit Agreement were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Borrower as at the date thereof;
  - b) the representations and warranties made by the Borrower and the General Partner in Section 5.01 of the Credit Agreement are true and correct in all material respects, except as has heretofore been notified to the Lender by the Borrower in writing [or except as described in Schedule hereto]; and
  - c) the Borrower and the General Partner are in compliance in all respects with all covenants in the Credit Agreement except as has heretofore been notified to the Lender by the Borrower in writing [or except as described in Schedule hereto].
- 3. Except as has heretofore been notified to the Lender by the Borrower in writing [or except as described in Schedule hereto], to the best of my knowledge after due enquiry there are not

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pending or threatened, in writing, any (a) claims, complaints, notices or requests for information received from a Governmental Authority by the Borrower or the General Partner, or which any of them is otherwise aware, with respect to any alleged violation of or alleged liability under any applicable laws, which, if prosecuted, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (b) actions, suits or proceedings which, if adversely determined, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

I give this Compliance Certificate on behalf of the General Partner of the Borrower and in my capacity as the [title] of the Borrower, and no personal liability is created against or assumed by me in the giving of this Certificate.

	Dated at	, this	day of	<i>'</i>
Name:				
Title:				

TC PIPELINES GP, INC.

DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION PLAN

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# TC PIPELINES GP, INC. DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION PLAN

#### PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, TC PipeLines GP, Inc. (the "Company") desires to adopt the TC PipeLines GP, Inc. Directors' Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in order to promote the interests of the Company, which is the general partner of TC PipeLines, LP (the "MLP"), by aligning the interests of Directors (as defined below) with the interests of the unitholders of the MLP by increasing their equity interests in the MLP;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Company hereby adopts the Plan as set forth herein, effective as of July 19, 1999.

#### SECTION 1.

# DEFINITIONS

For purposes of the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

- 1.1 BOARD means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 1.2 COMMON UNIT means a common unit of the MLP.
- 1.3 COMPENSATION means the portion of a Director's annual retainer that is payable on the applicable date.
- 1.4 DIRECTOR means a member of the Board who is not also an employee of the Company or an affiliate thereof.

1.5 FAIR MARKET VALUE means, as applied to a specific date, the closing sale price of a Common Unit on the immediately preceding date as reported by THE WALL STREET JOURNAL for such date or, if no Common Units were traded on such date, on the next preceding date on which Common Units were so traded.

#### SECTION 2.

# ADMINISTRATION

2.1 ADMINISTRATION. The Plan shall be administered by the Board. The Board shall have the complete authority and power to interpret the Plan, prescribe, amend and rescind rules relating to its administration, determine a Participant's right to a payment and the amount of such payment, and to take all other actions necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan. All actions and decisions of the Board shall be final and binding upon all persons.

#### SECTION 3.

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

3.1 PARTICIPANTS. Each Director shall be a Participant.

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#### SECTION 4.

#### UNIT COMPENSATION

4.1 UNIT COMPENSATION. On the date that Compensation would otherwise be paid to a Director in cash, such Director shall receive 50% of such Compensation in Common Units. The number of Common Units to be paid to a Director shall be determined by dividing 50% of the Director's Compensation to be paid on such date by the Fair Market Value of a Common Unit on the applicable date, with any fractional unit paid in cash. Payment in Common Units may only be made by the Company with Common Units acquired in the open market, from another person, or units already owned by the Company, or any combination of the same. In no event, however, shall the Company acquire newly issued Common Units from the MLP to pay Compensation under this Plan.

#### SECTION 5.

# GENERAL PROVISIONS

- $5.1\,$  TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT. The Board may from time to time amend, suspend or terminate the Plan, in whole or in part.
- 5.2 COMPLIANCE WITH SECURITIES LAWS. It is the intention of the Company that, so long as any of the MLP's equity securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) or 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this Plan shall be operated in compliance with Section 16(b) thereof.
- $5.3\,$  APPLICABLE LAW. The Plan shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware.

# SUBSIDIARIES OF THE REGISTRANT

- 1. The Registrant holds a 98.9899% limited partner interest in TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership.
- 2. Through its interest in TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership, the Registrant holds a 30% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline Company.

THIS SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE BALANCE SHEET AND INCOME STATEMENT FOUND ON PAGE F-3 OF THIS PARTNERSHIP'S 1999 FORM 10-K, AND IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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