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February 18, 2014

Paul J. Bonavia Board Chair Dear Shareholder, (520) 571-4000

On December 11, 2013, UNS Energy Corporation, which we refer to as UNS Energy, entered into a merger agreement with FortisUS Inc., which we refer to as FortisUS, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Fortis Inc., which we refer to as Fortis. If the merger is completed, you will be entitled to receive \$60.25 in cash, without interest, for each share of our common stock that you own at the time of the merger.

I am pleased to invite you to a special meeting of shareholders of UNS Energy to vote on this transaction and related matters. The special meeting will be held at the offices of UNS Energy, 88 East Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona, on March 26, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Standard Time).

# A notice of the special meeting and the proxy statement for use in connection with the solicitation, by UNS Energy s board of directors, of proxies to be used at the special meeting are enclosed.

At the special meeting, you will be asked to consider and vote upon a proposal to adopt the merger agreement under which UNS Energy would be acquired by an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Fortis, the largest investor-owned distribution utility in Canada, and certain related matters.

After careful consideration, our board of directors has unanimously determined that the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are fair to and in the best interests of UNS Energy and its shareholders and unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the approval and adoption of the merger agreement and the related matters. See The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on page 48 of the proxy statement for a more detailed discussion of the interests of our directors and executive officers in the merger.

We believe that this transaction represents an outstanding opportunity for UNS Energy s shareholders. We have always believed strongly in UNS Energy and its business plan and had not considered UNS Energy to be for sale before Fortis approached us with its compelling offer. Once we looked at that offer, however, it became clear that there might never be a better time to consider a sale of the company.

The transaction with Fortis provides a unique opportunity for you, our shareholders, to obtain a very significant premium for your shares of UNS Energy.

The definitive merger agreement we have entered into with Fortis provides for a cash payment to you of \$60.25 per share. In addition, Fortis agreed that we are permitted to make dividend payments through the closing of the transaction. The \$60.25 per share merger consideration represents a 31.4% premium over the closing price of UNS Energy s common stock on the last trading session prior to the merger announcement and a 16.2% premium over the 52-week high closing price for UNS Energy s common stock as of the last trading session prior to the merger

announcement. This amount represents multiples of 9.0 times UNS Energy s then-projected 2014 EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) and 18.5 times UNS Energy s 2014 diluted earnings per share.

In addition to these benefits to our shareholders, the transaction also provides benefits for our customers, community and employees. As a significant majority of UNS Energy s revenues are derived from its regulated utility subsidiaries, these types of benefits are equally important to a successful transaction. Fortis has agreed that our headquarters will remain in Tucson, maintaining our ties with the community that we serve. Fortis also has a federation-style model that permits the utilities it owns to operate largely independently, meaning that little will change in our day-to-day services and operations. On a broader scale, however, our customers will benefit from our ability to learn and adopt Fortis best practices to improve services and, through Fortis, obtain enhanced access to capital to fund investments and technology improvements. Our employees will have access to new opportunities within the Fortis family and the benefit of Fortis commitments to maintain wages and benefits. Fortis has also committed to continuing our charitable and community outreach efforts following the completion of the merger.

Completion of the transaction is conditioned on, among other requirements, obtaining the approval of the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, neither of which will approve the transaction unless they believe it to be in the public interest. We will be working with both commissions over the coming months to obtain the necessary regulatory approvals. The completion of the transaction is also conditioned on the receipt of certain other governmental approvals.

Even with all of the above advantages, our board of directors worked to ensure that our merger agreement would not preclude an even better transaction partner from coming forward. As discussed in more detail in the attached proxy statement, after Fortis approached us, our board, with the help of its financial advisor, surveyed strategic alternatives and the possibility of alternative transaction partners. We concluded there were few, if any, other transaction partners that we believed would have interest in a transaction and the ability to consummate a transaction at an attractive price. Accordingly, under these circumstances, our board of directors determined to proceed with discussions with Fortis without putting UNS Energy up for sale, and thereby minimize the risk of premature leaks and potential disruption of our business. In any case, we ensured that the definitive merger agreement permits us to respond, prior to shareholder approval and with specified limitations, to unsolicited alternative proposals, and identifies procedures permitting us to terminate the Fortis merger agreement prior to shareholder approval and enter into an agreement for a superior proposal, subject to payment of a termination fee equal to 2.5% of the equity value of the Fortis transaction. Since December 11, 2013, when we announced the transaction, no party has approached us regarding an alternative transaction.

Based on the above factors and other factors described in the attached proxy statement, after careful consideration, our board of directors unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** the approval and adoption of the merger agreement and the related matters.

*Your vote is very important, regardless of the number of shares of common stock you own.* We cannot consummate the merger unless the merger agreement is approved by holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of UNS Energy common stock entitled to vote on the merger proposal.

Only holders of record of shares of UNS Energy common stock at the close of business on February 14, 2014, the record date for the special meeting, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, please complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy and return it promptly in the enclosed postage-paid return envelope, or give your proxy by telephone by calling the

toll-free number on your proxy card or by following the instructions on your proxy card to vote using the Internet. You may revoke the proxy at any time prior to its exercise at the special meeting in the manner described in the proxy statement accompanying this letter. Completing a proxy now will not prevent you from being able to vote at the special meeting by attending in person and casting a vote. Your vote in person at the special meeting will supersede any previously submitted proxy.

If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other holder of record, you must obtain a legal proxy, executed in your favor, from the holder of record to be able to vote at the special meeting.

If you fail to return your proxy or to attend the special meeting in person, your shares will not be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the special meeting and will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST the approval and adoption of the merger agreement.

The attached proxy statement provides you with detailed information about the special meeting, the merger agreement and the merger. A copy of the merger agreement is attached as Annex A to this document. We encourage you to read this document and the merger agreement carefully and in their entirety. You may also obtain more information about UNS Energy from documents we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul J. Bonavia

Paul J. Bonavia

Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities regulatory agency has approved or disapproved the merger, passed upon the merits or fairness of the merger or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of the disclosure in this proxy statement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This proxy statement is dated February 18, 2014 and is first being mailed to shareholders on or about February 21, 2014.

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# NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

# To Be Held on March 26, 2014

To the Shareholders of UNS Energy Corporation:

A special meeting of shareholders of UNS Energy Corporation, an Arizona corporation, which we refer to as UNS Energy, will be held at the offices of UNS Energy, 88 East Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona 85701, on March 26, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Standard Time) for the following purposes:

1. To consider and vote on a proposal to approve and adopt the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 11, 2013, by and among FortisUS Inc., a Delaware corporation, Color Acquisition Sub Inc., an Arizona corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of FortisUS Inc., which we refer to as Merger Sub, UNS Energy and, solely for the purposes of certain provisions thereof, Fortis Inc., a corporation existing under the Corporations Act of Newfoundland and Labrador, as it may be amended from time to time, pursuant to which Merger Sub will merge with and into UNS Energy, with UNS Energy continuing as the surviving corporation, which we refer to as the merger proposal.

2. To consider and cast an advisory, nonbinding vote to approve the compensation that may be paid or become payable to UNS Energy named executive officers that is based on or otherwise relates to the merger, discussed under the section entitled The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Quantification of Change of Control and Termination Payments and Benefits to the UNS Energy Named Executive Officers beginning on page 51, which we refer to as the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal.

3. To consider and vote on a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or time, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in the event there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof to adopt the merger agreement.

4. To act upon any other matters that may properly come before the special meeting.

The close of business on February 14, 2014 is the record date for the purpose of determining the shareholders who are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof. Each shareholder is entitled to one vote for each share of UNS Energy common stock held on the record date.

THE UNS ENERGY BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE MERGER AGREEMENT. UNS Energy cannot consummate the merger unless the merger agreement is approved by holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of UNS Energy common stock entitled to vote on the merger proposal.

In considering the recommendation of the UNS Energy board with respect to the proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement, you should be aware that our directors and executive officers may have interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of our shareholders generally. Our board of directors was aware of, and considered, these differing interests, to the extent such interests existed at the time, in evaluating and negotiating the merger agreement and the merger, and in unanimously recommending that the merger agreement be

adopted by the shareholders of UNS Energy. See The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on page 48 of this proxy statement for a more detailed discussion of these interests.

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALSO UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ADVISORY SAY-ON-MERGER-PAY PROPOSAL AND FOR THE PROPOSAL TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING, IF NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE, TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL PROXIES.

The attached proxy statement describes the proposed merger, the actions to be taken in connection with the merger and the merger-related compensation that may be provided to our named executive officers. A proxy for use at the meeting in the form accompanying this Notice is hereby solicited on behalf of the UNS Energy board of directors from holders of UNS Energy common stock.

Regardless of whether you plan to attend the special meeting in person, we request that you complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy or submit your proxy by telephone or the Internet prior to the special meeting to ensure that your shares will be represented at the special meeting. If you have Internet access, we encourage you to submit your proxy via the Internet. Properly executed proxy cards with no instructions indicated on the proxy card will be voted

**FOR** the approval and adoption of the merger agreement, **FOR** the approval of the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal and **FOR** the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies. If you attend the special meeting, you may revoke your proxy and vote in person if you wish, even if you have previously returned your proxy card. If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other holder of record, you must obtain a legal proxy, executed in your favor, from the holder of record to be able to vote at the special meeting. Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

# If you fail to return your proxy or to attend the special meeting in person, your shares will not be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the special meeting and will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST the approval and adoption of the merger agreement.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Linda H. Kennedy

Linda H. Kennedy

Corporate Secretary

February 18, 2014

Tucson, Arizona

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

This document incorporates important business and financial information about UNS Energy from documents that are not included in or delivered with this document. See Where You Can Find More Information on page 81. You can obtain documents incorporated by reference in this document by writing or telephoning us at:

UNS Energy Corporation 88 E. Broadway Boulevard Tucson, Arizona 85701 Attention: Investor Relations Telephone: (520) 884-3621

You will not be charged for any of these documents that you request. If you wish to request documents, you should do so by March 19, 2014 in order to receive them before the special meeting. You may also obtain UNS Energy s SEC filings through the Internet at www.sec.gov or www.UNS.com. This proxy statement and UNS Energy s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, along with UNS Energy s other SEC filings, are available at www.UNS.com by selecting Investors and then selecting SEC Filings and Financial Data.

For additional questions about the merger, assistance in submitting proxies or voting shares of UNS Energy common stock, or additional copies of the proxy statement or the enclosed proxy card, please contact our proxy solicitor:

D.F. King & Co., Inc.

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New York, New York 10005

Banks and Brokers call collect: (212) 269-5550

All others call toll-free: (800) 207-3158

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#### SUMMARY

The following summary highlights information in this proxy statement and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. Accordingly, we encourage you to read carefully this entire proxy statement, its annexes and the documents referred to in this proxy statement. In addition, this proxy statement incorporates by reference important business and financial information about UNS Energy Corporation. You may obtain the information incorporated by reference into this proxy statement without charge by following the instructions in Where You Can Find More Information on page 81. We sometimes make reference to UNS Energy Corporation and its subsidiaries in this proxy statement by using the terms UNS Energy, the Company, we, our or us. Each item in this summary includes a page reference directing you to a more complete description of the item in this proxy statement.

#### The Companies (Page 24)

*UNS Energy Corporation.* UNS Energy Corporation, an Arizona corporation that was organized in 1995 as UniSource Energy Corporation and subsequently changed its name to UNS Energy Corporation in 2012, is a utility services holding company headquartered in Tucson, Arizona and engaged, through its subsidiaries, in the electric generation and energy delivery business. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, which we refer to as the NYSE, under the symbol UNS. Our principal executive offices are located at 88 E. Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona 85701. Our telephone number is (520) 571-4000. UNS Energy s home page on the Internet is www.UNS.com. The information provided on UNS Energy s website is not part of this proxy statement and is not incorporated herein by reference.

*Fortis Inc.* Fortis Inc., which we refer to as Fortis, is a corporation existing under the Corporations Act of Newfoundland and Labrador. Fortis is the largest investor-owned gas and electric distribution utility in Canada, with assets totaling approximately \$16.8 billion as of December 31, 2013 (based on an exchange rate of 0.9401 US Dollars per Canadian Dollar as of December 31, 2013) and revenue totaling approximately \$3.9 billion for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 (based on an average exchange rate of 0.9709 US Dollars per Canadian Dollar for such fiscal year). Fortis serves more than 2.4 million gas and electricity customers. Its regulated holdings include electric utilities in five Canadian provinces and two Caribbean countries, a natural gas utility in British Columbia, Canada and an electric and gas utility in one U.S. state. Fortis owns non-regulated generation assets, primarily hydroelectric, across Canada and in Belize and Upper New York State, a petroleum supply operation in the Mid-Atlantic Region of the United States and hotels and commercial office and retail space in Canada. Fortis common stock is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol FTS. Fortis executive offices are located at The Fortis Building, Suite 1201, 139 Water Street, St. John s, Newfoundland and Labrador A1B 3T2, Canada, and its telephone number is (709) 737-2800.

*FortisUS Inc.* FortisUS Inc., which we refer to as FortisUS, is a Delaware corporation and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Fortis. FortisUS s executive offices are located at The Fortis Building, Suite 1201, 139 Water Street, St. John s, Newfoundland and Labrador A1B 3T2, Canada, and its telephone number is (709) 737-2800.

*Color Acquisition Sub Inc.*, which we refer to as Merger Sub, is an Arizona corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of FortisUS, which was formed solely for the purpose of facilitating FortisUS s acquisition of UNS Energy. Merger Sub has not carried on any activities to date, except for activities incidental to its formation and activities undertaken in connection with its acquisition of UNS Energy. Upon consummation of the proposed merger, Merger Sub will merge with and into UNS Energy and will cease to exist. Merger Sub s principal executive office s address is c/o The Fortis Building, Suite 1201, 139 Water Street, St. John s, Newfoundland and Labrador A1B 3T2, Canada, and its telephone number is (709) 737-2800.

# The Merger (Page 26)

The Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 11, 2013, which we refer to as the merger agreement, by and among FortisUS, Merger Sub, UNS Energy and, solely for the purposes of certain provisions thereof, Fortis, provides that subject to the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into UNS Energy, with UNS Energy continuing as the surviving corporation, which we refer to as the merger. As a result of the merger, UNS Energy will become an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Fortis. Upon completion of the proposed

merger, shares of UNS Energy common stock will no longer be listed on any stock exchange or quotation system. If the merger agreement is adopted and the merger is completed, each outstanding share of UNS Energy common stock (other than shares of UNS Energy common stock held by UNS Energy or its subsidiaries or by FortisUS, Fortis or Merger Sub, or any of their respective wholly-owned subsidiaries) will be converted into the right to receive \$60.25 in cash, without interest, less any applicable withholding taxes. The merger agreement is attached to this proxy statement as Annex A. We urge you to read carefully the merger agreement in its entirety as it is the legal document governing the merger.

# The Special Meeting (Page 18)

*Date, Time and Place.* The special meeting will be held at the offices of UNS Energy Corporation, 88 East Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona 85701, on March 26, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Standard Time).

*Purpose.* You will be asked to consider and vote upon (1) the approval and adoption of the merger agreement, (2) on an advisory, non-binding basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to UNS Energy s named executive officers that is based on or otherwise relates to the merger, which we refer to as the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal, (3) the adjournment of the special meeting to a later date, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement and (4) such other business as may properly come before the special meeting.

*Record Date and Quorum.* You are entitled to vote at the special meeting if you owned shares of UNS Energy common stock at the close of business on February 14, 2014, the record date for the special meeting. You will have one vote for each share of UNS Energy common stock that you owned on the record date. As of the record date, there were 41,633,535 shares of UNS Energy common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the special meeting. The presence at the special meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of 20,816,768 shares of UNS Energy common stock (a majority of UNS Energy outstanding common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting) constitutes a quorum for the purpose of considering the proposals. If you submit a properly executed proxy card, even if you abstain from voting, your shares of UNS Energy common stock will be counted for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the special meeting.

*Vote Required.* The approval and adoption of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of UNS Energy common stock entitled to vote on the merger proposal. The approval of the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by holders of shares of UNS Energy common stock present or represented by proxy at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon. If there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting, or any adjournment or postponement thereof, to adopt the merger agreement, then UNS Energy may seek to adjourn or postpone the special meeting one or more times (provided that the special meeting is not postponed or adjourned to a date that is later than 30 calendar days after the date for the originally scheduled special meeting). The approval of a proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies, whether or not a quorum is present, would require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the shares of UNS Energy common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the special meeting and entitled to vote on the matter.

*Effect of Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes on Voting.* Abstentions and shares not represented at the special meeting and not voted in person or by proxy will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** the proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement. Abstentions and shares not represented at the special meeting and not voted in person or by proxy will have no effect on the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote

**AGAINST** the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, but shares not represented at the special meeting and not voted in person or by proxy will have no effect on the proposal to adjourn the special meeting,

if necessary or appropriate. Because brokers or banks holding shares of UNS Energy common stock in street name may vote your shares of UNS Energy common stock on the adoption of the merger agreement, the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal, or adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, only if you provide instructions on how to vote, your failure to provide instructions will result in your shares not being present at the meeting and not being voted on those proposals. It is very important that ALL of our shareholders vote their shares of UNS

Energy common stock, so please promptly complete and return the enclosed proxy card or submit your proxy by telephone or via the Internet.

*How to Vote.* After carefully reading and considering the information contained in this proxy statement, we urge you to vote your shares as soon as possible so that your shares are represented at the special meeting. You have a choice of voting by proxy over the Internet, by using a toll-free telephone number or by completing a proxy card and mailing it in the postage-paid envelope provided. Please refer to your proxy card or the information forwarded by your bank, broker or other holder of record to see which options are available to you. Please be aware that if you vote over the Internet, you may incur costs such as telephone and Internet access charges for which you will be responsible. The Internet and telephone voting facilities for shareholders of record will close at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on March 25, 2014. You can also vote in person at the meeting, but we encourage you to submit your proxy card promptly in any event. If a bank or broker holds your shares, you may be able to vote by telephone or via the Internet if the bank or broker offers these options. Please follow the instructions you receive from your bank or broker. Unless you specify to the contrary on your proxy card, all of your shares represented by valid proxies to vote, in their discretion, on the postponement or adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary. The persons named as proxies will not have the discretion to vote in favor of any postponement or adjournment as to any shares of our common stock that have been voted against the merger proposal.

**IF YOU HOLD YOUR SHARES IN CERTIFICATED FORM, PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN YOUR STOCK CERTIFICATES WITH YOUR PROXY CARD.** If the merger is completed, a separate letter of transmittal will be mailed to you that will enable you to exchange your stock certificates or surrender your book-entry shares for the merger consideration.

*Revocation of Proxies*. Any proxy given by a UNS Energy shareholder may be revoked at any time before it is voted at the special meeting by doing any of the following:

if a proxy was submitted by telephone or the Internet, by submitting another proxy by telephone or the Internet in accordance with the instructions on the proxy card;

by delivering to UNS Energy s Corporate Secretary a signed written notice of revocation bearing a date later than the date of the proxy, stating that the proxy is revoked;

by submitting a later-dated proxy card relating to the same shares of UNS Energy common stock; or

by attending the special meeting and voting in person (a UNS Energy shareholder s attendance at the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy; the shareholder must vote in person at the meeting).

Street name holders of UNS Energy common stock should contact their brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee to obtain instructions as to how to change or revoke their proxies.

#### **Recommendation of the UNS Energy Board (Page 35)**

The UNS Energy board of directors, which we refer to as the UNS Energy board, unanimously determined that the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are fair to and in the best interests of UNS Energy and its shareholders. The UNS Energy board unanimously recommends that UNS Energy shareholders vote

**FOR** the approval and adoption of the merger agreement, **FOR** the approval of the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal and **FOR** the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies.

You should read The Merger Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the UNS Energy Board, beginning on page 35, for a more detailed discussion of the factors that the UNS Energy board considered in deciding to recommend the approval and adoption of the merger agreement and approval of the merger. See The Merger

Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on page 48 of the proxy statement for a more detailed discussion of the interests of our directors and executive officers in the merger.

# Opinion of Lazard Frères & Co. LLC (Page 37)

On December 11, 2013, our financial advisor, Lazard Frères & Co. LLC, which we refer to in this proxy statement as Lazard, rendered its written opinion, consistent with its oral opinion rendered on the same date, to our board of directors that, as of such date, and based upon and subject to the assumptions, procedures, factors, qualifications and limitations set forth therein, the merger consideration of \$60.25 in cash per share of outstanding UNS Energy common stock to be paid to holders of such UNS Energy common stock (other than to (i) UNS Energy (as the holder of treasury shares) or any of the subsidiaries of UNS Energy and (ii) Fortis, FortisUS, Merger Sub or any of their respective wholly-owned subsidiaries, which are collectively referred to in this discussion as excluded holders ) in the merger was fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders.

The full text of Lazard s written opinion, dated December 11, 2013, which sets forth the assumptions made, procedures followed, factors considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by Lazard in connection with its opinion, is attached to this proxy statement as Annex B and is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. The foregoing summary of Lazard s opinion is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the opinion. You are encouraged to read Lazard s opinion, this section and the summary of Lazard s opinion below carefully and in their entirety. Lazard s engagement and its opinion were for the benefit of our board of directors (in its capacity as such), and Lazard s opinion was rendered to our board of directors in connection with its evaluation of the merger and addressed only the fairness as of the date of the opinion, from a financial point of view, to holders of UNS Energy common stock (other than the excluded holders) of the consideration to be paid to such holders in the merger. Lazard s opinion was not intended to, and does not, constitute a recommendation to any shareholder as to how such shareholder should vote or act with respect to the merger or any matter relating thereto.

For a further discussion of Lazard s opinion, see The Merger Opinion of Lazard Frères & Co. LLC beginning on page 37.

# Treatment of Options, Restricted Shares and Other Equity Awards (Page 62)

*Stock Options*. Immediately prior to the closing of the merger, each outstanding option to acquire UNS Energy common stock that remains outstanding as of the closing of the merger will be cancelled in exchange for the right to receive a cash payment equal to the number of shares of UNS Energy common stock underlying the option multiplied by the amount by which the per share merger consideration exceeds the applicable exercise price of the option, less any applicable withholding taxes.

*Equity-Based Awards Other than Options.* Immediately prior to the closing of the merger, each restricted share, restricted stock unit, performance share and other share-based award (all of which we refer to as other equity-based awards) that is not subject to performance criteria will vest in full and be cancelled and converted into a right to receive a cash payment equal to the number of shares of UNS Energy common stock subject to the award multiplied by the per share merger consideration less any applicable withholding taxes. Other equity-based awards subject to performance criteria will vest based on target or actual performance levels (with any expenses or costs arising in connection with the merger or any non-recurring charges that would not reasonably be expected to have been incurred had the merger not occurred excluded in determining the level of attainment), whichever results in a higher number of shares, and be cancelled for a cash payment equal to the number of shares of UNS Energy common stock that vest in respect of such other equity-based award multiplied by the per share merger consideration be availed to the number of shares of unstant.

# Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger (Page 53)

In general, the receipt of cash in exchange for shares of UNS Energy common stock pursuant to the merger will be a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Holders of UNS Energy common stock should consult their tax advisors about the tax consequences to them of the exchange of shares of UNS Energy common stock for cash pursuant to the merger in light of their particular circumstances.

#### Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger (Page 48)

When considering the recommendation of the UNS Energy board with respect to the proposed transactions, you should be aware that UNS Energy s executive officers and directors may have interests in the proposed transactions that are different from, or in addition to, those of UNS Energy s shareholders more generally. These interests may present such executive officers and directors with actual or potential conflicts of interest. The UNS Energy board was aware of these interests during its deliberations on the merits of the proposed transactions and in deciding to recommend that you vote for the adoption of the merger agreement and approval of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement at the special meeting. These interests include:

The automatic vesting and conversion upon the consummation of the merger of outstanding options to purchase shares of UNS Energy common stock and other equity-based awards into the right to receive (i) in the case of each option, an amount in cash equal to the product of (x) the number of shares of UNS Energy common stock subject to the option and (y) the amount by which the per share merger consideration exceeds the exercise price per share of such option, and (ii) in the case of each other equity-based award, an amount in cash equal to the product of the number of shares of UNS Energy common stock subject to such award and the per share merger consideration, with the number of shares earned in respect of performance-vesting awards determined assuming target level of attainment or based on actual attainment of the applicable performance conditions as of the end of the quarter immediately preceding the consummation of the merger, whichever results in a greater number of shares, without proration (with any expenses or costs arising in connection with the merger or any non-recurring charges that would not reasonably be expected to have been incurred had the merger not occurred excluded in determining the level of attainment).

All of our current executive officers, including those who are our named executive officers (except for one of our named executive officers who would have been one of our three other most highly compensated executive officers, but left the Company in September 2013), have change of control agreements with us that, in the event of a termination of such executive officer s employment without cause or a resignation of such executive officer for good reason, in each case within two years following (or, under certain circumstances, in anticipation of) the merger, provide such executive officers with, subject to their execution of a release of claims against us and compliance with certain restrictive covenants set forth in their respective agreements, certain compensation and benefits, including (i) cash severance, (ii) payment of an amount in cash equal to the average annual payment granted to the executive pursuant to the short-term incentive compensation plan for the three years prior to the calendar year in which the executive s termination occurs, (iii) payment of a pro-rated amount in respect of the bonus granted to the executive for the year in which the termination occurs, (iv) continuation of healthcare and welfare benefits, and (v) any unpaid amounts due to the executive pursuant to the short-term incentive compensation plan. No excise tax gross-ups are provided; rather, severance payments and other benefits to named executive officers in excess of the safe harbor amount would be cut back to the safe harbor amount if the executive would, on an after-tax basis, receive greater payments and benefits after such cutback than if such executive s payments and benefits had not been reduced and had been subject to the excise tax under Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code, which we refer to as the Code.

Four of the eleven members of UNS Energy s board of directors designated by UNS Energy and acceptable to FortisUS, including our Chief Executive Officer, may remain on the board of directors of UNS Energy following the merger and will not be removed, except for cause, until at least the second anniversary of the closing date of the merger. It is also expected that UNS Energy s executive officers will remain executive officers of UNS Energy following the merger.

For a more detailed discussion of these interests, see The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on page 48.

#### **Beneficial Ownership (Page 78)**

As of February 14, 2014, the directors and executive officers of UNS Energy beneficially owned in the aggregate 308,909 shares of UNS Energy common stock (excluding options not exercised as of February 14, 2014) or approximately 0.7% of UNS Energy s outstanding common stock. We currently expect that each of these individuals will vote all of his or her shares of UNS Energy common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting in favor of each of the proposals.

# **Financing Arrangement (Page 58)**

Fortis has committed to provide the capital to fund the entire purchase price of UNS Energy, including the payment of UNS Energy s merger related fees and expenses. Fortis expects to fund the acquisition of UNS Energy using the Cdn\$2.0 billion (\$1.89 billion) non-revolving term acquisition credit facilities obtained on December 11, 2013 pursuant to a commitment letter from The Bank of Nova Scotia, an affiliate of Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., which we refer to as Scotiabank, financial advisor to Fortis in connection with the merger. Such credit facilities consist of a Cdn\$1.7 billion (\$1.6 billion) short-term bridge facility and a Cdn\$300 million (\$283 million) medium-term bridge facility. Such US Dollar values are based on an exchange rate of 0.9430 US Dollars per Canadian Dollar as of December 11, 2013. Fortis also expects to use its existing Cdn\$1.0 billion (\$940 million) committed revolving corporate credit facility (under which it has agreed to maintain availability of not less than Cdn\$600 million (\$564 million)). Such US Dollar values are based on an exchange rate of 0.9401 US Dollars per Canadian Dollar as of December 31, 2013. In connection with the acquisition, Fortis issued and sold on January 9, 2014 an aggregate Cdn\$1.8 billion (\$1.66 billion) principal amount of convertible unsecured subordinated debentures represented by instalment receipts. Fortis will apply the net proceeds of the final instalment, expected to be an aggregate of Cdn\$1.1646 billion (\$1.0734 billion), to repay amounts borrowed under the acquisition credit facilities and for other acquisition-related expenses. The acquisition will be financed on a long-term basis consistent with the commitment of Fortis to maintain its A- credit rating. The merger is not conditioned on Fortis obtaining financing on any particular terms or at all. Such US Dollar values are based on an exchange rate of 0.9217 US Dollars per Canadian Dollar as of January 9, 2014.

#### No Dissenters Rights (Page 75)

Pursuant to Section 10-1302(D) of the Arizona Business Corporation Act, which we refer to as the ABCA, UNS Energy s shareholders will not be entitled to exercise dissenters rights if the merger is adopted and consummated because our common stock was listed on the NYSE on the record date.

#### **Conditions to the Merger (Page 73)**

*Conditions to Each Party s Obligations*. Each party s obligation to consummate the merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following mutual conditions:

adoption of the merger agreement by the shareholders of UNS Energy;

absence of any order, decree, judgment, injunction or other ruling by any governmental entity that prevents or prohibits the consummation of the merger;

the obtaining of required governmental approvals, including that of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Arizona Corporation Commission, without any conditions that would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a regulatory burdensome effect, which means (x) any divestiture or other undertaking or (y) proposing, accepting or entering into any consent decree, hold separate order or operational restriction, in each case, that would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of (a) the surviving corporation and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (b) Fortis and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, following the merger, provided that Fortis and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, shall be deemed to be 100% of the size and scale of the surviving corporation and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; and

the receipt of written confirmation from the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States that there are no unresolved national security concerns with respect to the merger.

*Conditions to UNS Energy s Obligations*. The obligation of UNS Energy to consummate the merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of further conditions, including:

the representations and warranties of FortisUS and Merger Sub must be true and correct, subject to specified materiality qualifications;

FortisUS s and Merger Sub s performance in all material respects of and compliance in all material respects with all of their agreements and covenants under the merger agreement; and

the approval of the Arizona Corporation Commission shall have been obtained on terms and conditions that do not have the effect of reducing the merger consideration to be received by UNS Energy s shareholders.

*Conditions to FortisUS s and Merger Sub s Obligations.* The obligation of FortisUS and Merger Sub to consummate the merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of further conditions, including:

the representations and warranties of UNS Energy must be true and correct, subject to specified materiality qualifications;

UNS Energy s performance in all material respects of and compliance in all material respects with all of its obligations and covenants under the merger agreement; and

there not having occurred since the date of the merger agreement any material adverse effect or any undisclosed changes, events or occurrences that have had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on UNS Energy.

# **Termination of the Merger Agreement (Page 74)**

UNS Energy and FortisUS may terminate the merger agreement by mutual written consent at any time before the consummation of the merger. In addition, with certain exceptions, either FortisUS or UNS Energy may terminate the merger agreement at any time before the consummation of the merger if:

the merger has not been completed on or before December 11, 2014 (which we refer to as the outside date), which may be extended to June 11, 2015, or beyond in certain cases related to governmental approvals;

the approval of the merger shall not have been obtained at the special meeting;

any court of competent jurisdiction or other governmental entity shall have issued a final and non-appealable order or injunction or otherwise permanently enjoined, restrained or prohibited the merger; or

the other party has breached or failed to perform its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in the merger agreement, subject to certain materiality standards and cure periods.

UNS Energy may also terminate the merger agreement prior to obtaining shareholder approval to enter into a transaction with respect to a superior proposal after following the procedures set forth in the merger agreement as described in more detail in The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement beginning on page 74 and payment of a termination fee of \$63.9 million.

FortisUS may also terminate the merger agreement prior to obtaining UNS Energy shareholder approval if the UNS Energy board changes its recommendation of the merger or UNS Energy enters into a definitive agreement with respect to a superior proposal.

# **Termination Fee (Page 75)**

UNS Energy has agreed to pay FortisUS a termination fee of \$63.9 million if FortisUS terminates the agreement because the UNS Energy board has changed its recommendation in favor of the merger, or UNS Energy or FortisUS terminates the agreement because UNS Energy enters into a definitive agreement with respect to a superior proposal.

UNS Energy will be obligated to reimburse up to \$12.5 million of FortisUS s expenses if (i) FortisUS or UNS Energy terminates the merger agreement because the merger has not been completed by the outside date or because the approval of UNS Energy shareholders was not obtained at the special meeting or FortisUS terminates the merger agreement based on a breach of the merger agreement by UNS Energy, and (ii) a competing proposal has been made or publicly disclosed and not withdrawn prior to the termination of the merger agreement, the special meeting, or the breach giving rise to FortisUS s right to terminate the agreement, respectively. In addition, if within 12 months after such termination, a definitive agreement providing for an acquisition transaction is entered into, or an acquisition transaction is consummated by UNS Energy with, any third party making or publicly disclosing, and in each case, not withdrawing, an acquisition proposal prior to such termination, the special meeting, or the breach giving rise to FortisUS s right to terminate, respectively. UNS Energy will be obligated to pay FortisUS a termination fee of \$63.9 million (less any expense reimbursement previously paid). In no event will more than one termination fee be payable.

# No Solicitation (Page 68)

From and after the date of the merger agreement until the date, if any, on which the merger agreement is terminated, UNS Energy has agreed not to, and not permit or authorize its directors, officers, or employees to, and to instruct its representatives not to, directly or indirectly initiate, solicit or knowingly encourage or facilitate the submission of any acquisition proposal, or, subject to certain exceptions with respect to responding to an unsolicited acquisition proposal that constitutes or is reasonably likely to lead to a superior proposal, participate in any discussions or negotiations with respect to any acquisition proposal or that could reasonably be expected to lead to an acquisition proposal. As discussed above, UNS Energy may terminate the merger agreement prior to obtaining shareholder approval to enter into a transaction with respect to a superior proposal after following the procedures set forth in the merger agreement as described in more detail in The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement beginning on page 74 and payment of a termination fee of \$63.9 million.

# **Regulatory Approvals (Page 55)**

The consummation of the merger will require obtaining approvals, consents or waivers from, or making filings with, a number of United States federal and state public utility, antitrust and other regulatory authorities including (i) the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission pursuant to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, (ii) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Federal Power Act, (iii) the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States pursuant to the Exon-Florio Amendment to the Defense Production Act, and (iv) the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Although we believe that we will receive the required consents and approvals necessary to complete the merger, there can be no assurance as to the timing of these consents and approvals or as to our ultimate ability to obtain such consents or approvals (or any additional required consents or approvals that may otherwise become necessary) or that

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such consents or approvals will be obtained on terms and subject to conditions satisfactory to us and FortisUS. FortisUS is required to use its reasonable best efforts to take all actions as may be necessary to avoid or eliminate any impediment so as to close the merger before the outside date, but it is not required to agree to divestitures or hold separate orders, or accept operational restrictions that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operation of (i) the surviving corporation

and its subsidiaries combined or (ii) Fortis and its subsidiaries combined after giving effect to the merger (calculated as if Fortis and its subsidiaries were the same size and scale as the surviving corporation and its subsidiaries).

#### **Current Market Price of UNS Energy Common Stock (Page 76)**

The closing sale price of UNS Energy common stock on the NYSE on February 14, 2014 was \$60.21. You are encouraged to obtain current market quotations for UNS Energy common stock in connection with voting your shares.

#### Certain Litigation Related to the Merger (Page 58)

Five putative shareholder class action lawsuits challenging the merger have been filed, four in the Superior Court of Pima County, Arizona: (i) *Phillip Malenovshy v. UNS Energy Corporation, et al.* (Case No. C20136942); (ii) *Paul Parshall v. UNS Energy Corporation, et al.* (Case No. C20136943); (iii) *Hillary Kramer v. Paul J. Bonavia, et al.* (Case No. C2014-0026); and (iv) *Vandermeer Trust U/A DTD 03/11/1997 v. UNS Energy Corporation, et al.* (Case No. C2014-0107); and one in federal court in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona: *Milton Pfeiffer v. Paul J. Bonavia, et al.* (Case No. 4:13-CV-02619-JGZ).

The lawsuits generally allege, among other things, that the directors of UNS Energy breached their fiduciary duties to shareholders of UNS Energy purportedly by agreeing to a transaction pursuant to an inadequate process and for failing to obtain the highest value for UNS Energy shareholders. The *Malenovshy* lawsuit and the, *Vandermeer Trust and Pfeiffer* complaints, as amended, allege further that the directors of UNS Energy breached their fiduciary duties purportedly by failing to disclose certain material information concerning the transaction and by benefitting themselves at the expense of shareholders. All of the lawsuits claim that the Fortis entities aided and abetted the directors of UNS Energy in their alleged breach of their fiduciary duties. In addition, the *Malenovshy, Kramer, Vandermeer Trust, and Pfeiffer* lawsuits allege that UNS Energy aided and abetted the directors of UNS Energy in their fiduciary duties. The *Pfeiffer* lawsuit was amended to include causes of action against UNS Energy and its directors for allegedly violating Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 14a-9 promulgated thereunder, as well as Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act and Section 10-830 of the Arizona Revised Statute, and the cause of action for aiding and abetting was expanded to include a claim against UNS Energy.

The lawsuits seek, in general, and among other things, (i) injunctive relief enjoining the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, (ii) rescission or an award of rescissory damages in the event a merger is consummated, (iii) an award of plaintiffs costs including reasonable attorneys and experts fees, (iv) an accounting by the defendants to plaintiffs for all damages caused by the defendants, and (v) such further relief as the court deems just and proper. The *Vandermeer Trust* lawsuit also requests that the court direct the defendants to disclose all material information concerning the transaction.

These lawsuits are at a preliminary stage. In the cases pending in the state court of Arizona, two plaintiffs, Vandermeer Trust and Malenovshy, have filed competing motions to consolidate the case and appoint lead counsel. UNS Energy, its directors and the other defendants believe that these lawsuits are without merit and intend to defend against them vigorously.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER AND THE SPECIAL MEETING

The following questions and answers address briefly some questions you may have regarding the special meeting and the proposed merger. These questions and answers may not address all questions that may be important to you as a holder of shares of UNS Energy common stock. For important additional information, please refer to the more detailed discussion contained elsewhere in this proxy statement, the annexes to this proxy statement and the documents referred to in this proxy statement.

#### **Q:** When and where will the special meeting of shareholders be held?

A: The special meeting of UNS Energy shareholders will be held at the offices of UNS Energy, 88 East Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona 85701, on March 26, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Standard Time). See The Special Meeting beginning on page 18.

#### **Q:** When is the merger expected to be completed?

A: We and FortisUS are working toward completing the merger as quickly as possible. We and FortisUS expect to complete the merger promptly after we receive approval by our shareholders at the special meeting and receive all necessary regulatory approvals. We currently anticipate that the merger will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2014. See The Merger Agreement Conditions to the Merger beginning on page 73.

#### **Q:** What are the proposals that will be voted on at the special meeting?

A: You will be asked to consider and vote upon (1) the approval and adoption of the merger agreement, (2) the approval of the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal, as described in the section of the proxy statement entitled The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Quantification of Change of Control and Termination Payments and Benefits to the UNS Energy Named Executive Officers beginning on page 51, (3) the adjournment of the special meeting to a later date, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting, and (4) such other business as may properly come before the special meeting.

#### **Q:** What will a UNS Energy shareholder receive when the merger occurs?

A: For every share of UNS Energy common stock held at the time of the merger, UNS Energy shareholders will be entitled to receive \$60.25 in cash, without interest, less any applicable withholding taxes. We refer to this amount in this proxy statement as the per share merger consideration.

# What will happen in the merger to stock options and other equity-based awards that have been granted to employees, officers and directors of UNS Energy?

A: Stock options and other equity-based awards that have been granted to employees, officers and directors of UNS Energy will be treated as follows:

*Stock Options*. Immediately prior to the closing of the merger, each outstanding option to acquire UNS Energy common stock will be cancelled in exchange for the right to receive a cash payment equal to the number of shares of UNS Energy common stock underlying the option multiplied by the amount by which the per share merger consideration exceeds the applicable exercise price of the option, less any applicable withholding taxes.

*Equity-Based Awards Other than Options.* Immediately prior to the closing of the merger, other equity-based awards that are not subject to performance criteria will vest in full and be cancelled and converted into a right to receive a cash payment equal to the number of shares of UNS Energy common stock subject to the award multiplied by the per share merger consideration, less any applicable withholding taxes.

Other equity-based awards subject to performance criteria will vest based on target or actual performance levels (with any expenses or costs arising in connection with the merger or any non-recurring charges that would not reasonably be expected to have been incurred had the merger not occurred excluded in determining the level of attainment), whichever results in a higher number of shares, and be cancelled for a cash payment equal to the number of shares of UNS Energy common stock subject to such other equity-based award multiplied by the per share merger consideration, less any applicable withholding taxes.

# **Q:** Who is entitled to attend and vote at the special meeting?

A: The record date for the special meeting is February 14, 2014. If you owned shares of UNS Energy common stock as of the close of business on the record date, you are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the special meeting. As of the record date, there were 41,633,535 shares of UNS Energy common stock issued and outstanding.

# **Q:** Do I need to attend the special meeting in person?

A: No. It is not necessary for you to attend the special meeting in person in order to vote your shares.

#### **Q:** What vote of our shareholders is required to approve and adopt the merger agreement?

A: Under Arizona law, the approval and adoption of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of UNS Energy common stock entitled to vote on the merger proposal. If a UNS Energy shareholder does not vote in person or by proxy, it will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** the adoption of the merger agreement.

#### **Q:** What vote of our shareholders is required to approve the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal?

- A: The approval of the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by holders of shares of UNS Energy common stock present or represented by proxy at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon. If a UNS Energy shareholder does not vote in person or by proxy, it will have no effect on the outcome of any vote on the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal. Because the vote is advisory only, if the proposal does not receive the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast by holders of shares of UNS Energy common stock, the failure to obtain such vote would not be binding on UNS Energy.
- **Q:** What vote of our shareholders is required to adopt the proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later time, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies?

A:

Whether or not a quorum is present, a proposal to approve an adjournment of the special meeting to a later time, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies requires the affirmative vote of at least a majority of shares of UNS Energy common stock represented in person or by proxy at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon. If a UNS Energy shareholder does not vote in person or by proxy, it will have no effect on the outcome of any vote to adjourn the special meeting.

# Q: Why am I being asked to consider and cast an advisory, nonbinding vote to approve the compensation that may be paid or become payable to UNS Energy s named executive officers that is based on or otherwise relates to the merger?

A: In July 2010, the SEC adopted rules that require companies to seek a non-binding, advisory vote to approve certain compensation that may be paid or become payable to their named executive officers that is based on or otherwise relates to the proposed merger (such payments referred to as change of control payments). See Proposals to be Considered at the Special Meeting Item 2 Advisory Vote Regarding Certain Executive Compensation.

#### Q: What will happen if UNS Energy shareholders do not approve the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal?

A: The vote to approve the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal is a vote separate and apart from the vote to adopt the merger agreement. Accordingly, you may vote in favor of Item 2 and not in favor of Item 1, or vice versa. Approval of the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal is not a condition to consummation of the merger, and it is advisory in nature only, meaning it will not be binding on either UNS Energy or FortisUS. Accordingly, to the extent that UNS Energy is contractually obligated to pay the merger-related compensation, if the proposed transaction with FortisUS is completed, such compensation will be payable, subject only to the conditions applicable to such compensation payments, regardless of the outcome of the advisory vote.

#### **Q:** How does the UNS Energy board recommend that I vote on the proposals?

A: The UNS Energy board has unanimously determined that the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are fair to and in the best interests of UNS Energy and the UNS Energy shareholders and unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** the proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement and **FOR** the approval of the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal, as described in the section entitled The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Change of Control and Termination Benefits Under UNS Energy Plans. You should read the section entitled The Merger Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the UNS Energy Board beginning on page 35. The UNS Energy board also recommends that you vote **FOR** the adoption of the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate to solicit additional proxies to facilitate the adoption of the merger agreement.

# **Q:** Do any of UNS Energy s directors or officers have interests in the merger that may differ from those of UNS Energy shareholders?

A: Yes. In considering the recommendation of the UNS Energy board with respect to the proposal to adopt the merger agreement, you should be aware that our directors and executive officers may have interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of our shareholders generally. Our board of directors was aware of, and considered, these differing interests, to the extent such interests existed at the time, in evaluating and negotiating the merger agreement and the merger, and in unanimously recommending that the merger agreement be adopted by the shareholders of UNS Energy. See The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on page 48 of this proxy statement for a more detailed discussion of these interests.

# **Q:** How are votes counted?

A: Votes will be counted by the inspector of election appointed for the special meeting, who will separately count FOR and AGAINST votes and abstentions. Because under Arizona law the adoption of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of UNS Energy common stock entitled to vote on the merger proposal, the failure to vote in person or by proxy, or the abstention from voting, will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST the adoption of the merger agreement. Because the approval of the

advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by holders of shares of UNS Energy common stock present or represented by proxy at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon, abstentions and shares not represented at the special meeting in person or by proxy will have no effect on the proposal. Because the adoption of a proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies, requires the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the shares of UNS Energy common stock represented in person or by proxy at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon, abstentions will count as a vote **AGAINST** such proposal, but the failure to vote your shares in person or by proxy will have no effect on the outcome of the proposal.

#### **Q:** What do I need to do now?

A: After carefully reading and considering the information contained in this proxy statement, including the annexes and the other documents referred to in this proxy statement, please vote your shares in one of the

ways described below. You have one vote for each share of UNS Energy common stock you own as of the record date.

#### Q: How do I vote if I am a shareholder of record?

A: You may vote by:

submitting your proxy by using the Internet voting instructions printed on each proxy card you receive;

submitting your proxy by using the telephone number printed on each proxy card you receive;

submitting your proxy by completing, signing and dating each proxy card you receive and returning it in the enclosed prepaid envelope; or

by appearing in person at the special meeting and voting by ballot. If you are submitting your proxy by telephone or via the Internet, your voting instructions must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, on March 25, 2014.

Submitting your proxy via the Internet, by telephone or by mailing in your proxy card will not prevent you from voting in person at the special meeting. You are encouraged to submit a proxy by mail, via the Internet or by telephone even if you plan to attend the special meeting in person to ensure that your shares of UNS Energy common stock are represented at the special meeting.

If you return your signed proxy card, but do not mark the boxes showing how you wish to vote, your shares will be voted **FOR** the proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement, **FOR** the approval of the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal and **FOR** the adoption of the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies.

# Q: How do I vote if my shares of UNS Energy common stock are held by my brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee?

A: If your shares of UNS Energy common stock are held in a brokerage account or by another nominee, such as a bank or trust, then the brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee is considered to be the shareholder of record with respect to those shares. However, you still are considered to be the beneficial owner of those shares of UNS Energy common stock, with your shares being held in street name. Street name holders generally cannot vote their shares directly and must instead instruct the brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee how to vote their shares. Your brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee will only be permitted to vote your shares of UNS Energy common stock for you at the special meeting if you instruct it how to vote. Therefore, it is important that you promptly follow the directions provided by your brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee regarding how

to instruct them to vote your shares. If you wish to vote in person at the special meeting, you must bring a proxy from your brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee authorizing you to vote at the special meeting. In addition, because any shares of UNS Energy common stock you may hold in street name will be deemed to be held by a different shareholder than any shares you hold of record, shares held in street name will not be combined for voting purposes with shares you hold of record. To be sure your shares of UNS Energy common stock held in street name are voted, you should instruct your brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee to vote your shares. Shares of UNS Energy common stock held by a corporation or business entity must be voted by an authorized officer of the entity.

#### Q: What if I fail to instruct my brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee how to vote?

A: Your brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee will not be able to vote your shares of UNS Energy common stock unless you have properly instructed your nominee on how to vote. Because the approval and adoption of the merger agreement requires an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of UNS Energy common stock, the failure to provide your nominee with voting instructions will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST the proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement. The failure to instruct your broker or other nominee with voting instructions on how to vote your shares will have no effect on the approval of the other proposals to be voted on at the special meeting.

#### **Q:** What constitutes a quorum for the special meeting?

A: The presence, in person or by proxy, of shareholders representing a majority of the shares of UNS Energy common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting will constitute a quorum for the special meeting. All shares of UNS Energy common stock held by shareholders that are present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the special meeting, regardless of how such shares are voted or whether such shareholders abstain from voting, will be counted in determining the presence of a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, the special meeting may be adjourned.

#### **Q:** What does it mean if I receive more than one proxy?

A: If you receive more than one proxy, it means that you hold shares of UNS Energy common stock that are registered in more than one account. For example, if you own your shares in various registered forms, such as jointly with your spouse, as trustee of a trust or as custodian for a minor, you will receive, and you will need to sign and return, a separate proxy card for those shares because they are held in a different form of record ownership. Therefore, to ensure that all of your shares are voted, you will need to sign and return each proxy card you receive by mail or submit your proxy by telephone or via the Internet by using the different control number(s) on each proxy card.

#### Q: May I change my vote after I have delivered my proxy?

A: Yes. If you are the shareholder of record of UNS Energy common stock, you have the right to change or revoke your proxy at any time prior to it being voted at the special meeting:

if you submitted your proxy by telephone or the Internet, by submitting another proxy by telephone or the Internet in accordance with the instructions on the proxy card;

by delivering to UNS Energy s Corporate Secretary a signed written notice of revocation bearing a date later than the date of the proxy, stating that the proxy is revoked;

by submitting a later-dated proxy card relating to the same shares of UNS Energy common stock; or

by attending the special meeting and voting in person (your attendance at the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy; you must vote in person at the meeting).

Written notices of revocation and other communications with respect to the revocation of any proxies should be addressed to:

Corporate Secretary

UNS Energy Corporation

88 East Broadway Boulevard

HQE901

Tucson, Arizona 85701

If you are a street name holder of UNS Energy common stock, you should contact your brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee to obtain instructions as to how to change or revoke your proxy.

#### Q: Should I send in my stock certificates now?

A: No. After the merger is completed, you will be sent a letter of transmittal with detailed written instructions for exchanging your shares of UNS Energy common stock for the per share merger consideration. If your shares of UNS Energy common stock are held in street name by your brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee, you will receive instructions from your brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee as to how to effect the surrender of your street name shares in exchange for the merger consideration. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN YOUR STOCK CERTIFICATES NOW.** 

#### Q: Should I send in my stock options, restricted stock units, and/or deferred stock units now?

A: No. After the merger is completed, your stock options, restricted stock units and/or deferred stock units will either be automatically exchanged for the applicable merger consideration, or you will receive further instructions for such exchange. PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN YOUR STOCK OPTIONS, RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS AND/OR DEFERRED STOCK UNITS NOW.

#### Q: What happens if I sell my shares of UNS Energy common stock before the special meeting?

A: The record date for shareholders entitled to vote at the special meeting is earlier than the date of the special meeting and the expected closing date of the merger. If you transfer your shares of UNS Energy common stock after the record date but before the special meeting, you will, unless special arrangements are made, retain your right to vote at the special meeting, but the right to receive the merger consideration will go to the person who holds your shares at the time the merger is consummated.

#### Q: Am I entitled to dissenters rights in connection with the merger?

A: No. Under Arizona law, UNS Energy s shareholders will not be entitled to exercise dissenters rights if the merger is adopted and consummated because our common stock was listed on the NYSE on the record date. For more information regarding appraisal rights, see No Dissenters Rights on page 75.

# **Q:** Who can answer further questions?

A: For additional questions about the merger, assistance in submitting proxies or voting shares of UNS Energy common stock, or additional copies of the proxy statement or the enclosed proxy card, please contact our proxy

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solicitor:

D.F. King & Co., Inc.

48 Wall Street 22<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, New York 10005

Banks and Brokers call collect: (212) 269-5550

All others call toll-free: (800) 207-3158

If your brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee holds your shares in street name, you should also call your brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee for additional information.

#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This proxy statement, and the documents to which we refer you in this proxy statement, include forward-looking statements based on estimates and assumptions. There are forward-looking statements throughout this proxy statement, including, without limitation, in statements containing words such as believes, estimates, anticipates, continues, predict, potential, contemplates, expects, may, will, likely, could, should or would of phrases. These statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, including, among others:

the possibility that various conditions precedent to the consummation of the merger will not be satisfied or waived;

the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement;

the ability to obtain shareholder and regulatory approvals of the merger on the timing and terms thereof;

state and federal regulatory and legislative decisions and actions;

regional economic and market conditions that could affect customer growth and energy usage;

weather variations affecting energy usage;

the cost of debt and equity capital and access to capital markets;

the performance of the stock market and changing interest rate environment, which affect the value of our pension and other retiree benefit plan assets and the related contribution requirements and expense;

unexpected increases in O&M expense;

resolution of pending litigation matters;

changes in accounting standards;

changes in critical accounting estimates;

the ongoing restructuring of the electric industry;

changes to long-term contracts;

the cost of fuel and power supplies;

cyber attacks or challenges to our information security;

the performance of Tucson Electric Power Company s generating plants;

energy supply and demand;

potential future acquisitions;

the outcome of any legal proceedings that have been or may be instituted against UNS Energy and/or others relating to the merger agreement, and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the merger;

limitations placed on our ability to operate our business by the merger agreement;

the amount of the costs, fees, expenses, potential expense reimbursement, impairments, and other charges related to the merger;

the effect of the announcement of the merger on our business and customer relationships, standing with regulators, operating results and business generally;

any downgrade in our credit ratings as a result of the merger;

retention of key employees;

diversion of management s attention from ongoing business concerns; and

certain presently unknown or unforeseen factors, including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism. In addition, we are subject to risks and uncertainties and other factors detailed in UNS Energy s annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, on February 27, 2013, UNS Energy s quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2013, June 30, 2013 and September 30, 2013, filed with the SEC on April 29, 2013, July 30, 2013 and November 7, 2013, respectively, and updated in our subsequently filed current reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on November 14, 2013, December 9, 2013, December 11, 2013, December 12, 2013, December 27, 2013, January 13, 2014 and February 3, 2014, which should be read in conjunction with this proxy statement. See

Where You Can Find More Information on page 81. Many of the factors that will determine UNS Energy s future results are beyond UNS Energy s ability to control or predict. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking statements contained herein, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which reflect management s views only as of the date hereof. We cannot guarantee any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. The statements made in this proxy statement represent UNS Energy s views as of the date of this proxy statement, and it should not be assumed that the statements made herein remain accurate as of any future date. Moreover, we assume no obligation to update forward-looking statements or update the reasons why actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

#### THE SPECIAL MEETING

#### Date, Time, Place and Purpose of the Special Meeting

This proxy statement is being furnished to UNS Energy shareholders as part of the solicitation of proxies by the UNS Energy board for use at the special meeting to be held at the offices of UNS Energy, 88 East Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona 85701, on March 26, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Standard Time) or at any postponement or adjournment thereof. The purpose of the special meeting is for UNS Energy shareholders to consider and vote upon (i) the approval and adoption of the merger agreement, (ii) on an advisory, non-binding basis, approval of compensation that may be paid or become payable to our named executive officers in connection with the merger, as described in the section of the proxy statement entitled The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Quantification of Change of Control and Termination Payments and Benefits to the UNS Energy Named Executive Officers, (iii) the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies and (iv) such other business as may properly come before the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the special meeting. If UNS Energy shareholders fail to adopt the merger agreement, the merger will not occur. A copy of the merger agreement is attached to this proxy statement as Annex A, and you are urged to read the merger agreement in its entirety.

#### **Record Date and Quorum**

We have fixed the close of business on February 14, 2014 as the record date for the special meeting, and only holders of record of UNS Energy common stock on the record date are entitled to vote at the special meeting. As of the record date, there were 41,633,535 shares of UNS Energy common stock outstanding and entitled to vote.

Each share of UNS Energy common stock entitles its holder to one vote on all matters properly coming before the special meeting.

A majority of the shares of UNS Energy common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting constitutes a quorum for the purpose of considering the proposals. Shares of UNS Energy common stock represented at the special meeting but not voted, including shares of UNS Energy common stock for which proxies have been received but for which shareholders have abstained from voting, will be treated as present at the special meeting for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the transaction of all business.

## PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE SPECIAL MEETING

#### **ITEM 1 THE MERGER**

As discussed elsewhere in this proxy statement, our shareholders will consider and vote on a proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement. You should carefully read this proxy statement in its entirety for more detailed information concerning the merger agreement and the merger. In particular, you should read in its entirety the merger agreement, which is attached as Annex A to this proxy statement.

# The Board unanimously recommends that UNS Energy shareholders vote FOR the approval and adoption of the merger agreement.

If you return a properly executed proxy card but do not indicate instructions on your proxy card, your shares of UNS Energy common stock represented by such proxy card will be voted **FOR** the approval and adoption of the merger agreement.

#### ITEM 2 ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE CERTAIN EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION IN

### **CONNECTION WITH THE MERGER**

Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (which, as amended, we refer to as the Exchange Act), which was enacted as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, enacted in July 2010, requires that we provide shareholders with the opportunity to vote to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of UNS Energy s named executive officers that is based on or otherwise relates to the proposed merger, as disclosed in this proxy statement, including the compensation table and the related narrative named executive officers in the Merger (referred to as the change of control payments ). We refer to this vote as the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal. Accordingly, UNS Energy s shareholders are being provided with the opportunity to cast an advisory vote on such payments.

As an advisory vote, this proposal is not binding upon UNS Energy or the UNS Energy board, and approval of this proposal is not a condition to completion of the proposed merger. However, UNS Energy seeks your support and believes that your support is appropriate because UNS Energy has a comprehensive executive compensation program that is designed to link its executives compensation as closely as possible with UNS Energy s performance and to align the executives interests with yours as shareholders. The plans and arrangements pursuant to which the change of control payments may become payable were, except with respect to any new arrangements entered into in connection with the proposed merger, previously disclosed to UNS Energy s shareholders as part of the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and related sections of UNS Energy s annual proxy statements. The change of control payments are a part of UNS Energy s comprehensive executive compensation program and are intended to align UNS Energy s named executive officers interests with yours as shareholders by ensuring their continued retention and commitment during critical events such as the proposed merger, which may create significant personal uncertainty for them.

Accordingly, UNS Energy asks you to vote on the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that UNS Energy s shareholders approve, on an advisory, non-binding basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to UNS Energy s named executive officers that is based on or otherwise relates to the proposed transactions, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402(t) of Regulation S-K under the heading The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger (which disclosure includes the compensation table

and related narrative named executive officer compensation disclosures required pursuant to Item 402(t) of Regulation S-K).

The Board unanimously recommends that UNS Energy shareholders vote FOR the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal.

If you return a properly executed proxy card but do not indicate instructions on your proxy card, your shares of UNS Energy common stock represented by such proxy card will be voted **FOR** the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal.

#### ITEM 3 APPROVE AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING, IF NECESSARY OR

#### APPROPRIATE, TO PERMIT FURTHER SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

Shareholders may be asked to vote on a proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies if there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

# The Board unanimously recommends that shareholders vote FOR a proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to permit further solicitation of proxies if there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

If you return a properly executed proxy card but do not indicate instructions on your proxy card, your shares of UNS Energy common stock represented by such proxy card will be voted **FOR** a proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate.

## VOTING

#### Shareholder Vote Required to Adopt the Proposals at the Special Meeting

<u>Item 1</u> The Merger. Approval and adoption of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the shares of UNS Energy common stock outstanding and entitled to vote on the merger proposal.

<u>Item 2</u> Advisory Vote Regarding Certain Executive Compensation. A majority of the votes cast by holders of shares of UNS Energy common stock present or represented by proxy at the special meeting and entitled to vote is required to approve the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal. The required vote on this Item 2 is based on the number of votes cast, not the number of outstanding shares or the number of shares present. While the UNS Energy board intends to consider the vote resulting from this proposal, the vote is advisory only and, therefore, not binding on UNS Energy or FortisUS, and, if the proposed merger with FortisUS is approved by UNS Energy shareholders and consummated, the compensation required to be paid by such arrangements will be payable even if this Item 2 is not approved.

Item 3 Approve an Adjournment of the Special Meeting, if Necessary or Appropriate, to Permit Further Solicitation of Proxies. Whether or not a quorum is present, a proposal to approve an adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, requires the approval of a majority of shares of UNS Energy common stock present or represented by proxy at the special meeting.

#### Effect of Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes

Abstentions and shares not in attendance at the special meeting and not voted by proxy will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** the proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement. Abstentions and shares not in attendance at the special meeting and not voted by proxy will have no effect on the approval of the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, but shares not in attendance at the special meeting and not voted by proxy will have no effect on any proposal to adjourn the special meeting.

Because brokerage firms, banks, trusts or other nominees holding shares of UNS Energy common stock in street name may vote your shares of UNS Energy common stock on the approval and adoption of the merger agreement, the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal, or adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, only if you provide instructions on how to vote, your failure to provide instructions will result in your shares not being present at the meeting and not being voted on those proposals. It is very important that ALL of our shareholders vote their shares of UNS Energy common stock, so please promptly complete and return the enclosed proxy card or submit your proxy by telephone or via the Internet.

#### **Voting and Proxies**

Shareholders have a choice of voting by proxy over the Internet, by using a toll-free telephone number or by completing a proxy card and mailing it in the postage-paid envelope provided. Please refer to your proxy card or the information forwarded by your brokerage firms, banks, trusts or other nominees to see which options are available to you. Please be aware that if you vote over the Internet, you may incur costs such as telephone and Internet access charges for which you will be responsible. The Internet and telephone voting facilities for shareholders of record will close at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on March 25, 2014.

If you submit your proxy through use of the Internet or by telephone voting procedures or by returning your signed proxy card, but do not include **FOR**, **AGAINST** or **ABSTAIN** on a proposal to be voted, your shares will be voted in

favor of that proposal. If you indicate **ABSTAIN** on the proposal to adopt the merger agreement or the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, it will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** that proposal. If you indicate **ABSTAIN** on the approval of the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal, it will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on that proposal. If you wish to vote by proxy and your shares are held by a bank or broker, you must follow

the voting instructions provided to you by the bank or broker. Unless you give your bank or broker instructions on how to vote your shares, your bank or broker will not be able to vote your shares on the proposals.

If you wish to vote in person and your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other holder of record, you must obtain a legal proxy, executed in your favor, from the holder of record to be able to vote at the special meeting.

If you do not submit a proxy or otherwise vote your shares of UNS Energy common stock in any of the ways described above, it will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** the proposal to adopt the merger agreement, but will have no effect on the approval of the advisory say-on-merger-pay proposal or an approval of a proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies.

If you have any questions about how to vote or direct a vote with respect to your shares of UNS Energy common stock, you may contact our proxy solicitor at:

D.F. King & Co., Inc.

48 Wall Street 22<sup>1</sup> Floor

New York, New York 10005

Banks and Brokers call collect: (212) 269-5550

All others call toll-free: (800) 207-3158

*Shareholders should not send in their stock certificates with their proxy cards.* A letter of transmittal with instructions for the surrender of certificates representing shares of UNS Energy common stock will be mailed to shareholders if the merger is completed.

#### **Revocation of Proxies**

Any proxy given by a UNS Energy shareholder may be revoked at any time before it is voted at the special meeting by doing any of the following:

if a proxy was submitted by telephone or the Internet, by submitting another proxy by telephone or the Internet in accordance with the instructions on the proxy card;

by delivering to UNS Energy s Corporate Secretary a signed written notice of revocation bearing a date later than the date of the proxy, stating that the proxy is revoked;

by submitting a later-dated proxy card relating to the same shares of UNS Energy common stock; or

by attending the special meeting and voting in person (a UNS Energy shareholder s attendance at the meeting will not, by itself, revoke his or her proxy; the shareholder must vote in person at the meeting).

Written notices of revocation and other communications with respect to the revocation of any proxies should be addressed to:

Corporate Secretary

#### UNS Energy Corporation

#### 88 East Broadway Boulevard

#### HQE901

#### Tucson, Arizona 85701

Street name holders of UNS Energy common stock should contact their brokerage firm, bank, trust or other nominee to obtain instructions as to how to change or revoke their proxies.

#### **Solicitation Costs**

We are soliciting the enclosed proxy card on behalf of our board, and we will bear the expenses in connection with the solicitation of proxies. In addition to solicitation by mail, our directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies in person, by telephone or by electronic means. These persons will not be specifically compensated for doing this.

We have retained D.F. King & Co., Inc. to assist in the solicitation process. We will pay D.F. King & Co., Inc. a fee of approximately \$15,000 plus reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs and expenses. We also have agreed to indemnify D.F. King & Co., Inc. against various liabilities and expenses that relate to or arise out of its solicitation of proxies (subject to certain exceptions).

In addition, FortisUS, Fortis, and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents may solicit proxies in favor of the merger agreement and against any resolution submitted by any holder of UNS Energy common stock, including by using the services of dealers and proxy solicitation services, to secure the approval and adoption of the merger agreement by UNS Energy shareholders.

We will ask brokerage firms, banks, trusts and other nominees to forward our proxy solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of shares of UNS Energy common stock held of record by such nominee holders. We will reimburse these nominee holders for their customary clerical and mailing expenses incurred in forwarding the proxy solicitation materials to the beneficial owners.

#### **Postponements and Adjournments**

The special meeting may be postponed or adjourned (provided that the special meeting is not postponed or adjourned to a date that is later than 30 calendar days after the date for the originally scheduled special meeting) for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies or for other reasons as determined in the sole discretion of the chairman of the meeting or a majority of the shares represented at the meeting. Your shares will be voted on any postponement or adjournment proposal in accordance with the instructions indicated in your proxy.

# **Shareholder List**

A list of our shareholders entitled to vote at the special meeting will be available for examination by any of our shareholders at the special meeting.

#### **Questions and Additional Information**

If you have questions about the merger or how to submit your proxy, or if you need additional copies of this proxy statement or the enclosed proxy card or voting instructions, please call our proxy solicitor, D.F. King & Co., Inc., toll-free at (800) 207-3158 or collect at (212) 269-5550.

#### **Exchange of Stock Certificates**

Our shareholders should not send stock certificates with their proxies. Separate transmittal documents for the surrender of shares of UNS Energy common stock in exchange for the merger consideration, if the merger is approved, will be mailed to our shareholders promptly following the effective date of the merger. PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN YOUR STOCK CERTIFICATES NOW. See The Merger Agreement Payment Procedures beginning on page 61.

# THE COMPANIES

#### **UNS Energy Corporation**

UNS Energy Corporation, which we refer to as UNS Energy, an Arizona corporation that was organized in 1995 as UniSource Energy Corporation and subsequently changed its name to UNS Energy Corporation in 2012, is a utility services holding company headquartered in Tucson, Arizona and engaged, through its subsidiaries, in the electric generation and energy delivery business. Each of UNS Energy s subsidiaries is a separate legal entity with its own assets and liabilities. UNS Energy owns 100% of Tucson Electric Power Company, which we refer to as TEP; UniSource Energy Services, Inc., which we refer to as UES; Millennium Energy Holdings, Inc., which we refer to as Millennium; and UniSource Energy Development Company, which we refer to as UED. TEP is a regulated public utility and UNS Energy s largest operating subsidiary, representing approximately 84% of UNS Energy s total assets as of December 31, 2012. TEP generates, transmits and distributes electricity to approximately 413,000 retail electric customers in a 1,155 square mile area in southeastern Arizona. TEP also sells electricity to other utilities and power marketing entities located primarily in the western United States. In addition, TEP operates the Springerville Generating Station, which we refer to as Springerville. UES holds the common stock of two regulated public utilities, UNS Gas, Inc. and UNS Electric, Inc., which we refer to as UNS Gas and UNS Electric, respectively. UNS Gas is a regulated gas distribution company, which services approximately 150,000 retail customers in Mohave, Yavapai, Coconino, and Navajo counties in northern Arizona, as well as in Santa Cruz County in southern Arizona. UNS Electric is a regulated public utility, which generates, transmits and distributes electricity to approximately 93,000 retail customers in Mohave and Santa Cruz counties. UED and Millennium s investments in unregulated businesses represent less than 1% of UNS Energy s assets as of December 31, 2012.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, which we refer to as the NYSE, under the symbol

UNS. Our principal executive offices are located at 88 E. Broadway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona 85701. Our telephone number is (520) 571-4000. UNS Energy s home page on the Internet is www.UNS.com. The information provided on UNS Energy s website is not part of this proxy statement and is not incorporated herein by reference.

#### Fortis Inc.

Fortis Inc., which we refer to as Fortis, is a corporation existing under the Corporations Act of Newfoundland and Labrador. Fortis common stock is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol FTS. Fortis executive offices are located at The Fortis Building, Suite 1201, 139 Water Street, St. John s, Newfoundland and Labrador A1B 3T2, Canada, and its telephone number is (709) 737-2800.

Fortis is the largest investor-owned gas and electric distribution utility in Canada with assets totaling approximately \$16.8 billion as of December 31, 2013 (based on an exchange rate of 0.9401 US Dollars per Canadian Dollar as of December 31, 2013) and revenue totaling approximately \$3.9 billion for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 (based on an average exchange rate of 0.9709 US Dollars per Canadian Dollar for such fiscal year). Fortis serves more than 2.4 million gas and electricity customers. Its regulated holdings include electric distribution utilities in five Canadian provinces and two Caribbean countries, a natural gas utility in British Columbia, Canada and an electric and gas utility in one U.S. state. Regulated utility assets comprise approximately 90% of Fortis total assets, with the balance comprised of non-regulated, primarily hydroelectric, generation assets across Canada, Belize and Upstate New York, a petroleum supply operation in the Mid-Atlantic Region of the United States and commercial office, retail space and hotels in Canada.

# FortisUS Inc.

FortisUS Inc., which we refer to as FortisUS, is a Delaware corporation and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Fortis. FortisUS s executive offices are located at The Fortis Building, Suite 1201, 139 Water Street, St. John s, Newfoundland and Labrador A1B 3T2, Canada, and its telephone number is (709) 737-2800.

#### **Color Acquisition Sub Inc.**

Color Acquisition Sub Inc., which we refer to as Merger Sub, is an Arizona corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of FortisUS, which was formed solely for the purpose of facilitating FortisUS s acquisition of UNS Energy. It has not carried on any activities to date, except for activities incidental to its formation and activities undertaken in connection with its acquisition of UNS Energy. Upon consummation of the proposed merger, Merger Sub will merge with and into UNS Energy and will cease to exist. Merger Sub s address is c/o The Fortis Building, Suite 1201, 139 Water Street, St. John s, Newfoundland and Labrador A1B 3T2, Canada, and its telephone number is (709) 737-2800.

#### THE MERGER

#### **Background of the Merger**

UNS Energy s management and board of directors frequently review and assess UNS Energy s competitive position, prospects and direction as well as its financial situation and strategic alternatives that may be available to enhance shareholder value. Through these reviews and assessments and UNS Energy s activities as an integrated electric and gas utility holding company, UNS Energy s management and board of directors remain aware of UNS Energy s strategic environment, relative operating and trading performance, and developments in its industry, including merger activity.

During the 1990s, TEP suffered a period of financial distress due to several write-downs of investments and the expiration of a favorably priced power purchase agreement. During the following decade, the Company, its management and board of directors worked to reestablish the Company s financial strength. Throughout this period, the ACC, which, among other things, regulates the rates that UNS Energy s regulated utility subsidiaries can charge their customers, worked closely with the Company s management to assist the Company in regaining financial stability.

In November 2003, UNS Energy entered into an agreement with a group of investment funds pursuant to which UNS Energy would have been acquired in an all cash transaction. After significant evaluation, the ACC determined in late 2004 that the transaction did not meet the applicable standard for approval and denied UNS Energy s application for authority to complete the transaction. In its order denying approval, the ACC expressed concerns about the potential financial risks compared to the anticipated benefits to customers that would result from the transaction. The ACC order noted the risk of approving a transfer of control to an entity which lacked experience in the operation of a public utility. UNS Energy s management and board of directors believe that the ACC may have been particularly concerned about the financial risks associated with that transaction because of the financial distress suffered by TEP during the previous decade.

In early 2005 following the issuance of the ACC order, the agreement with the investment funds was terminated. Since that time, UNS Energy has focused on continuing to improve its financial strength and the quality and reliability of service provided to its customers. Throughout this period, it has continued to work closely with the ACC to address concerns of the ACC about UNS Energy s financial condition and the cost and reliability of the gas and electric service that UNS Energy s regulated utility subsidiaries provide to customers throughout Arizona. Although UNS Energy s management and board of directors have remained open to the possibility of pursuing strategic transactions, their primary focus since 2005 has been on developing and executing UNS Energy s stand-alone business plan.

During this period, UNS Energy s management and board of directors remained open to considering potential transactions if the Company was approached by another party, but did not think it was an appropriate time to seek out parties that might be interested in a transaction because UNS Energy was in the process of rebuilding its financial strength. They also were of the view that it would be difficult to obtain the necessary regulatory approval for any transaction that would involve increasing the debt levels of UNS Energy or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates or would not preserve UNS Energy s ability to provide safe and reliable service to its utility subsidiary customers. Consequently, UNS Energy s management and board of directors concluded that they would be willing to pursue a potential transaction if it provided an opportunity to obtain value for UNS Energy s shareholders in excess of what was likely to be achieved through UNS Energy s stand-alone business plan, but that it would be worthwhile to pursue such a transaction only if it would also be beneficial to UNS Energy s customers, making it likely that the necessary regulatory approvals would be obtained. UNS Energy s management and board also recognized that because UNS Energy was in the process of rebuilding its financial strength, a transaction would have to be particularly compelling

in order to justify deviating from UNS Energy s stand-alone strategic plan.

Over the past few years, UNS Energy has received inquiries from several parties other than Fortis regarding potential strategic transactions. UNS Energy has received inquiries from investment funds expressing interest in discussing a potential acquisition of UNS Energy. Since 2010, UNS Energy also has received inquiries from five utility companies other than Fortis inquiring whether UNS Energy might be interested in discussing a potential strategic transaction. All of these inquiries have been very preliminary, UNS Energy did not enter into a confidentiality agreement

with any of the companies that contacted it (other than Fortis) and none of the other parties ever specified a price at which it would be willing to enter into a transaction.

UNS Energy did not pursue the inquiries from investment funds for two reasons. First, because UNS Energy did not believe that these potential buyers would be able to pay a price above UNS Energy s future stand-alone value in light of the investment returns that such funds typically seek to achieve on their investments. The second reason centered on the ACC s expressed concern that investment funds lacked experience owning and managing an integrated electric and gas utility company.

Each time he was contacted by another utility company, Mr. Bonavia, the Chairman and CEO of UNS Energy, indicated that he was willing to meet with representatives of that company. Mr. Bonavia also reported to the UNS Energy board of directors about each of these inquiries as well as the substance of any meetings that took place. None of the inquiries from other utility companies resulted in any significant discussions about a transaction. In two instances, Mr. Bonavia met with the CEO of the other company, who inquired whether UNS Energy would be interested in discussing a potential merger of equals , which Mr. Bonavia interpreted to mean a stock-for-stock combination with a relatively low premium to one or the other company s shareholders and a sharing of board and management positions following closing. At the end of each of these meetings, Mr. Bonavia indicated that he was willing to have further discussions about a potential transaction and that the CEO should consider the matter further and contact Mr. Bonavia regarding another meeting if he was interested in proceeding with discussions. Neither of these companies contacted Mr. Bonavia again about a potential transaction. In another instance, Mr. Bonavia was contacted by the CEO of a company who indicated the CEO wanted to arrange a meeting with Mr. Bonavia to discuss the possibility of a combination of their two companies. Mr. Bonavia responded that he was willing to have a meeting, but the meeting was never arranged. In mid-2013, UNS Energy was approached by a utility company on the east coast of the United States that indicated it wanted to discuss a potential merger of equals transaction. Mr. Bonavia met with a representative of the other company in Tucson, and reported to the UNS Energy board about the meeting. After discussing the matter, the board and UNS Energy management decided not to pursue the transaction because they did not believe that it was likely to provide an opportunity for UNS Energy shareholders to receive a premium for their shares and because they did not believe that the potential benefits of the transaction were sufficient to justify deviating from UNS Energy s stand-alone strategic plan. Later in 2013, UNS Energy was approached by another company that indicated that it might be interested in discussing a combination with UNS Energy, but that it would not be in a position to do so until sometime in 2014. Mr. Bonavia indicated that the company should contact him in 2014 if they wished to discuss a possible combination at that time.

The Company s first contact with Fortis was in September of 2011 when a representative of Scotiabank, in preliminary discussions with Fortis regarding potential strategic transactions, contacted Mr. Bonavia to ask if he would be willing to meet with Mr. Marshall, the President and CEO of Fortis. Mr. Bonavia discussed the inquiry regarding Fortis with the UNS Energy directors, who indicated that Mr. Bonavia should meet with Mr. Marshall to learn more about what Fortis might be interested in discussing. Mr. Bonavia met with Mr. Marshall, Mr. Perry, the Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Fortis, and the representative of Scotiabank on December 1, 2011 in Chicago. At the meeting, Mr. Marshall indicated that Fortis was interested in making acquisitions in the United States and described some of the acquisitions Fortis had made in Canada. Mr. Marshall explained that Fortis was looking for high-quality companies with good management teams that could be left in place after the acquisitions, that Fortis was interested in owning the companies it acquired over the long-term and that Fortis was willing to pay a premium to the target company s shareholders in connection with a transaction. Mr. Bonavia responded that UNS Energy was interested, he would like to explore a potential transaction. Mr. Bonavia responded that UNS Energy was not seeking to be acquired, but that he would take up the matter with the UNS Energy board of directors and would let Mr. Marshall know if there was interest in discussing a transaction.

At a meeting of the UNS Energy board of directors on December 14, 2011, Mr. Bonavia reported on his meeting with the Fortis and Scotiabank representatives and the board discussed the possibility of entering into discussions with Fortis about a potential transaction. The board discussed the potential advantages and disadvantages of entering into discussions regarding a strategic transaction generally as well as with Fortis specifically. The board viewed the possibility of a transaction with Fortis as attractive because it could provide value for shareholders as well as benefits for local constituencies in a way that transactions with other companies that might be interested in a transaction

with UNS Energy could not. Despite the potential benefits of a transaction, however, the board concluded that it was not an appropriate time to enter into discussions with Fortis or any other party regarding a potential transaction. Among other things, the board was concerned that discussions about a strategic transaction could distract management, employees and others from important matters facing UNS Energy such as the evaluation of significant decisions about the Company s generation portfolio and the upcoming general rate case for TEP. Following this meeting, Mr. Bonavia called Mr. Marshall to explain that UNS Energy was not interested in pursuing discussions about a transaction at that time. The parties did, however agree to remain in touch in case UNS Energy s situation changed. The parties also discussed the possibility of visiting each other s offices and touring some of their facilities to learn more about each other s operations.

On March 26 and 27, 2012, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Perry visited the offices of UNS Energy in Tucson, Arizona. The parties reviewed UNS Energy s business and operations as well as how the utilities owned by Fortis handled similar matters in their operations.

At a board strategy session on September 18, 2012, as part of its general review of developments in the utility industry, the board heard a presentation from an investment bank (that was not subsequently retained by UNS Energy in connection with the transaction with Fortis) concerning recent developments in the utility industry. The presentation included information about companies that might be interested in discussing a strategic transaction with UNS Energy, including Fortis. At a regular board meeting the following day, the board discussed UNS Energy s strategic position, merger and acquisition activity in the utility industry generally and whether it made sense for UNS Energy to consider potential strategic transactions that would result in the Company being acquired by another company. At this meeting, the board was presented with information about Fortis and discussed the possibility of engaging in discussions with Fortis about a transaction. The board concluded that it would be willing to consider a transaction that would provide greater value to UNS Energy s shareholders than the stand-alone plan and that would provide benefits to UNS Energy s utility subsidiary customers and other local constituencies without increasing the debt levels of the Company, but that it was not an appropriate time to enter into discussions with any party about a possible transaction and that the Company should continue to pursue its stand-alone strategic plan, including the evaluation of its generation portfolio and the general rate case for TEP.

In July of 2013, during a meeting with Mr. Bonavia in Tucson, a representative of an investment fund expressed interest in discussing a potential acquisition with UNS Energy. Mr. Bonavia indicated that he would discuss the matter with the UNS Energy board and let the representative know if there was any interest in pursuing discussions.

At regular board meetings on August 1st and 2nd, 2013, which were after TEP had concluded its general rate case, Mr. Bonavia reported to the UNS Energy board of directors about the inquiry he had received from the investment fund. The board discussed whether it made sense to enter into discussions with any party regarding a transaction, and if so, whether it should include the investment fund in those discussions. The board concluded that it was not prepared to deviate from its stand-alone strategic plan, but that it would be useful to have a sense of what level of value might be available for shareholders through a merger or acquisition transaction. The board also considered the risks of proceeding with such a discussion, including diversion of management attention from the business operations of UNS Energy; disclosure of confidential information in the due diligence process; and incurrence of incremental expenses. The board also considered UNS Energy s long-term prospects as a stand-alone utility company, the possibility of making strategic acquisitions or investments, taking into account the scale of UNS Energy relative to its competitors, competition in UNS Energy to achieve greater value for shareholders as a stand-alone company. The board was of the view that if it did decide to pursue a transaction, it should seek to obtain the most favorable terms and conditions for shareholders that it could achieve, while also negotiating terms and conditions that would make it likely that the transaction would be approved by the ACC and other regulators.

Following this discussion, the board concluded that it was willing to undertake discussions in order to determine the level of value for shareholders that might be available from an acquisition transaction, but that, because of the risks noted above, it did not want to undertake discussions with more than one party at that time. The board discussed whether to enter into discussions with the investment fund that had approached Mr. Bonavia. After discussion, the board concluded that while it might make sense to discuss a potential transaction with the investment fund, if Fortis

was still interested, it would make more sense to discuss a transaction with them. The board concluded that Fortis would be preferable to the investment fund because it viewed Fortis as more likely to be willing to pay a premium price to the Company s shareholders in excess of the value they would be able to achieve through the Company s stand-alone plan, provide benefits to UNS Energy s utility subsidiary customers and the local communities in which UNS Energy operates and present a history of experience in the operation of gas and electric utility infrastructure, making it more likely that the ACC would approve the transaction.

Following this meeting, Mr. Bonavia called the Scotiabank representative who had introduced him to Mr. Marshall to inform him that UNS Energy would be willing to discuss a potential transaction with Fortis if they were still interested in pursuing discussions. Subsequently, on September 6, 2013, Mr. Bonavia spoke directly with Mr. Marshall to explain that, if Fortis was interested in discussing a potential transaction, UNS Energy would like to understand the details of the type of transaction that Fortis would be willing to enter into. Mr. Bonavia spoke to Mr. Marshall about entering into a confidentiality and standstill agreement and exchanging information. Mr. Bonavia also explained to Mr. Marshall that the UNS Energy board had regularly scheduled strategy sessions on October 8th and 9th and that it would be helpful to have the proposal from Fortis by that time.

On September 10, 2013, Mr. Larson, our Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Perry spoke by telephone and agreed that representatives of UNS Energy and Fortis should meet in person prior to the board strategy session to discuss UNS Energy s operations and financial condition as well as the forecasts that UNS Energy intended to provide Fortis. Mr. Perry indicated that Fortis would be interested in making a proposal and that Fortis would be willing to enter into a confidentiality and standstill agreement in order to receive more information about UNS Energy.

In early September 2013, Baker Botts L.L.P., which we refer to as Baker Botts, outside counsel for UNS Energy and, White & Case LLP, which we refer to as White & Case, outside counsel for Fortis, had several discussions regarding a confidentiality and standstill agreement. Baker Botts had been retained by UNS Energy in November of 2012 to provide general advice about mergers and acquisitions. On September 16, 2013, UNS Energy entered into a confidentiality and standstill agreement with FortisUS. Following the execution of this agreement, UNS Energy provided preliminary due diligence materials to Fortis for its review, including forecasts of UNS Energy s future operations. Throughout the period from execution of the confidentiality and standstill agreement on December 11, 2013, UNS Energy continued to provide Fortis with information about UNS Energy in connection with the diligence investigation by Fortis of UNS Energy. Throughout this period, UNS Energy responded to numerous questions from Fortis about UNS Energy s operations and set up several conference telephone calls to discuss diligence matters with Fortis.

On October 1, 2013, representatives of UNS Energy, including Mr. Bonavia, Mr. Hutchens, our President, and Mr. Larson met in New York City with representatives of Fortis, including Mr. Marshall and Mr. Perry. At this meeting, UNS Energy provided information to Fortis about its current business plan and financial forecasts. UNS Energy subsequently provided Fortis with an updated version of these forecasts to reflect UNS Energy s actual results of operations through September 30, 2013, but the underlying assumptions on which the forecasts were based did not change materially. At the meeting in New York City, the parties also discussed the utility industry and various aspects of a potential transaction, including the regulatory implications, UNS Energy s subsidiaries customers, employees and other constituencies, as well as the two companies respective operating philosophies. Although valuation was discussed in general terms, the parties did not discuss a potential price and the Fortis representatives did not make a proposal. In a separate meeting that day, Mr. Bonavia and Mr. Marshall also discussed the status of the preparation by Fortis of a preliminary proposal.

In early October, the Company engaged Lazard as its financial advisor to provide UNS Energy and its board of directors with advice about general financial matters and potential transactions, including a potential transaction with

Fortis. Lazard had previously provided UNS Energy with informal advice about developments in the utility industry, including merger and acquisition activity, but had not been formally retained by the Company during the last two years. Lazard was retained by UNS Energy because of its experience and expertise in financial matters generally and with transactions in the electric and gas utility industries as well as its specific experience negotiating across from Fortis in the recent acquisition by Fortis of CH Energy Group, Inc. At the request of the UNS Energy board, Lazard conducted a comprehensive review of UNS Energy s strategic position in the utility industry, an evaluation of UNS

Energy s stand-alone strategic plan and an analysis of potential strategic alternatives, including a potential transaction with Fortis. Lazard was not authorized to and did not contact any other parties about a potential transaction with UNS Energy.

On October 3, 2013, UNS Energy received from Fortis a non-binding preliminary indication of interest stating that Fortis would be interested in acquiring UNS Energy in a merger for consideration of \$57.00 per share in cash. The proposal was subject to a number of conditions, including completion of satisfactory due diligence by Fortis and negotiation of a definitive merger agreement. The proposal was not subject to any contingency relating to financing.

At a strategy session of the UNS Energy board of directors on October 8th and 9th, 2013, the UNS Energy board met to review UNS Energy s current stand-alone business plan. Under the stand-alone plan, which contemplated that UNS Energy would continue to operate as an independent public company, UNS Energy shareholders would have the potential to share in any future earnings growth of UNS Energy s businesses, including any ratebase growth driven by additional investment in utility assets. UNS Energy s stand-alone plan also would leave UNS Energy shareholders exposed to the risks and uncertainties that UNS Energy faced as an independent public company, including utility industry risks, the risks related to economic conditions in Arizona, the potential for downward pressure on industry multiples going forward in light of current market valuations and the risks related to regulatory and legislative matters. In addition to management s presentation regarding UNS Energy s stand-alone business plan, the board received presentations from Lazard regarding Lazard s view of the current environment for electric and gas utility companies in the United States, including the current merger and acquisition environment, UNS Energy s strategic and market position, UNS Energy s stand-alone plan, and potential strategic alternatives that might be available to UNS Energy as alternatives to its stand-alone plan, including a potential transaction with Fortis.

At that meeting, Mr. Bonavia also reported to the board about his recent meeting with Mr. Marshall in New York City, following which the board discussed the indication of interest from Fortis, whether it was advisable for UNS Energy to pursue further discussions with Fortis and the process and likely timetable for negotiating a transaction with Fortis. The board also received a presentation from Baker Botts about legal matters relating to a potential transaction. Following these presentations, the board discussed, among other things, the potential advantages and disadvantages of a sale of UNS Energy generally as well as a sale to Fortis specifically. In this context, the board discussed the unique aspects of a potential transaction with Fortis, including that in its recent acquisition of CH Energy Group Inc., Fortis had demonstrated that it was willing and able to pay a premium price as well as take the steps necessary to obtain the required regulatory approvals for the transaction. The board also discussed the policy of Fortis of maintaining local management and headquarters of its utility subsidiaries and the potential benefits that could have for the communities in which the Company operates.

The board concluded that the proposal from Fortis was a favorable offer from a credible company that might be uniquely positioned to provide value to UNS Energy s shareholders in excess of what they could achieve though the Company s stand-alone strategic plan while also providing benefits for the Company s customers and other constituencies that would make it likely the ACC and other regulators would approve the transaction. However, the board concluded that it needed more information before making a final decision about whether to proceed with a transaction. In particular, the board wanted more information about how the economics of the proposal from Fortis compared to UNS Energy s stand-alone plan and how UNS Energy and Fortis would approach the process of obtaining regulatory approval for the transaction. The board requested that Lazard continue to analyze the price offered by Fortis. The board also concluded that it was not prepared to enter into a transaction at the price being offered by Fortis at that time, but that it was premature to negotiate over price because the board was not yet convinced that a transaction was feasible, regardless of price. Finally, the board concluded that it would like to understand better how Fortis would approach the ownership and operation of UNS Energy and its subsidiaries upon completion of a transaction and that an in-person meeting with senior representatives from Fortis would be useful. The board

concluded that it made sense to move forward, and it asked management and its legal and financial advisers to proceed with additional work, including setting up a meeting between the board and senior management of Fortis.

After deciding to continue discussions with Fortis, the board also discussed whether it was better to pursue bilateral negotiations or to contact other potential parties to gauge their interest in a potential transaction. Mr. Bonavia reviewed with the board the previous inquiries he had received from other companies about potential transactions. The

board concluded that, at least for the time being, it was better to pursue bilateral negotiations with Fortis. The board s decision to limit its negotiations to Fortis at that time was based on several factors. One factor was that the investment funds that had previously approached UNS Energy were likely to want to use leverage in a transaction and did not have extensive experience owning and managing integrated electric and gas utility companies. In 2004, the ACC had denied its approval for a proposed acquisition of UNS Energy by a consortium of investment funds in part due to the proposed use of leverage in the transaction. A second factor was that the utility companies that had approached UNS Energy had not indicated that they were willing to pay a premium to UNS Energy s shareholders in connection with a transaction. Other factors were the unique approach of Fortis to owning and managing its utility subsidiaries, including its stated intention of leaving the headquarters of UNS Energy in Tucson, Arizona following completion of the transaction and the fact that Fortis had previously demonstrated an ability to obtain regulatory approval in the United States, which made it more likely that ACC approval for the transaction would be obtained. The board also considered Lazard s initial view that many of the other companies that had not approached the Company, but that might logically be interested in acquiring the Company were not likely to be able to pay as high a price as Fortis and that if they were able to match the price, the form of consideration likely would include a significant portion of stock rather than cash. In general the board viewed stock as less favorable consideration to UNS Energy s shareholders than cash because it would not necessarily provide the same level of liquidity and would provide less certainty with respect to the value to be received by shareholders in the transaction.

On October 11, 2013, Mr. Bonavia called Mr. Perry to inform him that the UNS Energy board had discussed the Fortis indication of interest and a potential transaction between the companies. Mr. Bonavia explained that the UNS Energy board was not prepared to discuss price at that time, but had authorized management to proceed to gather additional information and continue discussions about a potential transaction.

On October 21, 2013, representatives of UNS Energy, Lazard, FortisUS and Fortis held a conference telephone call to discuss the regulatory filing in Arizona and Arizona counsel who might be available to assist in that process.

At a special board meeting on October 27, 2013, the board discussed the status of the discussions with Fortis, as well as outlining the process for obtaining regulatory approval for the transaction. Management provided additional information concerning UNS Energy s business plan. In addition, the board reviewed legal issues relating to a potential transaction with Baker Botts and received an updated financial report from Lazard. Lazard s presentation included analysis of other potential bidders for UNS Energy, what their ability to pay for UNS Energy might be, their level of strategic interest in making an acquisition of UNS Energy, and whether they would likely be able to offer cash or would more likely offer a significant portion of stock as the consideration in a transaction.

During this meeting, the board also met with Mr. Marshall and Mr. Perry. The executives from Fortis explained why they were interested in a transaction with UNS Energy, how they view acquisitions and how they manage the utility companies owned by Fortis. They also answered specific questions from the board, including questions about how Fortis would approach the process of obtaining regulatory approval and how it would finance the transaction. After Messrs. Marshall and Perry left the meeting, the board continued its discussion and concluded that, although it had not made a final decision on whether to enter into a transaction with Fortis, it was appropriate to move forward with negotiations, including providing Fortis with more information for its diligence investigation, working with Fortis to develop a plan for obtaining regulatory approval for the transaction and beginning the process of negotiating a definitive agreement with respect to a transaction. The board also concluded, for the reasons stated above, that it was not appropriate at that time to approach other companies about a strategic transaction with UNS Energy.

Finally, the board concluded that it was not prepared to enter into a transaction at the \$57.00 per share price then being proposed by Fortis. However, the board concluded that it was premature to enter into negotiations over price as there were threshold issues to resolve (such as the likelihood that a transaction with Fortis would be approved by the ACC)

before the board could determine whether it would make sense to enter into a transaction at any price. The board requested that, before entering into specific negotiations with respect to price, management and UNS Energy s outside advisers provide Fortis with additional information in connection with the diligence review by Fortis, discuss with Fortis in more detail the plan for obtaining regulatory approval for a transaction and begin negotiations with respect to a definitive agreement for a transaction.

On October 30, 2013, Mr. Larson spoke to Mr. Perry to inform him that the board had authorized management to continue discussions about a potential transaction and to discuss next steps and the timing of the process if an agreement was going to be reached.

On November 7, 2013, Baker Botts sent a draft merger agreement to White & Case and Fortis. The draft merger agreement sent to Fortis and its counsel contained customary terms and conditions, including several that UNS Energy and its counsel viewed as favorable to UNS Energy, including provisions relating to allocation of regulatory risk; post-closing compensation and benefits for UNS Energy s employees; maintenance of UNS Energy s headquarters in Tucson; UNS Energy s ability to consider alternative proposals and to terminate the agreement with Fortis to accept an alternative proposal in certain circumstances; and UNS Energy s ability to pay dividends during the period between execution of the agreement and closing of the transaction. The draft merger agreement contemplated that UNS Energy would be permitted to terminate the agreement under certain circumstances to accept an alternative acquisition proposal upon payment of a fee the amount of which would increase if the third party proposal was received more than 45 days after execution of the merger agreement. The draft merger agreement proposed by UNS Energy did not contain provisions that required Fortis to continue the employment of any officer of UNS Energy, although it did require Fortis to comply with the terms of the change of control arrangements applicable to those officers. See The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger. The draft merger agreement also did not contain a provision permitting UNS Energy to solicit alternative proposals to the transaction with Fortis after the merger agreement was executed. UNS Energy did not request such a provision because it believed that a post-signing solicitation period would be inconsistent with the board s conclusion that a transaction with Fortis would be uniquely attractive to regulators and because the provisions of the merger agreement being discussed with Fortis would not preclude UNS Energy from considering alternative proposals that might be received on an unsolicited basis from other companies interested in acquiring UNS Energy on more favorable terms than Fortis.

On November 8, 2013, Mr. Bonavia, Mr. Larson and other members of UNS management and Lazard had a telephone conference call with representatives of Fortis and Scotiabank, formally engaged by Fortis on October 18, 2013, to discuss regulatory considerations, an updated UNS Energy forecast, and certain potential upside items such as the addition of new customers, increases in UNS Energy s utilities subsidiaries authorized equity capitalization ratios, and increases in renewable assets in rate base, that could have a positive impact on the forecasts previously provided to Fortis.

On November 13, 2013, White & Case sent Baker Botts their comments on the draft merger agreement and representatives of the two firms discussed the proposed changes to the agreement by telephone. In its revised draft of the merger agreement, Fortis accepted many of the terms and conditions proposed by UNS Energy. However, Fortis did not accept UNS Energy s proposals with respect to the provisions of the agreement relating to payment of dividends during the pendency of the agreement, the conditions to the obligation of Fortis to close the transaction and the ability of Fortis to undertake certain other transactions during the pendency of the agreement. Fortis also proposed removing the bifurcated structure based on the timing of the third party proposal, increasing the termination fees payable by UNS Energy in the event it were to terminate the merger agreement, and including an expense reimbursement to Fortis in addition to the termination fee in certain circumstances.

At a special meeting on November 14, 2013, the UNS Energy board of directors discussed by telephone the status of the negotiations with Fortis. Among the matters discussed were the price proposed by Fortis in its indication of interest on October 3, 2013, how UNS Energy s officers and employees would be affected by the transaction and the status of negotiations with respect to the merger agreement. The board also received updates from management regarding the diligence process with Fortis and discussions with Fortis regarding the plan for obtaining regulatory approval for the transaction. Lazard also updated its previous presentations regarding UNS Energy s stand-alone management plan and strategic alternatives that might be available to UNS Energy, including the proposal from

Fortis, and provided a preliminary analysis of the valuation of UNS Energy, in each case as compared to the proposal from Fortis and using valuation methodologies consistent with those presented by Lazard during subsequent board meetings.

On November 16, 2013, Mr. Bonavia met with Mr. Marshall in Miami, Florida to discuss the status of the negotiations between the parties. Among other things, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Bonavia discussed the potential timing for finalizing a transaction. Mr. Bonavia indicated that the UNS Energy board had not decided whether to enter into

a transaction and that he did not think the board would agree to a transaction at the price then being proposed by Fortis. Mr. Marshall asked what price the board might be willing to accept. Mr. Bonavia indicated that he did not know, but that he thought it would have to be substantially higher than the \$57.00 per share price then being proposed by Fortis, perhaps in excess of \$60.00 per share. Mr. Marshall indicated that he did not think Fortis would authorize a transaction with a price of \$60.00 per share, but that he would consider whether Fortis could increase its price.

On November 20th and 21st, 2013, a diligence team from Fortis visited Tucson and met with various officers and other employees of UNS Energy and its subsidiaries. They also visited various other locations to inspect UNS Energy assets and observe operations. Mr. Bonavia and other representatives of UNS Energy also held conference calls with senior executives of other utilities owned by Fortis to better understand how Fortis manages its utility subsidiaries.

On November 20, 2013, representatives of Fortis and UNS Energy discussed by telephone the plan for obtaining regulatory approval of the transaction and White & Case and Baker Botts discussed the merger agreement.

At a special meeting on November 22, 2013, the UNS Energy board of directors met telephonically to discuss the status of the transaction. Mr. Larson made a presentation to the board comparing UNS Energy s stand-alone plan and the proposal of Fortis. Lazard also updated its previous presentation regarding comparable transactions and potential next steps to move the transaction forward, including strategies for negotiating a higher price. Baker Botts discussed with the board legal matters relating to its obligations in connection with the potential transaction. The board also discussed whether to approach third parties other than Fortis about a potential transaction or to continue bilateral negotiations with Fortis. The board was of the view that Fortis was uniquely positioned to enter into a transaction that would provide a premium to UNS Energy s shareholders that was at least as high as any other party was likely to offer, while simultaneously providing benefits to UNS Energy s customers and other constituencies that made it more likely that ACC approval could be obtained for a transaction with Fortis than with any other party. Consequently, the board determined not to seek proposals from other companies with respect to alternatives to the transaction with Fortis.

On November 29, 2013, UNS Energy received a revised non-binding indication of interest from Fortis with a purchase price of \$58.50 per share. On the same day, Baker Botts also received a revised draft of the Merger Agreement from White & Case. The revised merger agreement contained a number of concessions, including agreement by Fortis to appoint four members of UNS Energy s board on the board of the surviving corporation following closing of the merger and agreement by Fortis to provide additional assurances to UNS Energy s employees, including officers, regarding their compensation and benefits following the merger. Fortis also had indicated in separate discussions about the plan to obtain regulatory approval for the transaction that it would provide assurances to the ACC that a majority of the board of the surviving corporation would be independent directors and that a majority of those directors would reside in Arizona. In this draft of the merger agreement, Fortis also proposed a termination fee similar to the structure initially proposed by UNS Energy but with higher fees than initially proposed by UNS Energy (but lower than initially proposed by Fortis) with the reimbursement of expenses eliminated in most instances. The Fortis proposal also included a more permissive provision relating to other transactions that could be undertaken by Fortis during the pendency of the merger agreement.

At a special meeting on December 2, 2013, the UNS Energy board of directors met telephonically to discuss the most recent proposal from Fortis. Lazard made a presentation regarding the most recent proposal from Fortis and potential responses to the proposal. Rather than reach any conclusion about the proposal at that time, the board decided to discuss the proposal in more detail at its next regularly scheduled meeting later that week.

At a regularly scheduled meeting on December 5, 2013, the board received a presentation from Baker Botts regarding legal matters associated with the transaction and an updated financial analysis by Lazard of the most recent proposal from Fortis that analyzed the financial aspects of UNS Energy s stand-alone plan and the most recent proposal from

Fortis. The board then discussed, among other things, the most recent proposal from Fortis, whether it believed that it was in the best interest of UNS Energy to pursue a transaction at that time, and if so, whether to pursue the transaction with Fortis. The board also discussed the status of negotiations on the merger agreement. After discussion, the board concluded that it was interested in pursuing a transaction if an acceptable price could be achieved. The board s conclusion was based on the fact that it viewed Fortis as a unique potential acquirer of UNS Energy because Fortis was

willing to pay a premium price to UNS Energy s shareholders, enhance the ability of UNS Energy s utility subsidiaries to provide reliable and cost effective service to its customers and also to maintain UNS Energy s local presence in Arizona. The board also was of the view that it was not prepared to enter into a transaction at the price of \$58.50 per share being offered by Fortis. It instructed Mr. Bonavia to communicate to Fortis that it would have to increase its price in order for the board to be willing to enter into a transaction.

On December 5, 2013, Mr. Bonavia called Mr. Marshall and informed him Fortis would have to increase its price before the board would be willing to approve a transaction and that UNS Energy s board of directors was prepared to proceed with a transaction at a price of \$60.75 per share. Mr. Marshall responded that he did not think the Fortis board of directors would approve a transaction at that price, but that he would be willing to recommend that it approve a transaction at a price of \$60.25 per share. Mr. Bonavia and Mr. Marshall each indicated to the other that he would be willing to discuss a transaction at that price with his respective board of directors. Mr. Bonavia discussed the revised price with the UNS Energy board, which concluded that it was prepared to move forward with a transaction at that price. Each party s position was subject to satisfactory resolution of the remaining open items in the merger agreement. The price of \$60.25 per share proposed by Fortis represented a 27.9% premium over the closing price of UNS Energy common stock on December 5, 2013, the last trading session prior to the submission of the proposal, a multiple of 18.5 times UNS Energy s then-projected 2014 diluted earnings per share and a multiple of 9.0 times UNS Energy s then-projected EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization).

At a regular meeting on December 6, 2013, the board received a presentation from Baker Botts regarding legal matters associated with the transaction followed by a detailed review of the merger agreement. Lazard discussed its draft fairness opinion and management presented updated communication and regulatory plans.

On December 7, 2013, Baker Botts sent a revised draft of the merger agreement to White & Case and on December 8, 2013, Fortis, UNS Energy and their respective legal counsel discussed the remaining open issues in the merger agreement, including restrictions on UNS Energy s ability to pay dividends during the period from execution of the agreement until closing, the amount of the termination fee and certain circumstances under which Fortis would be entitled to reimbursement of certain of its expenses in the event the merger agreement were to be terminated.

At a special meeting on December 9, 2013, the UNS Energy board of directors met telephonically to discuss the status of the transaction, including the status of discussions regarding the merger agreement since the last board meeting. The board was informed that Fortis had agreed to a termination fee of 2.5% of the equity value of the transaction, that UNS Energy could pay quarterly dividends up to \$0.48 per share and would be permitted to pay a stub period dividend prior to closing, and that Fortis would be entitled to reimbursement of expenses up to \$12.5 million in connection with the transaction only in certain limited circumstances and that any expense reimbursement would be credited against any termination fee that might become payable. After discussion among the directors and with the board s financial advisor, the board concluded that it was prepared to proceed with a transaction at \$60.25 per share, provided that certain other less significant issues such as finalization of other provisions of the merger agreement and the disclosure schedules to the merger agreement could be resolved satisfactorily. The UNS Energy board of directors discussed and considered, among other things, the course of negotiations with Fortis, including the fact that Fortis had refused to raise further its proposed price.

During the afternoon of December 11, 2013, the Fortis board held a special meeting in Toronto, Canada. Management and the financial advisors and legal advisors of Fortis reviewed the transaction. Following discussion, the Fortis board adopted resolutions approving and adopting the merger substantially in the form contemplated by the merger agreement and the other transactions and agreements contemplated by the merger agreement. Contemporaneously with this meeting, the boards of FortisUS and Merger Sub also approved the transaction.

The UNS Energy board met telephonically in a special meeting during the afternoon of December 11, 2013. Baker Botts reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the board and reported on the resolution of the final issues in the merger agreement. Lazard reviewed its financial analysis of the transaction and presented its oral opinion, which was subsequently confirmed in writing by delivery of Lazard s written opinion, that, based upon and subject to the factors, assumptions and limitations set forth therein, as of December 11, 2013, the \$60.25 in cash per share of UNS Energy common stock to be paid to the holders of UNS Energy common stock (other than UNS Energy or any of its

subsidiaries, Fortis, FortisUS, Merger Sub or any of their respective wholly-owned subsidiaries) pursuant to the merger agreement was fair from a financial point of view to such holders. This analysis and opinion are summarized below in Opinion of Lazard Frères & Co. LLC. Following discussion among the directors, the UNS Energy board unanimously determined that the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement were fair to and in the best interests of UNS Energy and its shareholders, adopted resolutions approving and adopting the proposed merger agreement and the merger, and recommended, subject to the terms and conditions in the proposed merger agreement, that UNS Energy s shareholders approve and adopt the merger agreement.

Following these actions, the parties executed the merger agreement.

#### Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the UNS Energy Board

In evaluating the merger agreement, the UNS Energy board met on numerous occasions with and received advice from UNS Energy s management and legal and financial advisors. In reaching its decision, the UNS Energy board considered a number of factors that the UNS Energy board viewed as generally supporting its decision to approve and enter into the proposed merger agreement and to recommend that UNS Energy shareholders vote FOR the approval and adoption of the merger agreement, including the following:

the current and prospective business climate in the industry in which UNS Energy operates, including the potential for future rate changes or other regulatory actions;

the potential impact of macroeconomic changes on UNS Energy or the trading price of its common stock, including changes in interest rates or the taxation of dividends;

the significant value offered by the per share merger consideration relative to UNS Energy s current and projected earnings and other financial metrics and analyses, as more fully described in Opinion of Lazard Frères & Co. LLC beginning on page 37;

the fact that the consideration to be received by UNS Energy s common shareholders in the merger will consist entirely of cash, which will provide liquidity and certainty of value;

the fact that the merger agreement permits UNS Energy to continue paying a quarterly cash dividend, which it paid in an amount equal to \$0.435 per share of UNS Energy common stock on December 27, 2013, and is permitted to pay a dividend of up to \$0.48 for quarterly dividends for periods thereafter, as well as a stub dividend for any partial dividend period immediately prior to the closing, subject to the discretion of the UNS Energy board;

the fact that the per share merger consideration also represents a 31.4% premium over the closing stock price of \$45.84 on December 11, 2013, the last trading session prior to the announcement of the proposed merger and a 26.0% premium over the volume-weighted trading average of \$47.82 for the twenty trading days prior to the announcement of the proposed merger;

the risks of adverse changes to UNS Energy s trading valuation, including due to potential increases in interest rates (which have historically been correlated with downward movement of the trading prices in dividend-paying utility stocks) and to the potential approval of proposals to increase the tax rates on dividends;

the value of achieving UNS Energy s long-term strategic plan as a stand-alone company as compared to the opportunity afforded to UNS Energy s shareholders to receive an attractive price/premium in cash today;

the likelihood of achieving UNS Energy s long-term strategic plan, including risks associated with competition in the energy industry, the small scale of UNS Energy s operations, volatile wholesale

power supply markets, and the possibility of future regulatory challenges that would impact allowed rates of return, rate structures and ability to recover costs;

the limited alternatives reasonably available to UNS Energy if it did not pursue a merger and the limited number of potential alternative merger partners;

the oral opinion of Lazard, which was subsequently confirmed in writing by delivery of Lazard s written opinion, that, based upon and subject to the factors, assumptions and limitations set forth therein, as of December 11, 2013, the per share merger consideration to be paid to the holders of UNS Energy common stock (other than UNS Energy or any of its subsidiaries, Fortis, FortisUS, Merger Sub or any of their respective wholly-owned subsidiaries) pursuant to the merger agreement was fair from a financial point of view to such holders, as more fully described in Opinion of Lazard Frères & Co. LLC beginning on page 37;

the provisions in the merger agreement permitting UNS Energy to terminate the merger agreement in order to accept a superior proposal, subject to payment of a \$63.9 million termination fee, or approximately 2.5% of the equity market value of UNS Energy at the \$60.25 per share deal value, all as more fully described in The Merger Agreement No Solicitation beginning on page 68 and The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement beginning on page 74;

the other terms and conditions of the merger agreement, including the commitments by Fortis and FortisUS contained therein with respect to obtaining regulatory approvals, and the likelihood of completing the proposed merger on the anticipated schedule;

the reputation of Fortis and the federation model of the operations of Fortis, which would permit UNS Energy to maintain its existing management and practices with respect to its customers, employees and community while taking advantage of the knowledge base, experiences and best practices of Fortis and its subsidiaries;

the commitments by FortisUS in the merger agreement to continue UNS Energy s record of charitable contributions and community involvement, including keeping UNS Energy s headquarters in Tucson, and to maintain compensation and benefits levels for UNS Energy s employees, including officers, until at least the second anniversary of the effective time of the merger; and

the benefits to UNS Energy customers deriving from the opportunity to adopt the best practices of Fortis and its subsidiaries and enhanced access to capital to fund investments and technology that will improve services.

The UNS Energy board weighed these advantages against a number of other factors that it viewed as weighing negatively against the proposed merger, including:

the risk that regulatory agencies may not approve the proposed merger or may impose onerous terms and conditions on their approvals that Fortis would not be willing or able to accept (see Regulatory Approvals beginning on page 55);

the risks and costs to UNS Energy if the merger is not consummated, including the diversion of management and employee attention, the restrictions on the operation of the business under the merger agreement, and the potential effect of such diversion and restrictions on UNS Energy s business and relations with customers and suppliers;

the fact that the directors and officers of UNS Energy may have interests that differ from or conflict with the interests of the shareholders of UNS Energy (see The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger beginning on page 48);

the fact that under Arizona law, UNS Energy shareholders would not be entitled to appraisal rights with respect to the merger;

the fact that UNS Energy had not solicited proposals from companies other than Fortis;

the fact that, following the merger, due to the fact that the consideration was all-cash consideration, UNS Energy s shareholders will cease to participate in any future earnings growth of UNS Energy or benefit from any future increase in value; and

the risks of the type and nature described in the Risk Factors sections of the annual and quarterly reports incorporated herein by reference and the matters described under Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Information beginning on page 16.

In view of the wide variety of factors considered in connection with its evaluation of the proposed merger and the complexity of these matters, the UNS Energy board did not find it useful and did not attempt to quantify or assign any relative or specific weights to the various factors that it considered in reaching its determination to adopt and approve the merger agreement and to make its recommendation to UNS Energy shareholders. In addition, individual members of the UNS Energy board may have given differing weights to different factors. In reaching its determination to adopt and approve the merger agreement, the UNS Energy board conducted an overall review of the factors described above, including thorough discussions with UNS Energy s management and outside legal and financial advisors. The UNS Energy board of directors also considered certain interests its directors and executive officers have in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, those of UNS Energy s common shareholders generally, which are discussed under the section entitled The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Quantification of Change of Control and Termination Payments and Benefits to the UNS Energy Named Executive Officers beginning on page 51.

The UNS Energy board has unanimously determined that the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are fair to and in the best interests of UNS Energy and UNS Energy s shareholders, and unanimously adopted and approved the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. The UNS Energy board unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** the proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement.

## **Opinion of Lazard Frères & Co. LLC**

UNS Energy (which for purposes of this section refers only to UNS Energy Corporation but not its subsidiaries) retained Lazard to provide it with financial advisory services and a fairness opinion in connection with the merger. On December 11, 2013, Lazard rendered its written opinion, consistent with its oral opinion rendered on the same date, to our board of directors that, as of such date, and based upon and subject to the assumptions, procedures, factors, qualifications and limitations set forth therein, the merger consideration of \$60.25 in cash per share of outstanding UNS Energy common stock to be paid to holders of such UNS Energy common stock, other than the excluded holders, in the merger was fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders. For purposes of this section, excluded holders means (i) UNS Energy (as the holder of treasury shares) or any of the subsidiaries of UNS Energy or (ii) Fortis, FortisUS, Merger Sub or any of their respective wholly-owned subsidiaries.

# The full text of Lazard s written opinion, dated December 11, 2013, which sets forth the assumptions made, procedures followed, factors considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by Lazard

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in connection with its opinion, is attached to this proxy statement as Annex B and is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. The following summary of Lazard s opinion is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the opinion. You are encouraged to read Lazard s opinion and this section carefully and in their entirety.

Lazard s engagement and its opinion were for the benefit of our board of directors (in its capacity as such), and Lazard s opinion was rendered to our board of directors in connection with its evaluation of the merger and addressed only the fairness as of the date of the opinion, from a financial point of view, to holders of UNS Energy common stock

(other than the excluded holders) of the consideration to be paid to such holders in the merger. Lazard s opinion was not intended to, and does not, constitute a recommendation to any shareholder as to how such shareholder should vote or act with respect to the merger or any matter relating thereto. Lazard s opinion was necessarily based on economic, monetary, market and other conditions as in effect on, and the information made available to Lazard as of, the date of the opinion. Lazard assumed no responsibility for updating or revising its opinion based on circumstances or events occurring after the date of the opinion. Lazard did not express any opinion as to the price at which shares of UNS Energy common stock may trade at any time subsequent to the announcement of the merger. In connection with its engagement, Lazard was not authorized to, and did not, solicit indications of interest from third parties regarding a potential transaction with UNS Energy. In addition, Lazard s opinion did not address the relative merits of the merger as compared to any other transaction or business strategy in which UNS Energy might engage or the merits of the underlying decision by UNS Energy to engage in the merger.

In connection with its opinion, Lazard:

Reviewed the financial terms and conditions of a final draft of the merger agreement, dated December 11, 2013;

Reviewed certain publicly available historical business and financial information relating to UNS Energy;

Reviewed various financial forecasts and other data provided to Lazard by UNS Energy relating to the business of UNS Energy;

Held discussions with members of the senior management of UNS Energy with respect to the business and prospects of UNS Energy;

Reviewed public information with respect to certain other companies in lines of business Lazard believed to be generally relevant in evaluating the business of UNS Energy;

Reviewed the financial terms of certain business combinations involving companies in lines of business Lazard believed to be generally relevant in evaluating the business of UNS Energy;

Reviewed historical stock prices and trading volumes of UNS Energy common stock; and

Conducted such other financial studies, analyses and investigations as Lazard deemed appropriate. Lazard assumed and relied upon the accuracy and completeness of the foregoing information, without independent verification of such information. Lazard did not conduct any independent valuation or appraisal of any of the assets or liabilities (contingent or otherwise) of UNS Energy or concerning the solvency or fair value of UNS Energy, and Lazard was not furnished with any such valuation or appraisal. With respect to the financial forecasts utilized in

Lazard s analyses, Lazard assumed, with the consent of UNS Energy, that they were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments as to the future financial performance of UNS Energy. Lazard assumed no responsibility for and expressed no view as to any such forecasts or the assumptions on which they were based.

In rendering its opinion, Lazard assumed, with the consent of UNS Energy, that the merger would be consummated on the terms described in the merger agreement, without any waiver or modification of any material terms or conditions. Representatives of UNS Energy advised Lazard, and Lazard assumed, that the merger agreement, when executed, would conform to the draft reviewed by Lazard, dated December 11, 2013, in all material respects. Lazard also assumed, with the consent of UNS Energy, that obtaining the necessary governmental, regulatory or third-party approvals and consents for the merger would not have an adverse effect on UNS Energy or the merger. Lazard did not express any opinion as to any tax or other consequences that might result from the merger, nor did Lazard s opinion address any legal, tax, regulatory or accounting matters, as to which Lazard understood that UNS Energy had obtained such advice as it deemed necessary from qualified professionals. Lazard expressed no view or opinion as to any terms or other spects (other than the per share merger consideration to the extent expressly specified in the opinion)

of the merger. In addition, Lazard expressed no view or opinion as to the fairness of the amount or nature of, or any other aspects relating to, the compensation to any officers, directors or employees of any parties to the merger, or class of such persons, relative to the per share merger consideration or otherwise.

In connection with rendering its opinion, Lazard performed certain financial analyses and reviews of certain information that Lazard deemed appropriate in connection with rendering its opinion as summarized below under

Summary of Lazard Financial Analyses and Other Analyses. The summary of the analyses and reviews provided below under Summary of Lazard Financial Analyses and Other Analyses is not a complete description of the analyses and reviews underlying Lazard s opinion. The preparation of a fairness opinion is a complex process involving various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and review and the application of those methods to particular circumstances, and, therefore, is not readily susceptible to partial analysis or summary description. Considering selected portions of these analyses and reviews or the summary contained in Summary of Lazard Financial Analyses and Other Analyses, without considering the analyses and reviews as a whole, could create an incomplete or misleading view of the analyses and reviews underlying Lazard s opinion. In arriving at its opinion, Lazard considered the results of all of its analyses and reviews and did not attribute any particular weight to any particular analysis or review or application thereof considered by it; rather, Lazard made its determination as to fairness on the basis of its experience and professional judgment after considering the results of all of its analyses and reviews.

For purposes of its analyses and reviews, Lazard considered industry performance, general business, economic, market and financial conditions and other matters, many of which are beyond the control of UNS Energy. No company, business or transaction used in Lazard s analyses and reviews, as a comparison, is identical to UNS Energy, its business or the merger, and an evaluation of the results of those analyses and reviews is not entirely mathematical. Rather, the analyses and reviews involve complex considerations and judgments concerning financial and operating characteristics and other factors that could affect the acquisition, public trading or other values of the companies, businesses or transactions used in Lazard s analyses and reviews. The estimates contained in Lazard s analyses and reviews and the ranges of valuations resulting from any particular analysis or review are not necessarily indicative of actual results or values or predictive of future results or values, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those suggested by Lazard s analyses and reviews. In addition, analyses and reviews relating to the value of companies, businesses or securities do not purport to be appraisals or to reflect the prices at which companies, businesses or securities actually may be sold. Accordingly, the estimates used in, and the results derived from, Lazard s analyses and reviews are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty.

## **Summary of Lazard Financial Analyses**

The summary of the analyses and reviews provided below includes information presented in tabular format. In order to fully understand Lazard s analyses and reviews, the tables must be read together with the full text of each summary. The tables alone do not constitute a complete description of Lazard s analyses and reviews. Considering the data in the tables below without considering the full description of the analyses and reviews, including the methodologies and assumptions underlying the analyses and reviews, could create a misleading or incomplete view of Lazard s analyses and reviews.

Except as otherwise noted, the following quantitative information, to the extent that it is based on market data, is based on market data as it existed on or before December 10, 2013, and is not necessarily indicative of current market conditions.

Selected Comparable Company Multiples Analysis

Lazard reviewed and analyzed certain financial information, valuation multiples and market trading data related to selected comparable publicly-traded regulated utility companies whose operations Lazard believed, based on its experience with companies in the regulated utility industry, to be similar to UNS Energy s operations for purposes of this analysis. Lazard then compared such information to the corresponding information for UNS Energy.

The selected group of companies used in this analysis, which we refer to in this proxy statement as the UNS Energy comparable companies, was as follows:

Avista Corporation

El Paso Electric Company

IDACORP, Inc.

Pinnacle West Capital Corporation

PNM Resources, Inc.

Portland General Electric Company

## TECO Energy, Inc.

Lazard selected the companies reviewed in this analysis because, among other things, the UNS Energy comparable companies operate businesses similar to the business of UNS Energy. However, no selected company is identical to UNS Energy. Accordingly, Lazard believes that purely quantitative analyses are not, in isolation, determinative in the context of the merger and that qualitative judgments concerning differences between the business, financial and operating characteristics and prospects of UNS Energy and the UNS Energy comparable companies that could affect the public trading values of each also are relevant.

Lazard calculated and compared various financial multiples and ratios of each of the UNS Energy comparable companies, including, among other things:

the ratio of each company s December 10, 2013 closing share price to its calendar year 2014 and 2015 estimated earnings per share, commonly referred to as EPS ; and

the ratio of each company s enterprise value, calculated as the market capitalization of each company (based on each company s closing share price as of December 10, 2013 and fully-diluted share count as of September 30, 2013), plus debt, less cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities as of September 30, 2013, to its calendar year 2014 and 2015 estimated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, commonly referred to as EBITDA.

The EPS and EBITDA estimates for each of the UNS Energy comparable companies used by Lazard in its analysis were based on Wall Street research, which represents publicly available consensus estimates. The following table summarizes the results of this review:

|                                  | UNS Energy Comparabl | e Companies Multiples |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Share Price to 2014E EPS         | 14.1x                | 15.7x                 |
| Share Price to 2015E EPS         | 13.1x                | 14.5x                 |
| Enterprise Value to 2014E EBITDA | 6.6x                 | 8.4x                  |
| Enterprise Value to 2015E EBITDA | 6.0x                 | 7.9x                  |

Based on an analysis of the relevant metrics for each of the UNS Energy comparable companies, Lazard selected reference ranges of:

14.5x to 15.5x for share price to 2014 estimated EPS and 13.75x to 14.75x for share price to 2015 estimated EPS; and

7.25x to 7.75x for enterprise value to estimated 2014 EBITDA and for enterprise value to estimated 2015 EBITDA.

Lazard applied each such range of share price to EPS multiples, which are referred to as P/E multiples, for the UNS Energy comparable companies to the estimated EPS of UNS Energy, as reflected in the financial forecasts for UNS Energy prepared by the management of UNS Energy, which are referred to in this discussion as the UNS Energy management case and are described in Forward-Looking Financial Information beginning on page 45, and applied each such range of enterprise values to EBITDA for the UNS Energy comparable companies to the estimated EBITDA of UNS Energy, as reflected in the UNS Energy management case.

From this analysis, Lazard estimated an implied price per share range for shares of UNS Energy common stock, as compared to the per share merger consideration provided in the merger agreement as set forth below:

| Implied Price Per Share Range | Merger Consideration |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| \$44.25 \$48.50               | \$60.25              |
|                               |                      |

Public Market Discounted Cash Flow Analysis

Lazard performed a public market discounted cash flow analysis of UNS Energy, which is a valuation methodology used to derive a valuation of a company by calculating the present value of estimated future cash flows of the company. Future cash flows refers to projected unlevered free cash flows of a company. Lazard calculated the discounted cash flow value for UNS Energy as the sum of the net present value of each of:

the estimated future cash flows that UNS Energy is expected to generate for each of years 2014 through 2023; and

the estimated value of UNS Energy at the end of 2023, or the terminal value. The estimated future cash flow was derived from data provided by UNS Energy under the UNS Energy management case, as the UNS Energy management case did not itself provide an explicit calculation of unlevered free cash flows. The following table sets forth the estimated unlevered free cash flow as calculated by Lazard for each of years 2014 through 2023:

| Fiscal Year Ending December 31, |               |                         |                 |               |                 |               |               |              |          |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--|--|--|
| 2014E                           | 2015E         | 2016E                   | 2017E           | 2018E 2019E   |                 | 2020E         | 2021E         | 2022E        | 2023E    |  |  |  |
|                                 |               |                         |                 | (in n         | nillions)       |               |               |              |          |  |  |  |
| (\$163)                         | (\$50)        | \$209 \$146 \$223 \$182 |                 | \$182         | \$174           | (\$0)         | (\$3)         | \$12         |          |  |  |  |
| For its d                       | iscounted ca  | sh flow calcu           | ilations, Laza  | ard applied   | discount rates  | ranging from  | n 5.50% to 6  | .00%. Such   | discount |  |  |  |
| rates we                        | re based on t | he mid-range            | e of Lazard     | s judgment    | of the estimate | ed range of v | weighted ave  | rage cost of | capital, |  |  |  |
| based or                        | a number o    | f factors, incl         | luding, amon    | g others, the | e average unle  | evered risk p | rofile of UN  | S Energy s   | selected |  |  |  |
| group of                        | comparable    | companies a             | is set forth ab | ove in S      | elected Comp    | arable Com    | pany Multipl  | es Analysis, | UNS      |  |  |  |
| Energy                          | s weighted a  | after-tax cost          | of its long-te  | erm debt, an  | d UNS Energ     | y s consolid  | lated leverag | e.           |          |  |  |  |

The terminal value of UNS Energy was calculated applying various exit EBITDA multiples ranging from 7.25x to 7.75x and applying various exit P/E multiples, ranging from 14.5x to 15.5x. The exit EBITDA multiples were selected by Lazard by reference to enterprise value to EBITDA trading multiples calculated for UNS Energy as well as the enterprise value to EBITDA trading multiples of the UNS Energy comparable companies. The exit P/E multiples were selected by Lazard by reference to P/E trading multiples calculated for UNS Energy as well as the P/E trading multiples of the UNS Energy as well as the P/E trading multiples of the UNS Energy as well as the P/E trading multiples of the UNS Energy comparable companies. Lazard applied such ranges of exit EBITDA multiples and exit

P/E multiples to the relevant financial data of UNS Energy, consistent with the UNS Energy management case, to determine a terminal value for UNS Energy.

Lazard averaged the price per share ranges implied by these calculations and, from this analysis, estimated an implied price per share range for shares of UNS Energy common stock, as compared to the per share merger consideration provided in the merger agreement as set forth below:

| Implied Price Pe | er Share Range | Merger Consideration |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| \$45.50          | \$53.00        | \$60.25              |

Selected Precedent Transactions Multiples Analysis

Lazard reviewed and analyzed selected precedent merger and acquisition transactions involving companies in the power and utilities industry it viewed as comparable to UNS Energy. In performing this analysis, Lazard reviewed certain financial information and transaction multiples relating to the companies involved in such selected transactions and compared such information to the corresponding information for UNS Energy. Specifically, Lazard reviewed 10 merger and acquisition transactions announced since May 2005 involving companies in the power and utilities industry for which sufficient public information was available.

The selected group of transactions reviewed in this analysis was as follows:

| Announcement Date 5/29/2013 | Acquiror<br>MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company          | Target<br>NV Energy, Inc.                  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| 2/21/2012                   | Fortis Inc.  | CH Energy Group, Inc.                      |
| 7/12/2011                   | Gaz Métro Limited Partnership                            | Central Vermont Public Service Corporation |
| 4/20/2011                   | AES Corporation  | DPL Inc.                                   |
| 10/26/2007                  | Macquarie Infrastructure Partners                        | Puget Energy, Inc.                         |
| 6/25/2007                   | Iberdrola, S.A.  | Energy East Corporation                    |
| 2/26/2007                   | Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and<br>Texas Pacific Group | TXU Corp.                                  |
| 7/5/2006                    | Macquarie Infrastructure Partners                        | Duquesne Light Holdings, Inc.              |
| 2/27/2006                   | National Grid plc  | KeySpan Corporation                        |
| 5/24/2005                   | Milling Commence   |  |

5/24/2005 MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company PacifiCorp To the extent publicly available, Lazard reviewed, among other things, the P/E multiples of each of the target companies implied by the selected transactions by comparing the per share acquisition price to the relevant target company s estimated EPS at the time of the transaction for the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which the relevant transaction was announced, and the EV/EBITDA multiples of each of the target companies implied by the selected transactions by comparing the enterprise value implied by the acquisition price to the relevant target company s estimated EBITDA for the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which the relevant transaction was announced. Estimated EPS and EBITDA amounts for the target companies were based on publicly available Wall Street consensus estimates or other publicly available financial information and analyst research. The following table summarizes the results of this review:

|        |                                   | Selected Precedent        |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|        |                                   | Transactions              |
|        | Selected Precedent Transactions E | nterprise Value to EBITDA |
|        | P/E Multiples                     | Multiples                 |
| High   | 19.6x                             | 9.8x                      |
| Mean   | 17.1x                             | 8.9x                      |
| Median | 17.6x                             | 8.8x                      |
| Low    | 12.4x                             | 7.6x                      |

Based on an analysis of the relevant metrics for each of the transactions, Lazard applied a P/E multiple range of 16.5x to 18.5x to the 2014 estimated EPS of UNS Energy and a P/E multiple range of 15.5x to 17.5x to the 2015 estimated EPS of UNS Energy. Lazard also applied an EBITDA multiple range of 8.25x to 9.00x to the 2014 estimated EBITDA of UNS Energy and an EBITDA multiple range of 8.25x to 9.00x to the 2015 estimated EBITDA of UNS Energy. The 2014 and 2015 EPS and EBITDA estimates for UNS Energy were as reflected in the UNS Energy management case.

From this analysis, Lazard estimated an implied price per share range for shares of UNS Energy common stock, as compared to the per share merger consideration provided in the merger agreement as set forth below:

| Implied Price P | er Share Range | Merger Consideration |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| \$52.50         | \$60.00        | \$60.25              |

#### **Other Analyses**

The analyses and data described below were presented to our board of directors for informational purposes only and did not provide the basis for, and were not otherwise material to, the rendering of Lazard s opinion.

### 52-Week High / Low Trading Prices

Lazard reviewed the range of trading prices of shares of UNS Energy common stock for the 52 weeks ended on December 10, 2013. Lazard observed that, during such period, the intraday share price of UNS Energy common stock ranged from \$40.89 per share to \$51.86 per share, as compared to the per share merger consideration of \$60.25 per share.

### Research Analyst Price Targets

Lazard reviewed selected equity analyst price targets based on published, publicly available Wall Street equity research reports, which indicated 12-month target prices that ranged from \$46.00 to \$51.50 and next 12 months dividends of \$1.87 per share discounted to December 31, 2013 at an illustrative 8.5% cost of equity. Lazard observed that such price targets ranged from \$44.00 per share to \$49.25 per share, as compared to the merger consideration of \$60.25 per share.

### Dividend Discount Analysis

Lazard performed a dividend discount analysis of shares of UNS Energy common stock, which calculates an implied equity value per share by discounting to the present the value of the future dividends per share of UNS Energy common stock expected to be paid by UNS Energy, as reflected in the UNS Energy management case, based on an assumed equity discount rate ranging from 8.25% to 8.75%.

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Based on this analysis, Lazard calculated an implied price per share range for shares of UNS Energy common stock, as compared to the per share merger consideration provided in the merger agreement as set forth below:

| Implied Price Per | Share Range | Merger Consideration |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| \$36.75           | \$47.50     | \$60.25              |

#### Premium-to-Market Analysis

Lazard reviewed the premiums paid in the selected transactions listed above in Selected Precedent Transactions Multiples Analysis. The implied premiums in this analysis were calculated by comparing, to the extent publicly available, the per share acquisition price to the relevant target company s average closing share price for the 20-day period prior to the date the relevant transaction was announced. The premiums ranged from 9.4% to 52.6%, the median of premium was 22.1% and the mean of premium was 22.2%.

Based on the foregoing analysis, Lazard applied a range of premiums based on these transactions of 13.0% to 24.0% to the 20-day volume-weighted average share price of \$47.89 of UNS Energy common stock as of December 10, 2013. From this analysis, Lazard estimated an implied equity value per share range for UNS Energy common stock, as compared to the per share merger consideration provided in the merger agreement as set forth below:

| Implied Price Per Share Range | Merger Consideration |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| \$54.12 \$59.38               | \$60.25              |
| <br>                          |                      |

#### Infrastructure Returns Analysis

Lazard performed an illustrative infrastructure returns analysis utilizing exit P/E multiples ranging from 16.5x to 18.5x, based on selected precedent transaction P/E multiples, and an assumed required equity return ranging from 10.0% to 12.0%, based on an illustrative required range of equity returns expected by long-term investors, in each case as applied to an assumed 2024 terminal year net income of \$204 million. The results of this analysis implied an equity value per share range for UNS Energy common stock, as compared to the per share merger consideration provided in the merger agreement as set forth below:

| Implied Price Per Share Range | Merger Consideration |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| \$51.00 \$57.75               | \$60.25              |

### Miscellaneous

In connection with Lazard s services as financial advisor to UNS Energy with respect to the merger, UNS Energy agreed to pay Lazard a fee equal to \$16,500,000, of which one-fifth became payable upon the rendering of Lazard s opinion and the remainder is contingent upon the closing of the merger. UNS Energy has also agreed to reimburse Lazard for certain expenses incurred in connection with Lazard s engagement and to indemnify Lazard and certain related persons under certain circumstances against various liabilities that may arise from or be related to Lazard s engagement, including certain liabilities under United States federal securities laws. Other than in connection with Lazard s services as financial advisor to UNS Energy with respect to the merger, Lazard and its affiliates have not received fees for providing financial advisory services to UNS Energy during the last two years.

An affiliate of Lazard was engaged on October 7, 2013 by a subsidiary of Fortis with respect to an unrelated matter of an insignificant size compared to the acquisition contemplated by the merger agreement for which Lazard has received and may continue to receive compensation. The maximum fee payable to such affiliate of Lazard in connection with this other engagement is expected to be no more than 10% of the fee that would be earned by Lazard if the merger is completed.

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Lazard, as part of its investment banking business, is continually engaged in the valuation of businesses and their securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions, negotiated underwritings, secondary distributions of listed

and unlisted securities, private placements, leveraged buyouts, and valuations for estate, corporate and other purposes. In addition, in the ordinary course, Lazard, LFCM Holdings LLC (an entity indirectly owned in large part by current and former managing directors of Lazard) and their respective affiliates and employees may trade securities of UNS Energy, Fortis and certain of their respective affiliates for their own accounts and for the accounts of their customers, may at any time hold a long or short position in such securities, and may also trade and hold securities on behalf of UNS Energy, Fortis and certain of their respective affiliates. The issuance of Lazard s opinion was approved by the opinion committee of Lazard.

Lazard is an internationally recognized investment banking firm providing a full range of financial advisory and other services. Lazard was selected to act as investment banker to UNS Energy because of its qualifications, expertise and reputation in investment banking and mergers and acquisitions generally and in the utility industry specifically, as well as its familiarity with the business of UNS Energy.

UNS Energy and FortisUS Inc. determined the per share merger consideration of \$60.25 in cash per share of UNS Energy common stock, to be paid to the holders of UNS Energy common stock (other than the excluded holders) in the merger, through arm s-length negotiations, and our board of directors unanimously approved such per share merger consideration. Lazard did not recommend any specific consideration to our board of directors or any other person or indicate that any given consideration constituted the only appropriate consideration for the merger. Lazard s opinion was one of many factors considered by our board of directors, as discussed further in Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the UNS Energy Board beginning on page 35.

## **Forward-Looking Financial Information**

UNS Energy does not as a matter of general practice make public detailed projections of its anticipated financial position or results of operations due to the unpredictability of the underlying assumptions and estimates inherent in preparing financial projections, other than providing, from time to time, estimated ranges of certain expected financial results and operational metrics in its regular earnings press releases and other investor material. In connection with the evaluation of a possible transaction, our management prepared and provided to our board of directors, Lazard and Fortis forward-looking financial information for the years 2013 through 2024 based upon projections developed by UNS Energy (which we refer to as the base case projections). The base case projections were updated once during the discussions with Fortis to reflect UNS Energy s actual results of operations through September 30, 2013, which results of operations had been estimated in the initial base case projections provided to our board of directors, Lazard and Fortis. The updated version of the projections was provided to our board of directors, Lazard and Fortis in early November 2013. The assumptions on which the updated version of the base case projections was based did not differ materially from the assumptions used in the preparation of the earlier version of the base case projections. The updated base case projections are summarized below. In addition to the base case projections, our management prepared a summary of potential sources of incremental value which estimated the potential impact of certain optimistic scenarios on certain elements of the base case projections (we refer to these potential sources of incremental value as the potential upside items and, together with the base case projections, as the financial projections). We shared these potential upside items with our board of directors, Lazard and Fortis.

None of the financial projections were intended for public disclosure. Nonetheless, a summary of the financial projections is included in this proxy statement only because they were made available to our board of directors, Lazard and Fortis. The potential upside items were not subject to valuation or other financial analysis by Lazard. The financial projections are subjective in many respects. There can be no assurance that the financial projections will be realized or that actual results will not be significantly higher or lower than projected. The financial projections also cover multiple years and such information by its nature becomes subject to greater uncertainty with each successive year. Economic and business environments can and do change quickly, which adds an additional significant level of

uncertainty as to whether the results portrayed in the forecasts will be achieved. The inclusion of the financial projections in this proxy statement does not constitute an admission or representation by UNS Energy that the information is material.

The financial projections are unaudited and were not prepared with a view toward public disclosure or compliance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for preparation and presentation of prospective financial information or United States generally accepted accounting principles (which we refer to as GAAP) or the

published guidelines of the SEC regarding projections and the use of non-GAAP financial measures. They were, in general, prepared solely for certain uses by each of our management, board of directors, Lazard and Fortis. Neither UNS Energy s independent auditors, nor any other independent accountants, have compiled, examined or performed any procedures with respect to the financial projections, nor have they expressed any opinion or any other form of assurance on the financial projections or their achievability, and they assume no responsibility for, and disclaim any association with, the financial projections.

The financial projections also contain numerous non-GAAP measures. Non-GAAP measures should not be considered in isolated form, or as a substitute for, financial information presented in compliance with GAAP, and non-GAAP financial measures as used by UNS Energy may not be comparable to similarly titled amounts used by other companies.

The financial projections were based on numerous variables and assumptions that are inherently uncertain and may be beyond the control of UNS Energy. In the view of our management, the base case projections were prepared on a reasonable basis and reflected the best available estimates and judgments at the time of their preparation, and presented at the time of their preparation, in the view of our management, a reasonable projection of the future financial performance of UNS Energy. In the view of our management, the potential upside items reflected various estimates, judgments and assumptions that our management made in good faith when preparing such potential upside items with the intention of reflecting the possible upside potential future financial performance of UNS Energy, not the most likely future financial performance of UNS Energy (which was instead intended to be reflected in the base case projections).

The financial projections have not been updated, are not facts and should not be relied upon as being indicative of future results. You are cautioned not to rely on the financial projections. Some or all of the assumptions that have been made in connection with the preparation of the financial projections may have changed since the date the forecasts were prepared. Neither UNS Energy nor any of its affiliates assumes any responsibility for the validity, reasonableness, accuracy or completeness of the financial projections. Neither UNS Energy nor any of its affiliates intends to, and each of them disclaims any obligation to, update, revise or correct the financial projections if any or all of them have become, are or become inaccurate (even in the short term) since the time of their preparation. These considerations should be taken into account in reviewing the financial projections, which were prepared as of an earlier date.

The base case projections reflect various estimates and assumptions made by UNS Energy, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond UNS Energy s control, including, among others, the following assumptions:

average annual retail sales growth at TEP of approximately 2.0% during the period from 2015 through 2024, assuming the addition of a new industrial customer representing approximately 85 MW of new load in 2016, but only 1.4% if the planned large industrial customer were excluded;

the purchase of roughly an additional 35% interest in Springerville Unit 1 in late 2014 and early 2015, as well as the purchase of the 550 MW Gila River Unit 3 combined cycle plant at the end of 2014 with the effect of reducing power purchase contracts while adding rate base;

planned capital spending totaling approximately \$4.9 billion during the period from 2013 through 2024 in electric and gas utility plant; and

issuances of 2 million shares of common stock in 2014 and 1 million shares of common stock in 2015. Because the financial projections reflect subjective judgment in many respects, they are susceptible to multiple interpretations and frequent revisions based on actual experience and business developments. The financial projections also cover multiple years and such information by its nature becomes less predictive with each succeeding year. The financial projections constitute forward-looking information and are subject to a wide variety of significant risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results to differ materially from the projected results, including, but not limited to, the factors described in the section entitled Risk Factors in UNS Energy s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, UNS Energy s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2013, and in UNS Energy s other filings with the SEC. For additional information on factors that may cause UNS Energy s future financial results to materially vary from the projected results summarized below, see the section entitled

Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Information. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the projected results summarized below are indicative of the future performance of UNS Energy or that actual results will not differ materially from the projected results summarized below, and the financial projections cannot be considered a guarantee of future operating results and should not be relied upon as such.

The financial projections should be evaluated, if at all, in conjunction with the historical financial statements and other information regarding UNS Energy contained in UNS Energy s public filings with the SEC. The financial projections do not take into account any circumstances or events occurring after the date they were prepared, including the merger. Further, the financial projections do not take into account the effect of any failure of the merger to be consummated and should not be viewed as accurate or continuing in that context.

### **Financial Projections**

The following table summarizes the base case projections that were provided to our board of directors, Lazard and Fortis prior to the announcement of the transaction on December 11, 2013.

#### Selected Unaudited Base Case Financial Projections

#### (\$ in millions, except per share data)

|              | For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|
|              | 20                                  | 13E   | 20  | 14E  | 20  | 15E  | 20  | 16E  | 20  | 17E  | 20  | )18E  | 20  | 19E  | 20  | 20E  | 20  | 21E  | 202 | 22E  | 20  | 23E  | 20  | 24E  |
| otal         |                                     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| Operating    |                                     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| levenues     | \$1                                 | ,477  | \$1 | ,541 | \$1 | ,566 | \$1 | ,643 | \$1 | ,702 | \$1 | ,744  | \$1 | ,804 | \$1 | ,870 | \$1 | ,941 | \$1 | ,999 | \$2 | ,044 | \$2 | ,209 |
| Fross Margin | \$                                  | 895   | \$  | 939  | \$  | 966  | \$1 | ,015 | \$1 | ,037 | \$1 | ,058  | \$1 | ,086 | \$1 | ,110 | \$1 | ,143 | \$1 | ,167 | \$1 | ,177 | \$1 | ,308 |
| BITDA        | \$                                  | 417   | \$  | 446  | \$  | 499  | \$  | 542  | \$  | 541  | \$  | 571   | \$  | 574  | \$  | 594  | \$  | 635  | \$  | 622  | \$  | 646  | \$  | 746  |
| let Income   |                                     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| or Common    |                                     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| hares        | \$                                  | 130   | \$  | 140  | \$  | 158  | \$  | 171  | \$  | 166  | \$  | 173   | \$  | 175  | \$  | 181  | \$  | 197  | \$  | 187  | \$  | 207  | \$  | 232  |
| oiluted      |                                     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| arnings Per  |                                     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| hare         | \$                                  | 3.09  | \$  | 3.25 | \$  | 3.52 | \$  | 3.78 | \$  | 3.67 | \$  | 3.81  | \$  | 3.86 | \$  | 3.98 | \$  | 4.33 | \$  | 4.06 | \$  | 4.41 | \$  | 4.94 |
| Capital      |                                     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| xpenditures  |                                     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| nd Other     | \$                                  | 330   | \$  | 647  | \$  | 534  | \$  | 310  | \$  | 366  | \$  | 319   | \$  | 362  | \$  | 363  | \$  | 561  | \$  | 550  | \$  | 549  | \$  | 402  |
| let Utility  |                                     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| lant         | \$3                                 | 3,535 | \$4 | ,064 | \$4 | ,288 | \$4 | ,386 | \$4 | ,513 | \$4 | 1,598 | \$4 | ,725 | \$4 | ,845 | \$5 | ,158 | \$5 | ,460 | \$5 | ,770 | \$5 | ,894 |
|              |                                     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |       |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |

In addition to the base case projections, our management identified the potential upside items relating to certain discrete aspects of the base case projections to reflect the possible upside case for the future financial performance of

those aspects of UNS Energy s operations using more positive assumptions than those made in the base case projections. The potential upside items were provided to our board of directors, Lazard and Fortis. Lazard considered the potential upside items, but did not use them in connection with the financial analyses summarized in the section entitled Opinion of Lazard Frères & Co. LLC because these items did not represent, in management s judgment, the most likely outcome for the future financial performance of UNS Energy but rather, as noted above, possible upside opportunities if certain assumptions underlying the base case projections proved to be more favorable than expected.

The potential upside items reflect various estimates and assumptions made by UNS Energy, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond UNS Energy s control. The items considered and evaluated which were deemed to have the potential to offer upside to UNS Energy s future results were as follows:

an enhanced load growth scenario of 1% greater projected load growth for TEP, which would result in additional cumulative retail margins and would help reduce rate pressure on TEP s customers;

the potential for incremental large retail customers, which would increase revenues and margins;

an increase in UNS Energy s utilities authorized equity capitalization ratio in the near-to-medium-term, which would provide a higher equity base;

an increase in renewable energy assets through buyouts of existing renewable power purchase agreements, which would increase rate base on which to earn; and

the procurement of additional gas-fired generation over and above the purchases included in the base case projections, and the forecasted addition of additional peaking units in 2021-2023, which would increase rate base.

### Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger

When considering the recommendation of the UNS Energy board with respect to the proposed merger, you should be aware that UNS Energy s executive officers and directors may have interests in the proposed transactions that are different from, or in addition to, those of UNS Energy s shareholders more generally. These interests may present such executive officers and directors with actual or potential conflicts of interest. The UNS Energy board was aware of these interests during its deliberations on the merits of the proposed transactions and in deciding to recommend that you vote for the approval and adoption of the merger agreement at the special meeting.

## Acceleration of Vesting and Conversion of Equity and Equity-based Awards

Upon the consummation of the merger, each outstanding stock option and other equity-based award will, to the extent unvested, automatically vest (with the number of shares earned in respect of performance-vesting awards determined assuming target level of attainment or based on actual attainment of the applicable performance conditions as of the end of the quarter immediately preceding the consummation of the merger, whichever results in a greater number of shares, in each case without proration (except in the case of employees whose employment was terminated for good reason or without cause) and with any expenses or costs arising in connection with the merger or any non-recurring

charges that would not be reasonably be expected to have been incurred had the merger not occurred excluded in determining the level of attainment) and be converted into the right to receive the per share merger consideration for all shares subject to (or, in the case of performance-vesting awards, earned or deemed earned in respect of) such awards (in the case of stock options, less the exercise price). Each of our named executive officers, directors, and all other executive officers, hold equity and equity-based awards. Our named executive officers include Paul J. Bonavia (Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer), Kevin P. Larson (Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer), David G. Hutchens (President and Chief Operating Officer), Karen G. Kissinger (Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer), Philip Dion (Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Customer Solutions) and Michael J. DeConcini (who served as our Senior Vice President, Operations, during 2013, and would have been one of our three other most highly compensated executive officers, but left the Company in September 2013).

Each of our named executive officers (other than Mr. DeConcini) holds vested options to purchase shares of UNS Energy common stock, and each of our named executive officers holds other vested and unvested equity-based awards granted under our equity compensation plans, including performance shares and restricted stock units. The outstanding options of UNS Energy to purchase shares of common stock have a weighted exercise price per share of \$28.63. All of the non-employee members of our board of directors hold restricted stock units granted under our equity compensation plans.

For an estimate of the amounts that would be payable to each of our named executive officers for their unvested other equity-based awards in connection with the merger (which would exclude any options held by such officers because all such options are vested), see Quantification of Change of Control and Termination Payments and Benefits to the UNS Energy Named Executive Officers below. We estimate that the aggregate amount that would be payable to UNS Energy s executive officers who are not named executive officers for their unvested other equity-based awards (which would exclude any options held by such officers because all such options are vested) if the effective time of the merger were February 14, 2014, is approximately \$1,092,694.

## Change of Control and Termination Benefits Under UNS Energy Plans

Each of our current executive officers, including our named executive officers that are currently employed by the Company, are party to a change in control agreement with UNS Energy. Under the change in control agreements, the executive officer will be entitled to receive change in control benefits if he or she incurs a separation from service due to Company s termination of his or her employment without Cause or due to executive officer s termination of employment with the Company for Good Reason during the six-month period prior to the occurrence of a Change in Control. The executive officer also will be entitled to receive these benefits if he or she incurs a separation from service due to Company s termination of his or her employment without Cause or due to executive officer s termination. The executive officer also will be entitled to receive these benefits if he or she incurs a separation from service due to Company s termination of his or her employment without Cause or due to the executive officer s termination of employment for Good Reason during the 24-month period following the occurrence of a Change in Control.

A Change in Control is defined as (i) the acquisition of beneficial ownership of 40% of the common stock of UNS Energy, (ii) certain changes in the Board, (iii) the closing of certain mergers or consolidations or (iv) certain transfers of the assets of UNS Energy. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Change in Control will not be deemed to have occurred until: any required regulatory approval, including any final non-appealable regulatory order, has been obtained; and the transaction that would otherwise be considered a Change in Control closes. If there is a Change in Control and a qualifying separation occurs during the protection period, then the executive officer is entitled to severance benefits in the form of: (i) a single lump sum payment in an amount equal to two (for Mr. Bonavia), one and one-half (for Messrs. Hutchens, Larson, and Dion) or one (for Ms. Kissinger) times the greater of (a) the executive officer s annualized base salary as of the date of the executive officer s separation from service, or (b) the executive officer s annualized base salary in effect immediately prior to any material diminution in the executive officer s base salary following execution of the change in control agreement; (ii) a single lump sum cash payment in an amount equal to two (for Mr. Bonavia), one and one-half (for Messrs, Hutchens, Larson, and Dion) or one (for Ms. Kissinger) times the average payment to which the executive officer was entitled pursuant to the short-term incentive compensation plan for the three calendar years immediately preceding the calendar year in which the executive officer s separation from service occurs or, if that data is not available, the executive officer s target payment under the short-term incentive compensation plan; (iii) a single lump sum cash payment in an amount equal to a prorated portion of the actual payment to which the executive officer would have been entitled under the short-term incentive compensation plan for the calendar year in which the executive officer s expansion from service occurs; and (iv) a single lump sum cash payment in the amount of the payment, if any, to which the executive officer is entitled under the short-term incentive compensation plan (based on the executive officer s actual performance) for the year prior to the year in which the executive officer s separation from service occurs, to the extent not already paid to the executive officer.

Good reason is defined under these agreements to mean (1) a material, adverse diminution in the executive officer s authority, duties or responsibilities; (2) a material change in the geographic location at which the executive officer must primarily perform services; (3) a material diminution in the executive officer s base salary provided that such diminution is not a result of a generally applicable reduction in the base salary of all officers of the Company in an amount that does not exceed 10%; or (4) any action or inaction that constitutes a material breach of the agreement by the Company. Cause is defined under these agreements to mean (i) the willful failure of the executive officer to perform any of the executive officer s duties

for the Company which continues after the Company has given the participant written notice describing the failure and an opportunity to cure the failure, (ii) a material violation of Company policy, (iii) any act of fraud or dishonesty, (iv) the executive officer s gross misconduct in the performance of the executive officer s duties that results in material economic harm to the Company, (v) the executive officer s conviction of, or plea of guilty or no contest to a felony or (vi) the executive officer s material breach of the executive officer s employment agreement with the Company, if any.

The executive officer would also be entitled to continue to participate in TEP s health, life, disability or other insurance benefit plans for a period expiring on the earlier of (a) 24 months (for Mr. Bonavia), 18 months (for Messrs. Hutchens, Larson and Dion), or 12 months (for Ms. Kissinger) following the executive officer s separation from service, or in some cases for the respective period following the Change in Control event, or (b) the day on which the executive officer becomes eligible to receive any substantially similar benefits, on a benefit-by-benefit basis, under any plan or program of any successor employer. In the event the executive officer elected a high deductible health care plan pursuant to which TEP has agreed to make contributions to the executive officer s health savings account, then TEP will pay to the executive officer a single lump sum cash payment in an amount equal to the contributions that TEP would have made to the executive officer s health savings account during the respective benefit continuation period described above had the executive officer not incurred the separation from service.

The change in control agreements also contain a number of material conditions or obligations applicable to the receipt of payments or benefits, which require the executive officer to (i) continue to abide by the terms and provisions of the Company s policies that protect various forms of confidential information and intellectual property; (ii) refrain from consulting with, engaging in or acting as an advisor to another company about business that competes with the Company; (iii) refrain from soliciting business for or in connection with any competing business (a) from any individual or entity that obtained products or services from the Company at any time during the executive officer s employment with the Company or (b) from any individual or entity that was solicited by the executive officer on behalf of the Company; and (iv) refrain from soliciting employees of the Company who would have the skills and knowledge necessary to enable or assist efforts by the executive officer to engage in a competing business. Item (i) referred to in this paragraph contains no durational limit, nor do the change in control agreements include any provision providing for waiver of a breach of item (i). Items (ii) through (iv) referred to in this paragraph are effective for a period of one year following the date of the executive officer s termination. Breach of items (ii) through (iv) is waived if the Company materially defaults on any of its obligations under the change in control agreements.

No excise tax gross-ups are provided. Rather, severance payments to executive officers are cut back to the safe harbor limit if the reduction results in the executive officer receiving a greater after-tax benefit than if the excise tax were paid by the executive officer on the excess parachute payments ; otherwise, all payments would be paid and the executive officer would pay the excise tax.

## **Deferred** Compensation Plan

UNS Energy sponsors a Deferred Compensation Plan, effective January 1, 2007, which we refer to as the DCP, for directors, executive officers and certain other employees of UNS Energy. Under the DCP, employee participants are allowed to defer on a pre-tax basis up to 100% of base salary and cash bonuses, and non-employee director participants are allowed to defer up to 100% of their cash compensation. The DCP also allows the executive employee participants to receive the 401(k) Company match that cannot be contributed to the 401(k) Plan because of limitations imposed by the Code. The deferred amounts are valued daily as if invested in one or more of a number of investment funds, including UNS Energy stock units, each of which may appreciate or depreciate in value over time. The choice of investment funds is determined by the individual participant. Pursuant to the terms of the DCP, immediately prior to the merger, each participant who holds amounts in the DCP valued as if they are investments in UNS Energy stock units will have such amounts in respect of the number of UNS Energy stock units allocated to his or her account

converted to a cash equivalent amount determined with reference to the per share merger consideration.

## Incentive Compensation and Transaction Expenses

The merger agreement provides that, in calculating the level of attainment of performance criteria applicable to performance-vesting restricted share and unit awards and any other short- or long-term cash or equity incentive

awards that are subject to performance-vesting conditions, the Company will exclude expenses and costs arising as a result of or in connection with the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement (including the merger) and any non-recurring charges that, had the merger and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement not occurred, would not reasonably be expected to arise.

## Continued Service of UNS Energy Directors and Officers

Pursuant to the merger agreement, four of the eleven members of UNS Energy s board of directors designated by UNS Energy and acceptable to FortisUS, including our Chief Executive Officer, may remain on the board of directors of UNS Energy following the merger and will not be removed, except for cause, until at least the second anniversary of the closing date of the merger. It is also expected that UNS Energy s executive officers will remain executive officers of UNS Energy following the merger.

# Quantification of Change of Control and Termination Payments and Benefits to the UNS Energy Named Executive Officers

The following table sets forth the amount of payments and benefits that each UNS Energy named executive officer would receive in connection with the merger, assuming the merger occurred on February 14, 2014. The Cash and

Perquisites/Benefits columns set forth the amount of payments and benefits that each UNS Energy named executive officer would receive were the employment of the named executive officer terminated other than for Cause or the named executive officer resigned for Good Reason, in each case assuming the merger occurred on such date, and the

Equity column sets forth the amount of payments and benefits that each UNS Energy named executive officer would receive upon the closing of the merger, regardless of a termination of employment. The payments and benefits are subject to a non-binding advisory vote of UNS Energy s shareholders, as described under Proposals to be Considered at the Special Meeting Item 2-Advisory Vote Regarding Certain Executive Compensation. For additional details regarding the terms of the payments quantified below, see The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger, which appears in the disclosures immediately above beginning on page 48.

#### **Change of Control and Termination Compensation**

#### Named

| Executive            |           |   |      | Perquisites/ | Tax      |      |            |
|----------------------|-----------|---|------|--------------|----------|------|------------|
|                      | Cash (\$) | Equity (\$Pension/NQDCBenefitsReimbursementther |      |              |          |      |            |
| Officer              | (1)       | (2)   | (\$) | (\$) (3)     | (\$) (4) | (\$) | Total (\$) |
| Paul J. Bonavia      | 2,391,651 | 2,834,160                                       |      | 11,826       |          |      | 5,237,637  |
| David G. Hutchens    | 882,560   | 1,355,625                                       |      | 25,629       |          |      | 2,263,814  |
| Kevin P. Larson      | 816,807   | 1,028,468                                       |      | 3,264        |          |      | 1,848,539  |
| Philip Dion          | 515,411   | 219,310   |      | 31,184       |          |      | 765,905    |
| Michael J. DeConcini |           | 450,429   |      |              |          |      | 450,429    |
| Karen G. Kissinger   | 392,937   | 801,928   |      | 22,201       |          |      | 1,217,066  |

- (1) Represents the value of cash severance for termination following a change of control equal to the sum of (i) a single lump sum payment in an amount equal to two (for Mr. Bonavia), one and one-half (for Messrs. Hutchens, Dion and Larson) or one (for Ms. Kissinger) times the sum of (a) the executive officer s annualized base salary as of the date of the executive officer s separation from service, (b) the average payment which the executive officer received pursuant to the short-term incentive compensation plan for the three calendar years immediately preceding the calendar year in which the executive officer s separation from service occurs, or, if not available, the current target bonus, (ii) a single lump sum cash payment in an amount equal to a prorated portion of the actual payment to which the executive officer would have been entitled under the short-term incentive compensation plan for the executive officer is entitled under the short-term incentive compensation plan (iii) a single lump sum cash payment, if any, to which the executive officer is entitled under the short-term incentive compensation plan (based on the executive officer s actual performance) for the year prior to the year in which the executive officer s separation from service occurs, to the extent not already paid to the executive officer.
- (2) Represents the aggregate payments to be made in respect to the restricted stock units and other stock based awards based on the merger consideration of \$60.25 per share.
- (3) In the event of the executive officer s termination following a change of control, the executive officer is entitled to continue to participate in TEP s health benefit plans for a period expiring on the earlier of (a) 24 months (for Mr. Bonavia), 18 months (for Messrs. Hutchens, Larson and Dion), or 12 months (for Ms. Kissinger) or (b) the day on which the executive officer becomes eligible to receive any substantially similar benefits, on a benefit-by-benefit basis, under any plan or program of any successor employer.
- (4) In the event of the executive officer s termination following a change of control, no excise tax gross-ups are provided. Rather, severance payments to executives are cut back to the safe harbor limit if the reduction results in the executive receiving a greater after-tax benefit than if the excise tax were paid by the executive on the excess parachute payments ; otherwise, all payments would be paid and the executive would pay the excise tax. *Insurance and Indemnification of UNS Energy Directors and Officers*

The merger agreement provides that for six years following the merger, the surviving corporation will indemnify and hold harmless all past and present directors, officers and employees of UNS Energy and its subsidiaries for actions in their capacities as directors, officers and employees, respectively, prior to the merger, to the same extent as they are indemnified as of the date of the merger agreement pursuant to applicable law and UNS Energy s organizational documents. In addition, UNS Energy will indemnify and hold harmless such directors, officers and employees to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law for acts or omissions occurring in connection with the merger agreement and the merger. UNS Energy will advance expenses incurred in the defense of any proceeding with respect to indemnified matters in accordance with the procedures in its and its subsidiaries organizational documents and any indemnification agreements filed with the SEC as of the date of the merger agreement, subject to repayment if it is ultimately determined that such director, officer or employee is not entitled to indemnification.

The merger agreement also provides that for six years following the merger, the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the surviving corporation must contain exculpation, indemnification, and expense advancement provisions covering directors, officers, and employees of UNS Energy and its subsidiaries for periods prior to the merger that are no less favorable than are currently in such documents.

UNS Energy may, prior to the merger, obtain and prepay an insurance and indemnification policy that provides coverage for UNS Energy s directors and officers for a period of six years following the merger for events occurring prior to the merger that is substantially equivalent to and not less favorable in the aggregate than UNS Energy s existing directors and officers liability policy, so long as the premium payable for each year of such coverage does not exceed 300% of the last annual premium paid prior to the date of the merger agreement. If UNS Energy does not purchase such insurance prior to the merger, then at the effective time of the merger, the surviving corporation will obtain an insurance and indemnification policy that is substantially equivalent to and not less favorable in the aggregate than

UNS Energy s existing directors and officers liability policy, but will not be required to pay an annual premium exceeding 300% of the last annual premium paid prior to the date of the merger agreement. The surviving corporation will maintain such policies for at least six years following the merger.

## **Section 16 Matters**

Prior to the merger, the UNS Energy board will take steps to exempt from short-swing profit recapture liability under Section 16 of the Exchange Act any dispositions of UNS Energy s common stock by directors or executive officers who are subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to the merger.

## Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger

The following discussion is a general summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. holders and non-U.S. holders (in each case, as defined below) of UNS Energy common stock whose shares are exchanged for cash in the merger. The following discussion is based upon the Code, U.S. Treasury regulations, administrative pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service, which we refer to as the IRS, and judicial decisions, all as in effect as of the date of this proxy statement. These authorities are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect) and different interpretations, which could affect the accuracy of the statements and conclusions set forth herein. This discussion does not address the application of the Medicare tax on net investment income under section 1411 of the Code, any state, local or foreign tax consequences of the merger, or any U.S. federal tax considerations other than those pertaining to the U.S. federal income tax.

This discussion applies only to holders of shares of UNS Energy common stock who hold such shares as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code (generally, property held for investment). Further, this discussion does not purport to consider all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that might be relevant to holders in light of their particular circumstances and does not apply to holders subject to special treatment under the U.S. federal income tax laws (such as, for example, dealers or brokers in securities, commodities or foreign currencies, traders in securities that elect to apply a mark-to-market method of accounting, banks and certain other financial institutions, insurance companies, mutual funds, tax-exempt organizations, holders liable for the alternative minimum tax, partnerships or other pass-through entities or investors in partnerships or such other pass-through entities, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies, former citizens or residents of the United States, U.S. holders whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, holders who hold shares of UNS Energy common stock as part of a hedge, straddle, constructive sale or conversion transaction or other integrated investment, holders who acquired UNS Energy common stock pursuant to the exercise of employee stock options, through a tax qualified retirement plan or otherwise as compensation, or holders who, at any time within the five-year period ending on the date of the merger, owned, actually or constructively, 5% or more of the shares of UNS Energy common stock).

As used herein, the term U.S. holder means a beneficial owner of shares of UNS Energy common stock that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation (or any other entity or arrangement treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of

## Columbia;

a trust if (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust s administration and one or more U.S. persons are authorized to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) it has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person; or

an estate that is subject to U.S. federal income tax on its worldwide income from all sources.

As used herein, the term non-U.S. holder means a beneficial owner of shares of UNS Energy common stock (other than an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that is not a U.S. holder.

If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds shares of UNS Energy common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in such partnership generally will depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner of a partnership holding shares of UNS Energy common stock, you should consult your tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of exchanging the shares of UNS Energy common stock for cash pursuant to the merger.

Holders of UNS Energy common stock should consult their tax advisors as to the particular tax consequences to them of the receipt of cash in exchange for shares of UNS Energy common stock pursuant to the merger, including the applicability and effect of the alternative minimum tax, the Medicare tax on net investment income and any state, local, foreign and other tax laws.

#### U.S. Holders

The receipt of cash by U.S. holders in exchange for shares of UNS Energy common stock pursuant to the merger will be a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In general, a U.S. holder who receives cash in exchange for shares of UNS Energy common stock pursuant to the merger will recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the difference, if any, between (1) the amount of cash received in such exchange and (2) the U.S. holder s adjusted tax basis in such shares. Gain or loss must be determined separately for each block of shares of UNS Energy common stock (i.e., shares acquired for the same cost in a single transaction) exchanged pursuant to the merger. Such gain or loss generally will be capital gain or loss and generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. holder s holding period for such shares is more than one year as of the date of the merger. Long-term capital gains of certain non-corporate U.S. holders, including individuals, are generally subject to U.S. federal income tax at preferential rates. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

#### Non-U.S. Holders

Subject to the discussion below under Information Reporting and Backup Withholding, a non-U.S. holder who receives cash in exchange for shares of UNS Energy common stock pursuant to the merger generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding on any gain recognized by such non-U.S. holder unless:

The gain is effectively connected with the conduct by the non-U.S. holder of a trade or business in the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment of the non-U.S. holder); or

The non-U.S. holder is an individual who was present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the exchange of shares of UNS Energy common stock for cash pursuant to the merger and certain other conditions are met.

Gain on the shares of UNS Energy common stock that is effectively connected with the conduct by the non-U.S. holder of a trade or business within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment of the non-U.S. holder) will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis at the graduated rates generally applicable to U.S. persons (and, with respect to corporate non-U.S. holders, may also be subject to a branch profits tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable

income tax treaty). Gain described in the second bullet of the preceding paragraph generally will be subject to a flat 30% tax (unless reduced or eliminated by an applicable income tax treaty).

## Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Payments made to U.S. holders in exchange for shares of UNS Energy common stock pursuant to the merger will be subject to information reporting and may be subject to backup withholding (currently at a rate of 28%). Certain U.S. holders (including, with respect to certain types of payments, corporations) generally are not subject to backup withholding. In order to avoid backup withholding, U.S. holders that do not otherwise establish an exemption should complete and return IRS Form W-9, certifying that such U.S. holder is a U.S. person, the taxpayer identification number provided is correct and such U.S. holder is not subject to backup withholding, and should otherwise comply with the applicable backup withholding rules.

Payments made to a non-U.S. holder in exchange for shares of UNS Energy common stock pursuant to the merger effected through a non-U.S. office of a U.S. broker or of a non-U.S. broker with certain specified U.S. connections generally will be subject to information reporting (but not backup withholding) unless such non-U.S. holder provides a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable IRS Form W-8) certifying such non-U.S. holder s non-U.S. status or by otherwise establishing an exemption. Payments made to a non-U.S. holder in exchange for shares of UNS Energy common stock pursuant to the merger effected through a U.S. office of a broker generally will be subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless such non-U.S. holder provides a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable IRS Form W-8). So fice of a broker generally will be subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless such non-U.S. holder provides a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable IRS Form W-8) certifying such non-U.S. holder so the subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless such non-U.S. holder provides a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable IRS Form W-8) certifying such non-U.S. holder so the subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless such non-U.S. holder so the subject is a properly executed IRS Form W-8 certifying such non-U.S. holder so the subject so the subject is non-U.S. holder so

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. U.S. holders and non-U.S. holders may use amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules as a credit against their U.S. federal income tax liability or may claim a refund of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing a claim for refund with the IRS.

THE FOREGOING SUMMARY DOES NOT DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION THAT MAY BE RELEVANT TO SHAREHOLDERS BASED ON THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES. SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE RECEIPT OF CASH FOR THEIR SHARES PURSUANT TO THE MERGER UNDER ANY FEDERAL, STATE, FOREIGN, LOCAL OR OTHER TAX LAWS.

## **Regulatory Approvals**

#### General

To complete the merger, UNS Energy and FortisUS must obtain approvals, consents or waivers from, or make filings with, a number of United States federal and state public utility, antitrust and other regulatory authorities. The material United States federal and state approvals, consents and filings are described below. We refer to the approvals, consents, waivers and filings set out below as the governmental approvals.

We are not currently aware of any other material governmental consents, approvals or filings that are required prior to the parties consummation of the merger other than those described below. If additional approvals, consents and filings are required to complete the merger, we contemplate that such consents, approvals and filings will be sought or made.

We currently expect to complete the merger during the fourth quarter of 2014. Although we believe that we will receive the required consents and approvals described below to complete the merger, there can be no assurance as to the timing of these consents and approvals or as to our ultimate ability to obtain such consents or approvals (or any additional consents or approvals which may otherwise become necessary) or that such consents or approvals will be obtained on terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the merger agreement. If we and FortisUS determine to

amend the terms of the transaction in connection with obtaining any regulatory approvals, under applicable law and NYSE requirements, such amendments may not require the further consent of our shareholders.

#### Hart-Scott-Rodino Act

The merger is subject to the requirements of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, which we refer to as the HSR Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, which provide that certain transactions may not be consummated until required information has been furnished to the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, which we refer to as the DOJ, and the Federal Trade Commission, which we refer to as the FTC, and until certain waiting periods have been terminated or have expired. The expiration of the HSR Act waiting period does not preclude the DOJ or the FTC from challenging the merger on antitrust grounds and seeking to preliminarily or permanently enjoin the proposed merger. We do not believe that the merger will violate federal antitrust laws, but there can be no guarantee that the DOJ or the FTC will not take a different position even following the expiration of the waiting period. If the merger is not consummated prior to one year from obtaining clearance under the HSR Act, we will be required to submit new information to the DOJ and the FTC, and a new HSR Act waiting period will have to expire or be earlier terminated before the merger could be consummated. We and Fortis intend to submit our filing under the HSR Act towards the end of the second quarter of 2014.

#### Federal Power Act

Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, which we refer to as the FPA, provides, among other things, that no public utility may directly or indirectly merge or consolidate its jurisdictional facilities with those of any other person, or sell or otherwise dispose of its jurisdictional facilities with a value in excess of \$10 million, without first having obtained authorization from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which we refer to as the FERC. In addition, under the amendments to Section 203 enacted under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which we refer to as the EP Act, FERC approval also is required for a holding company (defined as an owner of a 10% or greater voting interest in a transmitting utility or an electric utility) to acquire any security of, or directly or indirectly merge or consolidate with, a transmitting utility, an electric utility or a holding company thereof with a value in excess of \$10 million.

Because UNS Energy, FortisUS and Fortis are each a holding company with utility subsidiaries that own jurisdictional facilities and are considered public utilities, transmitting utilities and/or electric utilities within the meaning of the FPA, the approval of the FERC under Section 203 is required before we may consummate the merger. Section 203 provides that the FERC is required to grant its approval if the merger is found to be consistent with the public interest. The FERC stated in its 1996 Merger Policy Statement that, in analyzing a merger under Section 203, it will evaluate the following criteria:

the effect of the merger on competition in electric power markets;

the effect of the merger on the applicants transmission and wholesale power rates; and

the effect of the merger on state and federal regulation of the applicants.

In addition, under amendments to Section 203 enacted under the EP Act, the FERC also must find that the merger will not result in any cross-subsidization of a non-utility associate company or the pledge or encumbrance of utility assets for the benefit of an associate company unless such cross-subsidization, pledge or encumbrance is otherwise consistent with the public interest.

The FERC will review these factors to determine whether the merger should be approved. If the FERC finds that the merger would adversely affect competition, transmission or wholesale power rates, or regulation, or result in the improper cross-subsidization of, or pledge or encumbrance of utility assets to, an associate company, then the FERC may, pursuant to the FPA, deny approval of the merger or impose remedial conditions intended to mitigate such effects. In the event the FERC chooses to impose remedial conditions, we will then review such conditions with Fortis and decide whether to accept them. Based on FERC precedent, we believe that the merger should satisfy the FERC s merger guidelines and the requirements of the EP Act amendments, and that any mitigation conditions imposed by the FERC would not have a material adverse effect on the anticipated benefits of the merger. However, there can be no guarantee that the FERC will agree with the parties characterization of FERC precedent or that the FERC will not change its

analytic framework in a manner adverse to the parties. We and Fortis filed our application under Section 203 on February 7, 2014.

## Arizona Corporation Commission Approval

As a for-profit owner of two electric corporations and one gas corporation that furnish our customers natural gas and electricity within the state of Arizona, we are subject to certain jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission, which we refer to as the ACC. We intend to seek the ACC s written consent under Arizona Administrative Code R14-2-801 et seq. in connection with the merger and we will ask the ACC to determine that the merger will not impair the financial status of UNS Energy, otherwise prevent us from attracting capital at fair and reasonable terms or impair the ability of UNS Energy to provide safe, reasonable and adequate service. We filed our application for approval with the ACC on January 10, 2014. In that application, UNS Energy and Fortis have agreed to conditions that will allow us to continue our high levels of customer service, community support and involvement, and local management and corporate governance.

On January 24, 2014 UNS Energy and Fortis filed direct testimony with the ACC in support of the application. On January 28, 2014, the ACC administrative law judge (ALJ) assigned to this matter issued a procedural order adopting the following schedule:

| ACC Staff / Intervenor testimony                            | April 22, 2014 |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Settlement discussions begin                                | April 28, 2014 |  |  |  |  |
| Settlement agreement filed                                  | May 12, 2014   |  |  |  |  |
| Testimony in support/opposition to settlement agreement     | May 30, 2014   |  |  |  |  |
| Settlement agreement responsive testimony                   | June 13, 2014  |  |  |  |  |
| UNS Energy and Fortis rebuttal testimony (if no settlement) | May 7, 2013    |  |  |  |  |
| ACC Staff / Intervenor surrebuttal testimony (if no         |                |  |  |  |  |
| settlement)   | May 30, 2013   |  |  |  |  |
| UNS Energy and Fortis rejoinder testimony (if no            |                |  |  |  |  |
| settlement)   | June 13, 2014  |  |  |  |  |
| ALJ hearing commences                                       | June 16, 2014  |  |  |  |  |

The testimony of UNS Energy and Fortis, the procedural schedule and other related documents can be found through a link at http://www.uns.com/acquisition/. UNS Energy is providing the address of its website solely for the information of investors and do not intend the address to be an active link. Information contained at UNS Energy s website is not part of, and is not incorporated by reference into, this proxy statement or any other report filed with the SEC by UNS Energy.

#### Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States

The Exon-Florio Amendment to the Defense Production Act of 1950 authorizes the President to block/seek divestment of takeovers of U.S. companies by foreign persons that threaten to impair U.S. national security. In order to try to prevent such blockage/divestment, parties to a proposed or pending transaction may submit a Voluntary Notice to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) if the transaction could result in foreign control of a U.S. company. After such notice is given, CFIUS has 30 days to review the transaction and determine whether to conduct a full-scale investigation. If no such investigation is commenced, CFIUS will clear the transaction and the transaction can proceed. If CFIUS determines that an investigation is warranted, it must be completed within 45 days. CFIUS may also clear the transaction during this 45-day investigation period. Alternatively, CFIUS may

recommend that the President block the transaction. The President then has 15 days to determine whether to exercise his power to

block the transaction. The parties intend to submit their joint Voluntary Notice of the transaction to CFIUS during the first quarter of 2014.

## Other Approvals

UNS Energy and Fortis have each agreed to use our respective reasonable best efforts to obtain all other consents, licenses, permits, waivers, approvals, authorizations or orders from governmental entities necessary in connection with the consummation of the merger, including the approval of the Federal Communications Commission, which we refer to as the FCC, relating to certain licenses issued by the FCC that are held by UNS Energy.

## Certain Litigation Related to the Merger

Five putative shareholder class action lawsuits challenging the merger have been filed, four in the Superior Court of Pima County, Arizona: (i) *Phillip Malenovshy v. UNS Energy Corporation, et al.* (Case No. C20136942); (ii) *Paul Parshall v. UNS Energy Corporation, et al.* (Case No. C20136943); (iii) *Hillary Kramer v. Paul J. Bonavia, et al.* (Case No. C2014-0026); and (iv) *Vandermeer Trust U/A DTD 03/11/1997 v. UNS Energy Corporation, et al.* (Case No. C2014-0107); and one in federal court in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona: *Milton Pfeiffer v. Paul J. Bonavia, et al.* (Case No. 4:13-CV-02619-JGZ).

All of the cases name the current directors of UNS Energy as defendants, and all name at least one or more Fortis entity as a defendant, including: FortisUS, Merger Sub, and Fortis. Each of the lawsuits has been brought by a purported shareholder of UNS Energy, both individually and on behalf of a putative class of UNS Energy shareholders.

The lawsuits generally allege, among other things, that the directors of UNS Energy breached their fiduciary duties to shareholders of UNS Energy purportedly by agreeing to a transaction pursuant to an inadequate process and for failing to obtain the highest value for UNS Energy shareholders. The *Malenovshy* lawsuit and the, *Vandermeer Trust and Pfeiffer* complaints, as amended, allege further that the directors of UNS Energy breached their fiduciary duties purportedly by failing to disclose certain material information concerning the transaction and by benefitting themselves at the expense of shareholders. All of the lawsuits claim that the Fortis entities aided and abetted the directors of UNS Energy in their alleged breach of their fiduciary duties. In addition, the *Malenovshy, Kramer, Vandermeer Trust, and Pfeiffer* lawsuits allege that UNS Energy aided and abetted the directors of UNS Energy in their fiduciary duties. The *Pfeiffer* lawsuit was amended to include causes of action against UNS Energy and its directors for allegedly violating Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 14a-9 promulgated thereunder, as well as Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act and Section 10-830 of the Arizona Revised Statute, and the cause of action for aiding and abetting was expanded to include a claim against UNS Energy.

The lawsuits seek, in general, and among other things, (i) injunctive relief enjoining the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, (ii) rescission or an award of rescissory damages in the event a merger is consummated, (iii) an award of plaintiffs costs including reasonable attorneys and experts fees, (iv) an accounting by the defendants to plaintiffs for all damages caused by the defendants, and (v) such further relief as the court deems just and proper. The *Vandermeer Trust* lawsuit also requests that the court direct the defendants to disclose all material information concerning the transaction.

These lawsuits are at a preliminary stage. In the cases pending in the state court of Arizona, two plaintiffs, Vandermeer Trust and Malenovshy, have filed competing motions to consolidate the case and appoint lead counsel.

UNS Energy, its directors and the other defendants believe that these lawsuits are without merit and intend to defend against them vigorously.

## **Financing Arrangement**

Fortis has committed to provide the capital to fund the entire purchase price of UNS Energy, including the payment of UNS Energy s merger related fees and expenses. Fortis expects to fund the acquisition of UNS Energy using the Cdn\$2.0 billion (\$1.89 billion) non-revolving term acquisition credit facilities obtained on December 11,

2013 pursuant to a commitment letter from The Bank of Nova Scotia, an affiliate of Scotiabank, financial advisor to Fortis in connection with the merger. Such credit facilities consist of a Cdn\$1.7 billion (\$1.6 billion) short-term bridge facility and a Cdn\$300 million (\$283 million) medium-term bridge facility. Such US Dollar values are based on an exchange rate of 0.9430 US Dollars per Canadian Dollar as of December 11, 2013. Fortis also expects to use its existing Cdn\$1.0 billion (\$940 million) committed revolving corporate credit facility (under which it has agreed to maintain availability of not less than Cdn\$600 million (\$564 million)). Such US Dollar values are based on an exchange rate of 0.9401 US Dollars per Canadian Dollar as of December 31, 2013. In connection with the acquisition, Fortis issued and sold on January 9, 2014 an aggregate Cdn\$1.8 billion (\$1.66 billion) principal amount of convertible unsecured subordinated debentures represented by instalment receipts. Fortis will apply the net proceeds of the final instalment, expected to be an aggregate of Cdn\$1.1646 billion (\$1.0734 billion), to repay amounts borrowed under the acquisition credit facilities and for other acquisition-related expenses. The acquisition will be financed on a long-term basis consistent with the commitment of Fortis to maintain its A- credit rating. The merger is not conditioned on Fortis obtaining financing on any particular terms or at all. Such US Dollar values are based on an exchange rate of 0.9217 US Dollar s per Canadian Dollar as of January 9, 2014.

## Consequences if the Merger is Not Completed

In the event that the merger is not approved by the holders of shares representing a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock entitled to vote thereon or if the merger is not completed for any other reason, you would not receive any consideration from FortisUS or Merger Sub for your shares of UNS Energy common stock. Instead, UNS Energy would remain a public company, our common stock would continue to be listed and traded on the NYSE and the holders of shares of our common stock would continue to be subject to the same risks and opportunities to which they currently are subject with respect to their ownership of our common stock. If the merger is not completed, there can be no assurance as to the effect of these risks and opportunities on the future value of our common stock, including the risk that the market price of our common stock may decline to the extent that the current market price of our stock reflects a market assumption that the merger will be completed. If the merger is not approved by the holders of shares representing a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock entitled to vote thereon or if the merger is not consummated for any other reason, there can be no assurance that any other transaction acceptable to us would be offered or that our business, prospects or results of operations would not be adversely impacted.

## **Delisting and Deregistration of UNS Energy Common Stock**

If the merger is completed, our common stock will be delisted from the NYSE and will be deregistered under the Exchange Act.

## Householding

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries such as brokers to satisfy delivery requirements for proxy statements and annual reports with respect to two or more shareholders sharing the same address by delivering a single proxy statement or annual report, as applicable, addressed to those shareholders. As permitted by the Exchange Act, only one copy of the proxy statement is being delivered to shareholders residing at the same address, unless shareholders have notified the company whose shares they hold of their desire to receive multiple copies of the proxy statement. This process, which is commonly referred to as householding, potentially provides extra convenience for shareholders and cost savings for companies.

If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in householding and would prefer to receive separate copies of the proxy statement, or if you are receiving multiple copies of the proxy statement and wish to receive only one, please contact UNS Energy s Stock Transfer Agent at the address below. Separate copies of the proxy statement will be

promptly delivered to any shareholder residing at an address to which only one copy was mailed upon receipt of such request. Requests for additional copies should be directed to the Company s Stock Transfer Agent, Computershare, toll free at 1-866-537-8709 or Computershare, 480 Washington Blvd 29th Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07310. Shareholders who own UNS Energy stock through a broker and who wish to receive separate copies of the proxy statement should contact their broker.

## THE MERGER AGREEMENT

The summary of the material provisions of the merger agreement below and elsewhere in this proxy statement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the merger agreement, a copy of which is attached to this proxy statement as Annex A. This summary may not contain all of the information about the merger agreement that is important to you. We urge you to read carefully the merger agreement in its entirety as it is the legal document governing the merger.

The merger agreement contains representations and warranties that the parties have made to each other as of specific dates. The assertions embodied in the representations and warranties in the merger agreement were made solely for purposes of the merger agreement and the transactions and agreements contemplated thereby among the parties thereto and may be subject to important qualifications and limitations agreed to by the parties thereto in connection with negotiating the terms thereof. Moreover, some of those representations and warranties may not be accurate or complete as of any specified date, may be subject to a contractual standard that is materially different from those generally applicable to shareholders, and may have been used for the purposes of allocating risk among the parties to the merger agreement rather than establishing matters as fact.

## The Merger

The merger agreement provides that, subject to the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, and in accordance with the ABCA, at the effective time of the merger, Merger Sub will be merged with and into UNS Energy and, as a result of the merger, the separate corporate existence of Merger Sub will cease, and UNS Energy will continue as the surviving corporation and become an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Fortis. UNS Energy will continue to be governed by the ABCA, and all of its rights, privileges, immunities, powers and franchises will continue unaffected by the merger.

The closing of the merger will occur on a date specified by the parties no later than the second business day after all of the conditions set forth in the merger agreement and described under Conditions to the Merger are satisfied or waived (other than those conditions that by their terms are to be satisfied at the closing, but subject to satisfaction or waiver of such conditions), or at such other time as agreed by the parties. The merger will become effective when the articles of merger (along with a copy of the merger agreement) have been duly delivered to the Arizona Corporation Commission for filing in accordance with the relevant provisions of the ABCA or at a later time as agreed by the parties to be specified in the articles of merger.

#### **Effects of the Merger**

At the effective time of the merger, FortisUS will become the sole owner of UNS Energy and its business. Therefore, current UNS Energy shareholders will cease to have direct or indirect ownership interests in UNS Energy or rights as UNS Energy shareholders, will not participate in any future earnings or growth of UNS Energy, will not benefit from any appreciation in value of UNS Energy and will not bear the future risks of UNS Energy s operations.

Following completion of the merger, UNS Energy common stock will be delisted from the NYSE and deregistered under the Exchange Act. As a result, there will be no public market for shares of UNS Energy common stock. This will make certain provisions of the Exchange Act no longer applicable to UNS Energy. After the effective date of the merger, UNS Energy will also no longer be required to file periodic reports with the SEC on account of shares of UNS Energy common stock.

The directors of Merger Sub immediately prior to the effective time of the merger will be the directors of the surviving corporation, each to hold office in accordance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the surviving

corporation. FortisUS and the surviving corporation shall cause four members of the board of directors of UNS Energy designated by UNS Energy, one of whom will be UNS Energy s Chief Executive Officer, who are members of the board of directors of UNS Energy as of the closing and who are acceptable to FortisUS to be elected to the board of directors of the surviving corporation as of the effective time.

At the effective time of the merger, the articles of incorporation and bylaws of UNS Energy will be amended and restated in their entirety to be in the form of the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Merger Sub, except that the name of the surviving corporation will be UNS Energy Corporation.

## The Merger Consideration and the Conversion of UNS Energy Common Stock

At the effective time of the merger, by virtue of the merger, each share of UNS Energy common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the merger (other than shares held by UNS Energy or its subsidiaries or by FortisUS, Fortis, Merger Sub, or any of their respective wholly-owned subsidiaries) will be cancelled and converted into the right to receive \$60.25 in cash, without interest.

The price to be paid for each share of UNS Energy common stock in the merger will be adjusted appropriately to reflect the effect of any change in the outstanding shares of capital stock of UNS Energy, including by reason of any reclassification, recapitalization, stock split (including reverse stock split) or combination or exchange of shares, or any stock dividend with respect to the shares of UNS Energy common stock that occurs prior to the effective time of the merger, but no such adjustment shall result in an increase or decrease of the aggregate merger consideration.

At the effective time of the merger, each share of UNS Energy common stock that is held in the treasury of UNS Energy or owned of record by any subsidiary of UNS Energy or by Fortis, FortisUS, Merger Sub or any of their respective wholly-owned subsidiaries will, in each case, be cancelled and cease to exist, and no consideration will be delivered in exchange for those shares.

Each share of common stock of Merger Sub outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the merger will be converted into and become one fully paid and nonassessable share of common stock of the surviving corporation with the same rights, powers and privileges as the shares so converted and will constitute the only outstanding shares of capital stock of the surviving corporation.

## **Payment Procedures**

Prior to the effective time of the merger, FortisUS will designate a nationally recognized financial institution reasonably acceptable to UNS Energy to act as the paying agent for the per share merger consideration. Prior to the effective time of the merger, FortisUS will deposit with the paying agent for the merger the aggregate consideration to be paid to the former holders of shares of UNS Energy common stock.

Promptly after the effective time of the merger, FortisUS will cause the paying agent to send to each holder of certificated shares a letter of transmittal and instructions advising such holders how to surrender their respective stock certificates in exchange for the merger consideration. The paying agent will pay holders of certificated shares their respective merger consideration upon surrender of stock certificates to the paying agent for cancellation, and upon delivery of a duly executed letter of transmittal, in proper form, with respect to such certificates, and such other documents as may be required by the paying agent.

Holders of book-entry shares are not required to deliver a stock certificate or executed letter of transmittal to the paying agent. Instead, each holder of book-entry shares shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the paying agent an agent s message, together with any other documents required by the paying agent. Following the receipt of such agent s message and any other required documents, the paying agent will pay holders of book-entry shares their respective merger consideration.

Interest will not be paid or accrue in respect of any cash payments of merger consideration. FortisUS, Merger Sub, the surviving corporation and their respective agents, as the case may be, will reduce the amount of any merger consideration paid to you by any applicable withholding taxes.

If you hold stock certificates and the paying agent is to pay some or all of your merger consideration to a person other than you, you must have your stock certificates properly endorsed or otherwise in proper form for transfer, and you must pay any transfer or other similar taxes payable by reason of the transfer or establish to the surviving

corporation s satisfaction that the taxes have been paid or are not required to be paid. Payment of the merger consideration with respect to book-entry shares will only be made to the person in whose name such book-entry shares are registered.

You should not forward your stock certificates to the paying agent without a letter of transmittal, and you should not return your stock certificates with the enclosed proxy.

The transmittal instructions will tell you what to do if you have lost your stock certificate or if it has been stolen or destroyed. You will have to provide an affidavit to that fact and, if required by FortisUS, post a bond in an amount that FortisUS reasonably directs as indemnity against any claim that may be made against FortisUS, Merger Sub or the surviving corporation in respect of the stock certificate.

Upon demand, the paying agent will return to the surviving corporation all applicable funds in its possession nine months after the effective time of the merger, and the paying agent s duties will terminate. After that time, if you have not received payment of the merger consideration, you may look only to the surviving corporation as a general creditor for payment of the merger consideration, without interest, subject to applicable abandoned property, escheat and similar laws.

## Treatment of Options, Restricted Shares and Other Equity Awards

*Stock Options*. Immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, each outstanding option to acquire UNS Energy common stock that remains outstanding as of the closing of the merger will be cancelled in exchange for the right to receive a cash payment equal to the number of shares of UNS Energy common stock underlying the option multiplied by the amount by which the per share merger consideration exceeds the applicable exercise price of the option, less any applicable withholding taxes.

*Equity-Based Awards Other than Options.* Immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, other equity-based awards that are not subject to performance criteria will vest in full and be cancelled and converted into a right to receive a cash payment equal to the number of shares of UNS Energy common stock subject to the award multiplied by the per share merger consideration, less any applicable withholding taxes. Other equity-based awards subject to performance criteria will vest based on target or actual performance levels (with any expenses or costs arising in connection with the merger or any non-recurring charges that would not reasonably be expected to have been incurred had the merger not occurred excluded in determining the level of attainment), whichever results in a higher number of shares, and be cancelled for a cash payment equal to the number of shares of UNS Energy common stock subject to the number of shares vested in respect of such other equity-based award multiplied by the per share merger consideration, less any applicable withholding taxes.

#### **Representations and Warranties**

In the merger agreement, UNS Energy has made customary representations and warranties to FortisUS and Merger Sub with respect to, among other things:

the due organization, valid existence, good standing, corporate power and authority of UNS Energy and its subsidiaries;

its capitalization, including in particular the number of shares of UNS Energy common stock and preferred stock issued and outstanding, and common stock and preferred stock of TEP issued and outstanding, and options and other equity-based awards issued and outstanding pursuant to UNS Energy benefit plans;

its authority to enter into the merger agreement and to complete the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement (subject to receipt of the vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of UNS Energy common stock), and the enforceability of the merger agreement against UNS Energy;

the unanimous approval by the UNS Energy board of the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

the absence of conflicts with or breaches of UNS Energy s or its subsidiaries governing documents, certain agreements or applicable laws as a result of entering into the merger agreement and the consummation of the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

the required filings with, and the consents and approvals of, governmental entities in connection with the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

compliance with laws and permits;

its and TEP s SEC filings since January 1, 2011, including financial statements contained therein;

internal controls and compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002;

the absence of undisclosed liabilities;

the conduct by UNS Energy of its business in the ordinary course since December 31, 2012;

the accuracy of the information supplied by UNS Energy in this proxy statement;

matters related to employee benefit plans and ERISA;

labor and employment matters;

matters with respect to certain of UNS Energy s contracts;

litigation or investigations;

matters with respect to UNS Energy s owned and leased real and personal property;

environmental matters;

intellectual property matters;

tax matters;

receipt by the UNS Energy board of the Lazard opinion;

insurance matters;

the required vote of UNS Energy shareholders to adopt the merger agreement;

the absence of undisclosed brokers fees and expenses;

its regulation as a utility;

its regulatory filings since January 1, 2011;

the inapplicability of state takeover statutes to the merger;

trading policies;

regulatory proceedings; and

the unavailability of dissenters rights to the merger.

Many of the representations and warranties in the merger agreement made by UNS Energy are qualified by a materiality or material adverse effect standard (that is, they will not be deemed to be untrue or incorrect unless their failure to be true or correct, individually or in the aggregate, would, as the case may be, be material or have a material adverse effect on UNS Energy and its subsidiaries, as defined in the merger agreement).

Under the merger agreement a material adverse effect with respect to UNS Energy and its subsidiaries is generally defined as any fact, change, event, circumstance, occurrence, effect or development that is materially adverse to the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of UNS Energy and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or to UNS Energy s ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement or perform its obligations under the merger agreement on a timely basis in accordance with the merger agreement and applicable law. The definition excludes any effect relating to or resulting from:

changes affecting the general economy or political, regulatory, business, economic, financial, credit or capital market conditions in the U.S., including interest rates or exchange rates, except to the extent disproportionately affecting UNS Energy;

changes affecting the national, regional, state or local wholesale or retail markets for natural gas or electric power or the national, regional, state or local electric or natural gas transmission or distribution systems, except to the extent disproportionately affecting UNS Energy;

changes attributable to the execution or announcement of the merger agreement, or the pendency of the merger, including any change attributable to the proceeding in connection with the application for the ACC approval, reduction in sales, adverse changes in supplier, distributor, employee, financing source, shareholder, partner or similar relationships, or changes in the credit rating of UNS Energy or its subsidiaries resulting from the execution or announcement of the merger agreement, or the pendency of the merger;

actions taken, or failures to act, at the written request of FortisUS or Merger Sub;

acts of war (whether or not declared), the commencement, continuation or escalation of a war, acts of armed hostility, sabotage or terrorism or other international or national calamity or any material worsening of such conditions threatened or existing as of December 11, 2013, except to the extent disproportionately affecting UNS Energy;

changes in national, regional, state or local wholesale or retail electric power and capacity or natural gas prices or in the market price for commodities, except to the extent disproportionately affecting UNS Energy;

hurricanes, earthquakes, floods or other natural disasters or acts of God, except to the extent disproportionately affecting UNS Energy;

changes resulting from weather conditions or customer use patterns, except to the extent disproportionately affecting UNS Energy;

adoptions, proposals or implementations of, or changes in, applicable law after December 11, 2013, or any interpretation thereof by a governmental entity, except to the extent disproportionately affecting UNS Energy,

changes in GAAP after December 11, 2013, or any interpretation thereof by a governmental entity, except to the extent disproportionately affecting UNS Energy;

failures by UNS Energy to meet any estimates of revenues, earnings, projections or other economic performance, whether published, internally prepared or provided to FortisUS and any of its representatives; and

changes in the price or trading volume of UNS Energy s common stock on the NYSE or any suspension of trading in securities generally on the NYSE.

In the merger agreement, FortisUS and Merger Sub made customary representations and warranties to UNS Energy with respect to, among other things:

the due organization, valid existence, good standing, corporate power and authority of FortisUS and Merger Sub;

the authority of each of FortisUS and Merger Sub to enter into the merger agreement and to complete the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement and the enforceability of the merger agreement against each of FortisUS and Merger Sub;

the absence of conflicts with, or breaches of, FortisUS s or Merger Sub s governing documents, certain agreements or applicable laws as a result of entering into the merger agreement and the consummation of the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

the required filings with, and the consents and approvals of, governmental entities in connection with the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

the accuracy of the information supplied by FortisUS and Merger Sub contained in this proxy statement;

the absence of certain litigation or investigations;

the absence of ownership of UNS Energy common stock by Fortis and any of its subsidiaries;

the sufficiency of funds necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement and to pay all fees, costs and expenses in connection with the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby;

the ownership and operations of Merger Sub;

the absence of undisclosed brokers fees and expenses; and

the absence of any contracts between FortisUS, Merger Sub or any of their respective controlled affiliates, on the one hand, and any director, officer, employee or shareholder of UNS Energy, on the other hand, relating to the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement or the operations of the surviving corporation following the merger.

The representations and warranties contained in the merger agreement and in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant to the merger agreement will not survive the effective time of the merger.

## Covenants Regarding Conduct of Business by UNS Energy Pending the Merger

Except as required pursuant to or permitted by the merger agreement, required by law, by a governmental entity, or by the rules or requirements of the NYSE, or consented to in writing by FortisUS (which consent may not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), from the date of the merger agreement until the earlier of the effective time of the merger or the termination of the merger agreement with certain exceptions, UNS Energy will, and will cause each of its subsidiaries to:

conduct its operations only in the ordinary course of business;

comply in all material respects with all laws, orders and permits applicable to it;

use its commercially reasonable best efforts to preserve substantially intact its business organization and maintain satisfactory relationships with third parties and governmental entities having significant business dealings with it; and

keep available the services of its key officers and employees.

In addition, except as expressly required by the merger agreement, required by law, by a governmental entity, or by the rules or requirements of the NYSE, or consented to in writing by FortisUS (which consent may not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), from the date of the merger agreement until the earlier of the effective time of the merger or the termination of the merger agreement, with certain exceptions, UNS Energy will not, nor will it permit its subsidiaries to:

amend or restate its articles of incorporation, by-laws or equivalent organizational documents;

issue, sell, pledge or otherwise encumber any equity interests other than to the extent required by law or permitted by any UNS Energy equity or 401(k) plan (in each case, not to exceed a value (assuming a payout at target in the case of any award containing performance criteria) of \$3,750,000 in any calendar year) or in connection with the exercise of options or the vesting of other equity-based awards;

sell, pledge, dispose of, transfer, lease, license or encumber any material property or assets other than obsolete assets or assets in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or with an individual fair market value not to exceed \$4,000,000, or an aggregate fair value market not to exceed \$15,000,000;

declare or pay dividends or distributions, other than regular quarterly cash dividends not in excess of 0.435 per share for quarterly dividends payable to shareholders on or before December 31, 2013, and 0.48 per share for quarterly dividends payable to shareholders after December 31, 2013, and a stub period dividend to shareholders as of the merger date equal to the product of (x) the number of days from the record date for

payment of the last quarterly dividend paid by UNS Energy prior to the merger date through and including the effective time of the merger and (y) a daily dividend rate determined by dividing the amount of the last quarterly dividend prior the merger date by ninety-one, and other specified exceptions;

other than (A) in the case of wholly-owned subsidiaries or (B) in the case of cashless exercises of options, or tax withholdings on the vesting or payment of equity awards, reclassify, combine, split, subdivide or amend the terms of, or redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire, directly or indirectly, any of its equity interests;

merge or consolidate with any other person or adopt or implement a plan of complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, restructuring, recapitalization or other reorganization;

acquire (including by exercising any right to acquire) or obtain any right to acquire any interest in any business or any assets, other than inventory in the ordinary course of business or assets that have an individual fair

market value not to exceed \$4,000,000 or an aggregate fair market value not to exceed \$15,000,000, or assets in connections with UNS Energy s capital expenditures plan;

incur indebtedness except for (i) refinancings of existing indebtedness as it matures upon market terms and conditions and in an amount not to exceed the amount of indebtedness prior to the refinancing, (ii) draw-downs or refinancings of credit facilities outstanding as of the date the merger agreement in the ordinary course or (iii) borrowings in accordance with UNS Energy s financing plan;

make any loans, advances or capital contributions to, or investments in, any other person other than wholly-owned subsidiaries that exceed \$7,500,000 in aggregate other than in accordance with UNS Energy s capital expenditures budget or the financing plan;

except to the extent required by law (including to avoid the imposition of penalty taxes under Section 409A of the Code) or the existing terms of any benefit plan and other than in connection with hiring an officer as permitted: (i) other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, increase the compensation or benefits payable to its employees, directors or officers; (ii) grant any rights to severance or termination pay to, or enter into or amend any employment or severance agreement with, any director, executive officer or, other than in the ordinary course of business, employee of UNS Energy or any of its subsidiaries, or establish, adopt, enter into or amend any collective bargaining, bonus, profit sharing, thrift, pension, retirement, deferred compensation, employment, termination, severance or other plan or agreement for the benefit of any director, executive officer or, other than in accordance with the merger agreement, take any action to amend or waive any performance or vesting criteria or accelerate vesting, exercisability or funding under any benefit plan;

make or rescind any material tax election, settle or compromise any material liability for taxes, or amend any material tax return, in each case, that is not consistent with past practice;

make any change in accounting policies or procedures, other than as required by a change in GAAP;

make or commit to make any capital expenditures, in the period from December 11, 2013 until December 31, 2014, or in the twelve-month period ending on December 31, 2015, that in the aggregate exceed UNS Energy s capital expenditures budget plus \$10,000,000 in either such period, other than certain emergency capital expenditures;

terminate or permit any material permit to lapse, other than in accordance with regular expirations of the permits terms, or fail to apply to renew those permits that are renewable in a timely manner;

(i) enter into, terminate early, amend or modify in any material respect certain contracts, other than in the ordinary course of business, or enter into any transaction with a director or officer of UNS Energy or any of

its subsidiaries or (ii) waive, release, assign, pay, discharge, settle or satisfy any material claims, liabilities or obligations unless required by their terms as in effect on the date of the merger agreement;

announce, implement or effect any reduction in force, lay-off, early retirement program, severance program or other program or effort concerning the termination of employment of employees other than terminations in the ordinary course of business;

other than hiring officers to replace any officers (not including UNS Energy s chief executive officer, chief financial officer or chief operating officer) who voluntarily terminate their employment or whose employment is terminated for cause, hire any officer-level employee or terminate the employment, other than for cause, of any officer-level employee;

settle, or agree to settle any litigation, investigation, proceeding, or other claim pending or threatened before any arbitrator, court or other governmental entity that involves the payment of an amount in excess of \$2,000,000 individually or \$5,000,000 in the aggregate;

redeem, repurchase, defease, cancel or otherwise acquire any indebtedness other than those (i) within 120 days of maturity, (ii) pursuant to any required amortization payments and mandatory prepayments, (iii) in connection with permitted refinancings, or (iv) in accordance with UNS Energy s financing plan;

permit any material change in policies relating to energy price risk management or marketing of energy or enter into any physical commodity transactions, exchange-traded futures and options transactions, over-the-counter transactions and derivatives thereof or similar transactions other than as permitted by the trading guidelines;

other than in the ordinary course of business, make or agree to make any material changes in insurance policies that would affect the insurance coverage of UNS Energy, its subsidiaries or its assets following the effective time of the merger;

other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with current business practices, seek to lower any reference price or bid or cap price for energy or capacity sold wholesale;

assign or license any material intellectual property owned by it to any third party; or

enter into any written agreement, contract, commitment or arrangement to do any of the foregoing, or authorize in writing any of the foregoing.

Notwithstanding the above, UNS Energy may not, and shall not permit any of its subsidiaries to, without first consulting in good faith with FortisUS, (i) incur long-term indebtedness, whether or not contemplated by UNS Energy s financing plan, in excess of \$10,000,000 in each instance, and (ii) make any loans, advances or capital contributions to, or investments in, any person (other than any wholly-owned subsidiary), or make or commit to make any capital expenditures, in each case, in excess of \$10,000,000 in each instance.

#### **No Solicitation**

From and after the date of the merger agreement until the date, if any, on which the merger agreement is terminated, UNS Energy agrees not to and not to permit or authorize its directors, officers, employees to, and to instruct its representatives not to, directly or indirectly:

initiate, solicit or knowingly encourage or facilitate the submission of any proposal or offer that constitutes or may reasonably be expected to lead to, an acquisition proposal; or

participate in any discussions or negotiations with any person, or furnish to any person any information, with respect to any proposal or offer that constitutes, or may reasonably be expected to lead to, an acquisition proposal.

However, prior to receiving shareholder approval, if UNS Energy receives an unsolicited bona fide alternative acquisition proposal that UNS Energy s board determines in good faith that such proposal, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, constitutes or is reasonably likely to lead to a superior proposal, after providing FortisUS notice of its decision to take such action, UNS Energy is permitted to:

furnish information to the third party making such acquisition proposal and any of its representatives (which must also be furnished to FortisUS as promptly as reasonably practicable if UNS Energy has not already done so) under a confidentiality agreement that contains terms that are no less favorable in the aggregate to UNS

Energy than those contained in its confidentiality agreement with FortisUS (except that UNS Energy shall be permitted to enter into a less favorable confidentiality agreement, provided that the terms of the confidentiality agreement with FortisUS are deemed modified to the same extent), and that does not include any provision having the effect of prohibiting UNS Energy from satisfying its obligations under the merger agreement (which confidentiality agreement must be provided to FortisUS promptly after the execution thereof); and

participate in discussions or negotiations with the third party with respect to the acquisition proposal. UNS Energy is required to promptly (and in any event within one business day) notify FortisUS if it receives any written acquisition proposal, including the material terms and conditions of the proposal or any inquiry that would reasonably be expected to lead to an acquisition proposal. UNS Energy is also required to (i) keep FortisUS informed on a reasonably prompt basis of the status and details of such acquisition proposal, including any change to its material terms and conditions and (ii) provide FortisUS as soon as reasonably practicable (and within one business day and at least one business day prior to making any determination with respect to such acquisition proposal) copies of all written material (including draft agreements) specifying the material terms and conditions of any such acquisition proposal exchanged between UNS Energy or its representatives, on the one hand, and the third party making the acquisition proposal, on the other hand.

An acquisition proposal means any inquiry, offer, indication of interest or proposal (whether or not in writing) from, or public announcement by, any person relating to any transaction or series of transactions involving (a) any merger, consolidation, share exchange, business combination, reorganization, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution or other similar transaction involving UNS Energy, (b) any sale, lease, license or other disposition, directly or indirectly (including by way of merger, consolidation, share exchange, business combination, reorganization, reorganization, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution, joint venture, sale of equity interests, or any other economic interest, in UNS Energy or its subsidiaries or otherwise), of assets of UNS Energy or its subsidiaries representing 20% or more of their consolidated revenues, net income or assets, (c) issuance, sale or other disposition, directly or indirectly, of equity interests representing 20% or more of the voting power of UNS Energy, (d) any direct or indirect acquisition of securities, tender offer or exchange offer or other similar transaction that, if consummated, would result in any person or group (as defined in the Exchange Act) of persons, directly or indirectly acquiring beneficial or record ownership of more than 20% of the shares then outstanding of UNS Energy or (e) any combination of the foregoing (in each case, other than the merger).

A superior proposal means any bona fide written acquisition proposal (except that all percentages in the definition of acquisition proposal shall be changed to 50%) made by a third party that, in the good faith judgment of UNS Energy s board, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, taking into account all the relevant terms and conditions of such proposal (including, but not necessarily limited to, (i) legal terms and conditions, (ii) conditions to closing, (iii) financial provisions, (iv) regulatory conditions and other undertakings relating to UNS Energy s and its subsidiaries customers, employees and other constituencies, (v) probable timing, (vi) likelihood of consummation (including whether such acquisition proposal is contingent on receipt of third party financing or is terminable by the acquiring third party upon payment of a termination fee) and (vii) other aspects of the proposal, as well as any changes to the terms of the merger agreement committed to by FortisUS in response to such proposal or otherwise) is more favorable to UNS Energy than the merger with FortisUS.

### UNS Energy Shareholders Meeting

The merger agreement requires UNS Energy, as promptly as reasonably practicable after this proxy statement is cleared by the SEC for mailing to UNS Energy s shareholders, to duly call, give notice of, convene and hold a

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shareholders meeting, for the purpose of obtaining shareholder approval of the merger. At the shareholder s meeting, unless UNS Energy s board has modified its recommendation regarding the merger as permitted under the merger agreement, as further discussed in UNS Energy Board Recommendation immediately below, UNS Energy s board shall recommend approval and adoption of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby to its shareholders. The merger agreement requires the UNS Energy board to solicit from its shareholders proxies in favor of the approval and adoption of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the merger,

and to take all other action necessary or advisable to secure the shareholder approval, unless the UNS Energy board changes its recommendation as further discussed in UNS Energy Board Recommendation immediately below.

#### **UNS Energy Board Recommendation**

Subject to the provisions described below, the UNS Energy board unanimously agreed to recommend that UNS Energy shareholders vote in favor of the adoption and approval of the merger agreement and the merger in accordance with the applicable provisions of the ABCA. The UNS Energy board also agreed to include the board recommendation in this proxy statement. Furthermore, until the date, if any, on which the merger agreement is terminated, neither the board of UNS Energy nor any of its committees may:

approve or recommend an acquisition proposal or any inquiry or proposal that could reasonably be expected to lead to an acquisition proposal (or publicly propose to do so), or take any action or make any public announcement inconsistent with the recommendation of the UNS Energy board in favor of the merger;

withdraw or modify the UNS Energy board s recommendation in favor of the merger or publicly propose to do so, in a manner adverse to FortisUS;

fail to issue a press release that expressly reaffirms the UNS Energy board s recommendation in favor of the merger within ten business days following FortisUS s written request to do so after any acquisition proposal or material modification thereto is first made public or given to UNS Energy s shareholders;

allow or cause UNS Energy or any of its subsidiaries to enter into any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, agreement in principle, merger agreement, acquisition agreement, option agreement, joint venture agreement, partnership agreement or other similar agreement relating to an acquisition proposal or requiring UNS Energy to abandon, terminate, delay or fail to consummate the merger or any other transaction contemplated by the merger agreement; or

take any action pursuant to which any person (other than FortisUS, Merger Sub or their respective affiliates) or acquisition proposal would become exempt from or not otherwise subject to any take-over statute or certificate of incorporation provision relating to acquisition proposals.

However, if (i) UNS Energy receives an acquisition proposal that the UNS Energy board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, constitutes a superior proposal and such acquisition proposal is not withdrawn, or (ii) there is any change, event, occurrence, effect or development that is material to UNS Energy and its subsidiaries as a whole, does not involve or relate to an acquisition proposal and is not known to the UNS Energy board as of the date of the merger agreement, the UNS Energy board may change its recommendation if (and only if) the UNS Energy board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, that the failure to do so would be a breach of its fiduciary duties under applicable law.

The UNS Energy board may not change its recommendation unless (i) UNS Energy provides prior written notice to FortisUS, specifying the reasons for the change and, in the case of a superior proposal, specifying the material terms and conditions of such superior proposal and attaching a copy of the most current draft of any written agreement,

(ii) UNS Energy has negotiated in good faith with FortisUS for at least five business days following receipt of such notice (and in the case of a superior proposal where FortisUS has committed to any changes to the terms of the merger agreement and there is a subsequent amendment to any material term of the superior proposal, for at least three business days following receipt of a new notice following such amendment) and (iii) taking into account any changes to the terms of the merger agreement committed to by FortisUS, the UNS Energy board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, that the failure to change its recommendation would be a breach of its fiduciary duties under applicable law and, if applicable, the proposal continues to be a superior proposal.

The merger agreement does not prohibit UNS Energy or the UNS Energy board from disclosing to its shareholders a position contemplated by Rule 14d-9 or Rule 14e-2(a) promulgated under the Exchange Act (or any similar communication to shareholders), although such disclosure may still constitute a change of recommendation.

As further discussed in Termination of the Merger Agreement beginning on page 74, if the UNS Energy board changes its recommendation of the merger, FortisUS may terminate the merger agreement and require payment of a termination fee of \$63.9 million. UNS Energy may also terminate the merger agreement to enter into a transaction with respect to a superior proposal after following the procedures set forth in the merger agreement as described in more detail in Termination of the Merger Agreement on payment of the termination fee.

# **Employee Benefits and Service Credit**

From the effective time of the merger through the second anniversary thereof (which we refer to as the benefit protection period), each UNS Energy employee will receive (1) an annual base salary and incentive compensation opportunities that are no less favorable than the annual base salary and incentive compensation opportunities (including substituting comparable incentive compensation opportunities for equity-based compensation arrangements) provided immediately prior to the closing time of the merger and (2) benefits that are, on a plan-by-plan basis, no less favorable than the benefits provided to such employee under each benefit plan prior to the closing time of the merger (excluding equity-based compensation arrangements). Upon each of March 1, 2014 and the earlier to occur of March 1, 2015 and the date which is thirty days after the effective time of the merger, UNS Energy or the surviving corporation will continue to pay to each employee who participates in an annual incentive plan maintained by UNS Energy and continues to be an employee of the surviving corporation through each such applicable date, a payment in an amount consistent with the past practices of UNS Energy. In calculating the level of attainment of performance criteria applicable to any such annual incentive plan, UNS Energy (or the surviving corporation) will exclude any expenses or costs arising as a result of or in connection with the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement or any non-recurring charges that would not reasonably be expected to have been incurred had the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement not occurred. In addition, the merger agreement provides that the surviving corporation will honor UNS Energy s existing collective bargaining agreements.

Following the merger, UNS Energy will honor and continue, during the benefit protection period or, if earlier, until all obligations thereunder have been satisfied, all of its employment, severance and termination plans, policies, programs, agreements and arrangements (including any change in control or severance agreements and including any payments, benefits or rights arising as a result of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement) without any amendment or modification, other than any amendment or modification required to comply with applicable law or as consented to by the parties to such arrangement.

The merger agreement contains standard provisions under which each continuing employee will receive credit for his or her years of service with UNS Energy for all purposes under FortisUS or any of its subsidiaries (including the surviving corporation) employee benefit plans, subject to certain customary exceptions.

### **Other Covenants and Agreements**

UNS Energy and FortisUS have made certain other covenants to and agreements with each other regarding various other matters including:

the UNS Energy board taking steps to cause the disposition of UNS Energy s common stock and other equity awards in connection with the merger by each of UNS Energy s officers and directors who are covered persons for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act to be exempt transactions for purposes of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act pursuant to Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act;

FortisUS s access to UNS Energy s information and FortisUS s agreement to keep the information provided to it confidential;

UNS Energy notifying FortisUS of certain communications from government entities and any actions, suits, claims, investigations or proceedings relating to the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

the inapplicability of any state takeover laws;

indemnification of UNS Energy directors, officers and employees for certain acts occurring prior to the merger (see The Merger Interests of UNS Energy s Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger Insurance and Indemnification of UNS Energy Directors and Officers );

the performance by Merger Sub of its obligations under the merger agreement;

the maintenance of UNS Energy s existing Tucson headquarters;

the maintenance of UNS Energy s current levels of charitable contributions and community involvement at the level prior to the consummation of the merger for a period of five years thereafter;

transfer taxes;

transition planning;

changes to rates or charges;

the prohibition of any acquisition of UNS Energy common stock (or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for UNS Energy common stock) by FortisUS, Merger Sub, or any of their affiliates prior to the consummation of the merger; and

UNS Energy s cooperation in connection with the capital markets and bank financings to be undertaken by Fortis in connection with the merger.

#### **Consents and Approvals**

The consummation of the merger will require obtaining approvals, consents or waivers from, or making filings with, a number of United States federal and state public utility, antitrust and other regulatory authorities including (i) the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission pursuant to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, (ii) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Federal Power Act, (iii) the United States Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States pursuant to the Exon-Florio Amendment to the Defense Production Act, and (iv) the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Each party is required to use its reasonable best efforts to obtain all such required governmental approvals. FortisUS is required to use its reasonable best efforts to take all actions as may be necessary to avoid or eliminate any impediment so as to close the merger before the outside date, but it is not required to agree to divestitures or hold separate orders, or accept operational restrictions that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operation of (i) the surviving corporation and its subsidiaries combined or (ii) Fortis and its subsidiaries combined following the merger (calculated as if Fortis and its subsidiaries were the same size and scale as the surviving corporation and its subsidiaries).

Governmental entity means any national, federal, state, county, municipal or local government, or other political subdivision thereof, and any entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory, taxing or administrative functions of or pertaining to government, including, the North American Electric Reliability Corp. in its capacity as the FERC-certified Electric Reliability Organization and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

### **Conditions to the Merger**

*Conditions to Each Party s Obligations*. Each party s obligation to consummate the merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following mutual conditions:

adoption of the merger agreement by an affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of UNS Energy common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting;

absence of any order, decree, judgment, injunction or other ruling by any governmental entity that prevents or prohibits the consummation of the merger;

the obtaining of required governmental approvals (including that of the FERC and the ACC and the expiration or termination of any applicable HSR waiting period) without any conditions that would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a regulatory burdensome effect, which means (x) any divestiture or other undertaking or (y) proposing, accepting or entering into any consent decree, hold separate order or operational restriction, in each case, that would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of (a) the surviving corporation and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (b) Fortis and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, following the merger, provided that Fortis and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, shall be deemed to be 100% of the size and scale of the surviving corporation and its subsidiaries and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; and

the receipt of written confirmation from the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States that it has reviewed the information provided to it regarding the merger, and that based on its review it has determined that there are no unresolved national security concerns with respect to the merger.

*Conditions to UNS Energy s Obligations*. The obligation of UNS Energy to consummate the merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of further conditions, including:

the representations and warranties of FortisUS and Merger Sub must be true and correct without regard to materiality qualifiers at and as of the date of the merger agreement and at and as of the date of the closing of the merger (or in the case of representations and warranties that are made as of a particular date or period, as of such date or period), except for such failures to be true and correct as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to materially delay or materially impair FortisUS s and Merger Sub s ability to consummate the merger or any of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement (the representations and warranties relating to the authority to enter into the merger agreement, however, must be true in all respects);

FortisUS s and Merger Sub s performance in all material respects of and compliance in all material respects with all agreements and covenants required to be performed or complied with by them under the merger agreement on or prior to the effective time; and

the Arizona Corporation Commission s approval of the merger shall not contain any terms that have the effect of reducing the merger consideration to be received by the holders of UNS Energy s shares of common stock and that any required governmental approval that would reasonably be expected to contain such a term be obtained by final order.

*Conditions to FortisUS s and Merger Sub s Obligations.* The obligation of FortisUS and Merger Sub to consummate the merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of further conditions, including:

the representations and warranties of UNS Energy must be true and correct without regard to materiality qualifiers at and as of the date of the merger agreement and at and as of the date of the closing of the merger (or in the case of representations and warranties that are made as of a particular date or period, as of such date or period), so long as any failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct, individually

or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect (the representations and warranties relating to capitalization, however, must be true in all respects (except for de minimis inaccuracies) and the representations and warranties relating to the authority and the absence of conflicts with UNS Energy s governing documents to enter into the merger agreement must be true in all material respects);

UNS Energy s performance in all material respects of and compliance in all material respects with all obligations and covenants required to be performed or complied with by it under the merger agreement; and

there not having occurred since the date of the merger agreement any material adverse effect or any event that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse effect on UNS Energy and its subsidiaries.

### **Termination of the Merger Agreement**

UNS Energy and FortisUS may terminate the merger agreement by mutual written consent at any time before the consummation of the merger. In addition, with certain exceptions, either FortisUS or UNS Energy may terminate the merger agreement at any time before the consummation of the merger if:

the merger has not been completed on or before December 11, 2014 (which we refer to as the outside date) and the failure of the effective time to occur was not caused by the breach of the obligations under the merger agreement of the party seeking to terminate the merger agreement (the outside date is subject to an extension to June 11, 2015 if the closing conditions other than those relating to governmental approvals have been satisfied and further extensions in some cases where governmental approvals have been obtained but have not yet become final orders);

the approval of the merger shall not have been obtained at the special meeting;

any court of competent jurisdiction or other governmental entity shall have issued a final and non-appealable order or injunction or taken any other action that has the effect of permanently enjoining, restraining or prohibiting the merger (and the party seeking to terminate the merger agreement has used its reasonable best efforts to resist, resolve or lift such order or injunction); and

the other party has breached or failed to perform its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in the merger agreement, which breach or failure to perform (1) would cause certain of the conditions to the terminating party s obligation to consummate the merger not to be reasonably capable of being satisfied, and (2) cannot be cured or has not been cured within 30 days, but only if the party seeking to terminate is not itself in such a breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement in the merger agreement.

UNS Energy may also terminate the merger agreement to enter into a transaction with respect to a superior proposal if UNS Energy receives an acquisition proposal which the UNS Energy board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisor and outside counsel, constitutes a superior proposal and such acquisition

proposal is not withdrawn, and the UNS Energy board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisor and outside counsel, that the failure to do so would be a breach of its fiduciary duties under applicable law. UNS Energy may only terminate the agreement for this reason if (i) UNS Energy provides prior written notice to FortisUS, specifying the material terms and conditions of such superior proposal and attaching a copy of the definitive agreement proposed to be entered into, (ii) UNS Energy has negotiated in good faith with FortisUS for at least five business days following receipt of such notice (and where FortisUS has committed to any changes to the terms of the merger agreement and there is a subsequent amendment to any material term of the superior proposal, for at least three business days following receipt of a new notice following such amendment) and (iii) taking into account any changes to the terms of the merger agreement committed to by FortisUS, the UNS Energy board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisor and outside counsel, that the proposal continues to be a superior proposal and the failure to change its recommendation would be a breach of its fiduciary duties under applicable law.

FortisUS may also terminate the merger agreement if the UNS Energy board changes its recommendation of the merger or UNS Energy enters into a definitive agreement with respect to a superior proposal.

# **Effect of Termination**

If the merger agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, there will be no liability on the part of FortisUS, Merger Sub or UNS Energy, except that the confidentiality agreement between FortisUS and UNS Energy, the provisions related to the payment of fees and certain other provisions will survive such termination and except that termination will not relieve any party to the merger agreement from liability for a willful and material breach of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements set forth in the merger agreement.

# **Termination Fee**

UNS Energy has agreed to pay FortisUS a termination fee of \$63.9 million if FortisUS terminates the merger agreement because the UNS Energy board has changed its recommendation in favor of the merger, FortisUS terminates the merger agreement because UNS Energy enters into a definitive agreement with respect to a superior proposal, or UNS Energy terminates the agreement to enter into a definitive agreement with respect to a superior proposal.

UNS Energy has agreed to reimburse up to \$12.5 million of FortisUS s expenses if (i) FortisUS or UNS Energy terminates the merger agreement because the merger has not been completed by the outside date or because the approval of UNS Energy shareholders was not obtained at the special meeting or FortisUS terminates the merger agreement based on a breach of the merger agreement by UNS Energy, and (ii) a competing proposal has been made or publicly disclosed and not withdrawn prior to the termination of the merger agreement, the special meeting, or the breach giving rise to FortisUS s right to terminate the agreement, respectively. In addition, if within 12 months after such termination, a definitive agreement providing for an acquisition transaction is entered into, or an acquisition transaction is consummated by UNS Energy with, any third party making or publicly disclosing, and in each case, not withdrawing, an acquisition proposal prior to such termination, the special meeting, or the breach giving rise to FortisUS s right to terminate the agreement providing for a publicly disclosing, and in each case, not withdrawing, an acquisition proposal prior to such termination, the special meeting, or the breach giving rise to FortisUS s right to terminate the agreement previously paid). In no event will more than one termination fee be payable. In this case, acquisition proposal has the meaning set forth above in No Solicitation, except all percentages therein shall be changed to 50%.

### Amendment of the Merger Agreement

The merger agreement may be amended if such amendment, modification or supplement is in writing and is signed by each party to the merger agreement. However, subsequent to the adoption of the merger agreement by UNS Energy s shareholders, no amendment to the merger agreement may be made that requires the approval of UNS Energy s shareholders under applicable law or in accordance with the rules of the NYSE unless the required further approval is obtained.

# NO DISSENTERS RIGHTS

Pursuant to Section 10-1302(D) of the ABCA, UNS Energy s shareholders will not be entitled to exercise dissenters rights if the merger is adopted and consummated because our common stock was listed on the NYSE on the record date.

### CURRENT MARKET PRICE OF UNS ENERGY COMMON STOCK

Our common stock is traded on the NYSE under the symbol UNS. On February 14, 2014, there were approximately 7,392 registered shareholders of our common stock. Below is a summary of the NYSE high and low sales prices of shares of UNS Energy common stock on the NYSE, as reported in published financial sources, as well as the cash dividend paid per share for the periods specified below. The closing sale price of UNS Energy common stock on the NYSE on December 11, 2013, the last full trading day prior to the announcement of the merger, was \$45.84 per share. On February 14, 2014, the last full trading day prior to the date of this proxy statement, the closing price for UNS Energy common stock on the NYSE was \$60.21 per share. You are encouraged to obtain current market quotations for UNS Energy common stock in connection with voting your shares.

|   |           |          | Cash          |
|---|-----------|----------|---------------|
| <b>Period</b>                           | High (\$) | Low (\$) | Dividend (\$) |
| 2012                                    |           |          |               |
| 1st Quarter                             | 38.66     | 35.83    | 0.43          |
| 2nd Quarter                             | 38.86     | 35.20    | 0.43          |
| 3rd Quarter                             | 42.71     | 38.43    | 0.43          |
| 4th Quarter                             | 43.56     | 39.02    | 0.43          |
| 2013                                    |           |          |               |
| 1st Quarter                             | 49.13     | 43.10    | 0.435         |
| 2nd Quarter                             | 51.54     | 42.51    | 0.435         |
| 3rd Quarter                             | 51.86     | 43.81    | 0.435         |
| 4th Quarter                             | 60.02     | 45.30    | 0.435         |
| 2014                                    |           |          |               |
| 1st Quarter (through February 14, 2014) | 60.41     | 59.24    | 0.00          |

UNS Energy has paid dividends on its common stock every year since 2000. Under the merger agreement, UNS Energy is prohibited from paying dividends other than quarterly cash dividends not to exceed \$0.435 per share for quarterly dividends payable to shareholders on or before December 31, 2013, and \$0.48 per share for quarterly dividends payable to shareholders after December 31, 2013, and a stub period dividend to shareholders as of the date of the merger equal to the product of (x) the number of days from the record date for payment of the last quarterly dividend paid by UNS Energy prior to the date of the merger through and including such date and (y) a daily dividend rate determined by dividing the amount of the last quarterly cash dividends on its common stock; however, such dividends are subject to UNS Energy s board s evaluation of its financial condition, earnings, cash flows, dividend policy and the terms of the merger agreement.

# SUBMISSION OF SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

If the merger is consummated prior to our 2014 annual meeting of shareholders, we will not have public shareholders, and there will be no public participation in any future meetings of shareholders. However, if the merger is not consummated prior to our 2014 annual meeting of shareholders, the following deadlines apply to the submission of shareholder proposals to be considered at our 2014 annual meeting of shareholders.

UNS Energy s bylaws require shareholders to give UNS Energy advance notice of any proposal to be submitted at any meeting of shareholders. To be timely, a shareholder s notice to the Corporate Secretary of UNS Energy must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices at the address below of UNS Energy not earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days and not later than ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within thirty (30) days before or after such anniversary date, notice by the shareholder in order to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which such notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or such public disclosure of the date of the meeting was made, whichever first occurs. The bylaws prescribe the information to be contained in any such notice, and a copy of the relevant provisions of the bylaws will be provided to any shareholder upon written request to the Corporate Secretary of UNS Energy. For any shareholder s proposal to be considered at the 2014 annual meeting of shareholders, the shareholder s notice must be received by the Corporate Secretary of UNS Energy, 88 E. Broadway Boulevard, HQE901, Tucson, Arizona 85701, not later than February 2, 2014. For a shareholder proposal to have been eligible for inclusion in our 2014 Proxy Statement and the form of proxy relating to that meeting, UNS Energy must have received the proposal by November 21, 2013. The advance notice requirement described above is separate and apart from the SEC s requirements that a shareholder must meet in order to have a shareholder proposal included in UNS Energy s Proxy Statement. Direct any proposals, as well as related questions, to the undersigned.

The SEC s proxy rules allow the Company to use discretionary voting authority to vote on a matter coming before an annual meeting of shareholders that is not included in UNS Energy s proxy statement, if UNS Energy does not have notice of the matter before the deadline established in its bylaws. In addition, discretionary voting authority may generally be used if UNS Energy receives timely notice of such matter (as described above) and if, in the proxy statement, UNS Energy describes the nature of such matter and how UNS Energy intends to exercise its discretion to vote on such matter.

### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

#### Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

The following table shows the amount of UNS Energy common stock owned by those persons who beneficially own more than 5% of our common stock based on reports filed by such persons with the SEC as of February 14, 2014. UNS Energy makes no representation as to the accuracy or completeness of the information. These are the only persons known to UNS Energy to be the beneficial owners of more than 5% of UNS Energy common stock as of February 14, 2014:

| eficial Ownership of | cont of LING Enc  |  |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Common               | Common  | rgy s  |
| Stock                | Stock   |  |
|                      |   |  |
|                      |   |  |
| <b>6,638,409</b> (1) | 16.0%   |  |
|                      |   |  |
|                      |   |  |
| <b>3,707,686</b> (2) | 8.9%  |  |
|                      |   |  |
|                      |   |  |
| <b>2,702,750</b> (3) | 6.5%  |  |
|                      | UNS Energy s Per<br>Common<br>Stock<br>6,638,409 (1)<br>3,707,686 (2) | UNS Energy<br>Common<br>StockPercent of UNS Ener<br>Common<br>Stock6,638,409(1)16.0%3,707,686(2)8.9% |

- (1) In a statement (Schedule 13G) filed with the SEC on January 10, 2014, Black Rock, Inc. indicated that it has sole voting power over 6,507,236 shares of UNS Energy common stock and sole dispositive power over 6,638,409 shares of UNS Energy common stock.
- (2) In a statement (Schedule 13G) filed with the SEC on February 14, 2014, FMR LLC indicated that it has sole voting power over 2,627,870 shares of UNS Energy common stock and sole dispositive power over 3,707,686 shares of UNS Energy common stock.
- (3) In a statement (Schedule 13G) filed with the SEC on February 12, 2014, The Vanguard Group, Inc. indicated that it has sole voting power over 67,174 shares of UNS Energy common stock, sole dispositive power over 2,643,576 shares of UNS Energy common stock and shared dispositive power over 59,174 shares of UNS Energy common stock.

# Security Ownership of Management

### **Security Ownership of Management**

The following table sets forth the number and percentage of shares of UNS Energy common stock beneficially owned as of February 14, 2014, and the nature of such ownership by each of the Company s directors, Chief Executive Officer (CEO or Mr. Bonavia), Chief Financial Officer (CFO or Mr. Larson), and the four other most highly compensated executive officers (together with the CEO and CFO, the Named Executives) as of February 14, 2014, and all directors and executive officers as a group. Ownership includes direct and indirect (beneficial) ownership, as defined by the SEC rules.

|  |                 |                | Nature of 1<br>nership (1)<br>Shares<br>Subject<br>to<br>Options |                        |         |        | Other (2)<br>Deferred<br>Shares |            |
|--|-----------------|----------------|--|------------------------|---------|--------|---------------------------------|------------|
|  | Directly        | Under I<br>the | Exercisable<br>Within  | Total                  | Percent |        | Under<br>Deferred               |            |
| Name and Title of Beneficial Owner         | Owned<br>Shares | 401(k)<br>Plan | 60<br>Days   | Beneficial<br>Ownershi |         | (3)    | ompensation<br>Plan             | n<br>Total |
| Paul J. Bonavia                            |                 |                | <b>-</b>   |                        |         | (-)    |                                 |            |
|  |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| Board Chair and Chief Executive<br>Officer | 61,343          | 0              | 59,940   | 121,283                | *       | 0      | 780                             | 122,063    |
| Lawrence J. Aldrich                        | 01,545          | 0              | 57,740   | 121,203                |         | 0      | 700                             | 122,005    |
|  |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| Director<br>Barbara M. Baumann             | 3,912           | 0              | 0  | 3,912                  | *       | 14,669 | 0                               | 18,581     |
| Barbara M. Baumann                         |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| Director                                   | 2,000           | 0              | 0  | 2,000                  | *       | 12,943 | 14,177                          | 29,120     |
| Larry W. Bickle                            |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| Director                                   | 10,195          | 0              | 0  | 10,195                 | *       | 13,519 | 0                               | 23,714     |
| Robert A. Elliott                          | 10,175          | 0              | 0  | 10,175                 |         | 15,517 | 0                               | 23,714     |
|  |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| Director                                   | 4,068           | 0              | 0  | 4,068                  | *       | 13,312 | 0                               | 17,380     |
| Daniel W. L. Fessler                       |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| Director                                   | 2,511           | 0              | 0  | 2,511                  | *       | 19,222 | 0                               | 21,733     |
| Louise L. Francesconi                      |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| Director                                   | 3,000           | 0              | 0  | 3,000                  | *       | 8,130  | 0                               | 11 120     |
| Ramiro G. Peru                             | 3,000           | 0              | 0  | 3,000                  |         | 8,150  | 0                               | 11,130     |
|  |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| Director                                   | 4,000           | 0              | 0  | 4,000                  | *       | 10,091 | 0                               | 14,091     |
| Gregory A. Pivirotto                       |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| Director                                   | 8,500           | 0              | 0  | 8,500                  | *       | 10,091 | 0                               | 18,591     |
| Joaquin Ruiz                               |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| Director                                   | 300             | 0              | 0  | 300                    | *       | 12,943 | 0                               | 13,243     |
| David G. Hutchens,                         | 500             | 0              | 0  | 500                    |         | 12,945 | 0                               | 15,245     |
| ,  |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| President and Chief Operations Officer     | 7,529           | 8,341          | 27,330   | 43,200                 | *       | 0      | 0                               | 43,200     |
| Kevin P. Larson                            |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| Senior Vice President, Chief Financial     |                 |                |  |                        |         |        |                                 |            |
| Officer and Treasurer                      | 50,520          | 3,228          | 100,420  | 154,168                | *       | 0      | 2,225                           | 156,393    |
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| Michael J. DeConcini  |        |       |       |        |   |   |       |        |
|---|--------|-------|-------|--------|---|---|-------|--------|
| Senior Vice President, Operations                           | 38,003 | 0     | 0     | 38,003 | * | 0 | 1,164 | 39,167 |
| Philip Dion   |        |       |       |        |   |   |       |        |
| Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Customer Solutions | 4,282  | 1,135 | 4,240 | 9,657  | * | 0 | 0     | 9,657  |

|  | Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (1)<br>Shares<br>Subject |   |                             |                     | Other (2) |         |   |             |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------|---|-------------|
| Name and Title of Beneficial Owner   | Directly<br>Owned<br>Shares  | Shares<br>Purchased<br>Under<br>the<br>401(k)<br>Plan | Exercisable<br>Within<br>60 | Total<br>Beneficial |           |         | Deferred<br>Shares<br>Under<br>Deferred<br>ompensatio<br>Plan | on<br>Total |
| Karen G. Kissinger   | Shares   | Flan  | Days                        | Ownership           | Class     | (3)     | Flan  | Totai       |
| Vice President and Chief Compliance<br>Officer   | 63,922   | 0   | 54,900                      | 118,822             | *         | 0       | 2,457   | 121,279     |
| All directors and executive officers<br>(including the Named Executives) as a<br>group | 279,672  | 29,237  | 267,040                     | 575,949             | 1.4%      | 114,920 | 20,886  | 711,755     |

- \* Represents less than 1% of the outstanding common stock of UNS Energy.
- (1) Amounts include the following:

Any shares held in the name of the spouse, minor children or other relatives sharing the home of the director or executive officer. Except as otherwise indicated below, the directors and executive officers have sole voting and investment power over the shares shown. Voting power includes the power to direct the voting of the shares held, and investment power includes the power to direct the disposition of the shares held. Shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days, based on information from E\*Trade, UNS Energy s stock option plan administrator.

Equivalent share amounts allocated to the individuals 401(k) Plan, which has a UNS Energy Stock Fund investment option.

(2) While amounts in the Other column do not represent a right of the holder to receive stock within 60 days, those interests are also disclosed because management believes they accomplish similar objectives in that they also 1) encourage directors and executive officers to have a stake in the Company, and 2) align interests of directors and executive officers with those of shareholders. Under UNS Energy s non-employee director compensation program, non-employee directors receive an annual grant of restricted stock units that have an underlying value equal to one share of UNS Energy common stock. The value of the restricted stock units fluctuates based on changes in the Company s stock price. All restricted stock unit grants to directors vest at the earlier of the next annual meeting following the grant date or the first anniversary of grant. The vested restricted stock units are distributed in actual shares of Company stock in January following termination of board service. Similarly, the value of deferred stock units fluctuates based on changes in UNS Energy s stock price. Under the terms of the deferred compensation plan, distributions of deferred shares will be made in cash, unless the participant elects to receive the deferred shares in Company stock on dates selected by the director or the executive officer following termination of service. In UNS Energy s view, vested restricted stock units and deferred stock units are tantamount to actual stock ownership as the non-employee director and executive officer (in the case of deferred stock units) bear the risk of ownership during the restricted and deferral periods.

As of December 31, 2013, each of the outside directors held an additional 985 unvested share units, which are not included in these amounts.

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Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 (filed on February 27, 2013);

Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2013 (filed on April 29, 2013), June 30, 2013 (filed on July 30, 2013) and September 30, 2013 (filed on November 7, 2013);

Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on November 14, 2013, December 9, 2013, December 11, 2013, December 12, 2013, December 27, 2013, January 13, 2014, and February 3, 2014; and

Proxy Statement for the 2013 Annual Meeting (filed on March 21, 2013). Any person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this proxy statement is delivered may request copies of proxy statements and any of the documents incorporated by reference in this document or other information concerning us, without charge. You may request a copy of these filings by writing or telephoning us at:

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# Annex A

# **EXECUTION COPY**

# AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

by and among

# FORTISUS INC.,

# COLOR ACQUISITION SUB INC.,

# UNS ENERGY CORPORATION

and, solely for the purposes of Sections 5.5(c) and 8.15,

# FORTIS INC.

Dated as of December 11, 2013

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#### AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER, dated as of December 11, 2013 (this <u>Agreement</u>), by and among FortisUS Inc., a Delaware corporation (<u>Parent</u>), Color Acquisition Sub Inc., an Arizona corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent (<u>Merger Sub</u>), UNS Energy Corporation, an Arizona corporation (<u>the</u> <u>Company</u>), and, solely for the purposes of <u>Sections 5.5(c)</u> and <u>8.15</u>, Fortis Inc., a corporation incorporated under the Corporations Act of Newfoundland and Labrador (<u>Ultimate Parent</u>). All capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in <u>Section 8.4</u> or as otherwise defined elsewhere in this Agreement unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

# RECITALS

WHEREAS, the respective Boards of Directors of Parent, Merger Sub and the Company have each adopted and approved this Agreement and the merger of Merger Sub with and into the Company (the <u>Merger</u>) upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company (the <u>Company Board</u>) has, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, (i) determined that the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the Merger, are fair to and in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders and (ii) adopted, approved and declared advisable this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger, and has resolved to recommend authorization and approval of this Agreement by the shareholders of the Company;

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of Parent (the <u>Parent Board</u>) and Merger Sub have, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, (i) determined that the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the Merger, are fair to and in the best interests of Parent and Merger Sub and their respective shareholders and (ii) adopted, approved and declared advisable this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger, and the Board of Directors of Merger Sub has adopted and approved this Agreement and resolved to recommend authorization and approval of this Agreement by Parent as the sole shareholder of Merger Sub; and

WHEREAS, Parent, Merger Sub and the Company desire to make certain representations, warranties, covenants and agreements in connection with the Merger and also to prescribe various conditions to the Merger.

### AGREEMENT

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

### ARTICLE I

### THE MERGER

Section 1.1 The Merger.

(a) Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, and in accordance with the Arizona Business Corporation Act (the <u>ABCA</u>), at the Effective Time, Merger Sub shall be merged with and into the Company. As a result of the Merger, the separate corporate existence of Merger Sub shall cease, and the Company shall continue as the surviving corporation of the Merger (the <u>Surviving Corporation</u>). The Merger shall have the effects set forth in this Agreement and in the applicable provisions of the ABCA. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, at the Effective Time, all of the property, rights, privileges, immunities, powers and franchises of the Company and Merger Sub shall vest in the Surviving Corporation, and all of the debts, liabilities and duties of the Company and Merger Sub shall become the debts, liabilities and duties of the Surviving Corporation.

(b) At the Effective Time, Parent shall cause the articles of incorporation of the Surviving Corporation to be amended in its entirety to be identical to the articles of incorporation of Merger Sub immediately prior to the Effective Time, except that the name of the Surviving Corporation shall be changed to UNS Energy Corporation , until thereafter changed or amended as provided therein or by applicable Law, subject to <u>Section 5.10</u>. In addition, at the Effective Time, the by-laws of Merger Sub as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation, except that the name of the Surviving Corporation shall be changed to UNS Energy Corporation , until thereafter changed or amended as provided therein or by applicable Law, subject to <u>Section 5.10</u>.

(c) The directors of Merger Sub immediately prior to the Effective Time shall, at the Effective Time, be the directors of the Surviving Corporation, each to hold office in accordance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until their respective successors shall have been duly elected, designated or qualified, or until their earlier death, resignation or removal in accordance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation. The officers of the Company immediately prior to the Effective Time shall, from and after the Effective Time, continue as the officers of the Surviving Corporation, each to hold office in accordance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until their respective successors shall have been duly elected, designated or qualified, or until their earlier death, resignation or removal in accordance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until their respective successors shall have been duly elected, designated or qualified, or until their earlier death, resignation or removal in accordance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation. Parent and the Surviving Corporation shall cause four (4) members of the Company Board designated by the Company who are members of the Company Board as of the Closing and who are acceptable to Parent to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Surviving Corporation as of the Effective Time; provided, that at least one (1) such designee shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

(d) After the Effective Time, if the Surviving Corporation shall determine or shall be advised that any deeds, bills of sale, instruments of conveyance, assignments, assurances or any other actions or things are necessary or desirable to vest, perfect or confirm of record or otherwise in the Surviving Corporation its right, title or interest in, to or under any of the property, rights, privileges, immunities, powers and franchises of either of the Company or Merger Sub acquired or to be acquired by the Surviving Corporation as a result of, or in connection with, the Merger or otherwise to carry out this Agreement, then the officers and directors of the Surviving Corporation shall be authorized to execute and deliver, in the name and on behalf of either the Company or Merger Sub, all such deeds, bills of sale, instruments of conveyance, assignments and assurances and to take and do, in the name and on behalf of each of such corporations or otherwise,

all such other actions and things as may be necessary or desirable to vest, perfect or confirm any and all right, title or interest in, to and under such property, rights, privileges, immunities, powers and franchises in the Surviving Corporation or otherwise to carry out this Agreement.

Section 1.2 <u>Closing and Effective Time of Merger</u>. The closing of the Merger (the <u>Closing</u>) will take place at 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on a date to be specified by the parties (the <u>Closing Date</u>), such date to be no later than the second Business Day after satisfaction or waiver of all of the conditions set forth in Article VI (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the fulfillment or waiver of those conditions at the Closing), at the offices of Baker Botts L.L.P., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112, unless another time, date or place is agreed to in writing by Parent and the Company. On the Closing Date, or on such other date as Parent and the Company may agree to in writing, Parent, Merger Sub and the Company shall cause an appropriate articles of merger or other appropriate documents (the <u>Articles of Merger</u>) to be executed and filed (along with a copy of this Agreement as required by Law) with the Arizona Corporation Commission (<u>ACC</u>) in accordance with the relevant provisions of the ABCA and shall make all other filings or recordings required under the ABCA. The Merger shall become effective at the time the Articles of Merger shall have been duly delivered to the ACC for filing or such other date and time as is agreed upon by the parties and specified in the Articles of Merger, such date and time hereinafter referred to as the <u>Effective Time</u>.

# ARTICLE II

# EFFECT OF THE MERGER ON CAPITAL STOCK

Section 2.1 <u>Conversion of Securities</u>. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of Parent, Merger Sub, the Company or the holders of any capital stock of the Company or Merger Sub:

(a) <u>Conversion of Company Common Stock</u>. Subject to <u>Section 2.2</u>, each share of common stock, no par value, of the Company (<u>Company Common Stock</u> and each such share, <u>a</u> Share and collectively, the Shares ) issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, other than Shares to be cancelled in accordance with <u>Section 2.1(b)</u>, shall be converted into the right to receive in cash, without interest, \$60.25 per Share (the <u>Merger Consideration</u>). At the Effective Time, all of the Shares issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall cease to be outstanding, shall be cancelled and shall cease to exist, and each certificate (a <u>Certificate</u>) formerly representing any of the Shares (other than Shares to be cancelled in accordance with <u>Section 2.1(b)</u>) shall thereafter represent only the right to receive the Merger Consideration, without interest, subject to compliance with the procedures for surrender of such Shares as set forth in <u>Section 2.2</u>.

(b) <u>Cancellation of Treasury Stock and Ultimate Parent-Owned Stock.</u> All Shares that are held in the treasury of the Company or owned of record by any Company Subsidiary and all Shares owned of record by Ultimate Parent, Parent, Merger Sub or any of their respective wholly-owned Subsidiaries shall be cancelled and shall cease to exist, with no payment being made with respect thereto.

(c) <u>Merger Sub Common Stock</u>. Each share of common stock, no par value, of Merger Sub issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be converted into and become one (1) newly and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable share of common stock of the Surviving Corporation.

(d) <u>Merger Consideration Adjustment</u>. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if, from the date of this Agreement until the Effective Time, the outstanding Shares shall have been changed into a different number of shares or a different class by reason of any reclassification, stock split (including a reverse stock split), recapitalization, split-up, combination, exchange of shares, readjustment or other similar transaction, or a stock dividend or stock distribution thereon shall be declared with a record date within said period, the Merger Consideration shall be appropriately adjusted to provide the holders of Shares the same economic effect as contemplated by this Agreement prior to such event; <u>provided</u> that no such adjustment shall result in any increase or decrease of the Aggregate Merger Consideration.

# Section 2.2 Payment for Securities: Surrender of Certificates.

(a) Paying Agent. Prior to the Effective Time, Parent shall deposit with a nationally recognized financial institution designated by Parent and reasonably acceptable to the Company (the <u>Paving Agent</u>), for the benefit of the holders of Shares, a cash amount in immediately available funds equal to the Aggregate Merger Consideration (the <u>Exchange</u> Fund ). Funds made available to the Paying Agent shall be invested by the Paying Agent, as directed by Parent, in (i) short-term obligations of the United States of America with maturities of no more than 30 days, (ii) commercial paper obligations rated A-1 or P-1 or better by Moody s Investors Services, Inc. or Standard & Poor s, respectively, or (iii) deposit accounts, certificates of deposit or banker s acceptances of, repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements with, or Eurodollar time deposits purchased from, commercial banks, each of which has capital, surplus and undivided profits aggregating more than \$1.0 billion (based on the most recent financial statements of such bank which are then publicly available at the SEC or otherwise), in each case, pending payment thereof by the Paying Agent to the holders of Shares pursuant to this Article II. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Paying Agent shall, pursuant to irrevocable instructions, deliver the cash contemplated to be paid pursuant to Section 2.1 out of the Exchange Fund. The Exchange Fund shall not be used for any other purpose. To the extent that there are losses with respect to such investments, or the Exchange Fund diminishes for other reasons below the level required to make prompt cash payment of the Aggregate Merger Consideration as contemplated hereby, Parent shall promptly replace or restore the cash in the Exchange Fund lost through such investments or other events so as to ensure that the Exchange Fund is at all times maintained at a level sufficient to promptly make such cash payments.

# (b) Procedures for Surrender.

(i) <u>Certificates.</u> As promptly as practicable after the Effective Time, Parent shall cause the Paying Agent to mail to each holder of record of a Certificate whose Shares were converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration at the Effective Time pursuant to this Agreement: (x) a letter of transmittal, which shall specify that delivery shall be effected, and risk of loss and title to the Certificates shall pass, only upon delivery of the

Certificates to the Paying Agent, and shall otherwise be in such form and have such other provisions as Parent may reasonably specify after consultation with the Company; and (y) instructions for effecting the surrender of the Certificates in exchange for payment of the Merger Consideration. Upon surrender of Certificates for cancellation to the Paying Agent or to such other agent or agents as may be appointed by Parent, and upon delivery of a letter of transmittal, duly executed and in proper form, with respect to such Certificates, and such other documents as may reasonably be required by the Paying Agent, the holder of such Certificates shall be entitled to receive in exchange therefor cash in an amount equal to the Merger Consideration multiplied by the number of Shares formerly represented by such Certificates, and the Certificates so surrendered shall forthwith be cancelled.

- (ii) <u>Book-Entry Shares.</u> Any holder of non-certificated Shares represented by book-entry (<u>Book-Entry Shares</u>) whose Shares were converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration at the Effective Time pursuant to this Agreement, shall not be required to deliver a Certificate or an executed letter of transmittal to the Paying Agent to receive the Merger Consideration that such holder is entitled to receive pursuant to this Agreement. In lieu thereof, each holder of record of one or more Book-Entry Shares whose Shares were converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration at the Effective Time pursuant to this Agreement shall, upon receipt by the Paying Agent of an agent s message (or such other evidence, if any, of surrender as the Paying Agent may reasonably request) be entitled to receive in exchange therefor cash in an amount equal to the Merger Consideration multiplied by the number of Shares formerly represented by such Book-Entry Shares. Payment of the Merger Consideration with respect to Book-Entry Shares shall only be made to the Person in whose name such Book-Entry Shares are registered.
- (iii) In the event of a transfer of ownership of Company Common Stock that is not registered in the transfer records of the Company, payment may be made and Merger Consideration may be issued to a Person other than the Person in whose name the Certificate so surrendered is registered, if such Certificate shall be properly endorsed or shall otherwise be in proper form for transfer and the Person requesting such payment shall pay any transfer and other similar Taxes required by reason of the payment of the Merger Consideration to a Person other than the registered holder of the Certificate so surrendered or shall establish to the satisfaction of Parent that such Taxes either have been paid or are not required to be paid. Until surrendered as contemplated by this <u>Section 2.2</u>, each Certificate and each Book-Entry Share shall be deemed at any time after the Effective Time to represent only the right to receive the portion of the Aggregate Merger Consideration into which the Shares theretofore represented by such Certificate or such Book-Entry Shares have been converted pursuant to <u>Section 2.1(a)</u>. No

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interest shall be paid or accrue on any cash payable upon surrender of any Certificate or Book-Entry Share.

(c) <u>Transfer Books</u>; No Further Ownership Rights in Shares. As of the close of business on the date of the Effective Time, the stock transfer books of the Company shall be closed and thereafter there shall be no further registration of transfers of Shares on the records of the Company. The Merger Consideration paid in accordance with the terms of this Article II upon surrender of any Shares shall be deemed to have been paid in full satisfaction of all rights pertaining to such Shares. From and after the Effective Time, the holders of Shares outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall cease to have any rights with respect to such Shares except as otherwise provided for herein or by applicable Law. If, after the Effective Time, Certificates are presented to the Surviving Corporation for any reason, they shall be cancelled and exchanged as provided in this Agreement.

(d) Termination of Exchange Fund: Abandoned Property: No Liability. At any time following the day which is nine (9) months after the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation shall be entitled to require the Paying Agent to deliver to it any portion of the Exchange Fund (including any interest or other income received by the Paying Agent in respect of all funds made available to it) not disbursed to holders of Shares, and thereafter such holders shall be entitled to look only to the Surviving Corporation (subject to abandoned property, escheat or other similar Laws) as general creditors thereof with respect to the Merger Consideration payable upon due surrender of their Shares and compliance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.2(b), without interest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of Parent, the Surviving Corporation or the Paying Agent shall be liable to any holder of a Share for Merger Consideration delivered to a public official pursuant to any applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar Law. Any Merger Consideration remaining unclaimed as of the date that is immediately prior to such time as such Merger Consideration would otherwise escheat to or similarly become property of any Governmental Entity shall, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, become the property of Parent, free and clear of any claims or interests of any Person previously entitled thereto.

(e) <u>Withholding Rights.</u> Parent, Merger Sub, the Surviving Corporation and their respective agents (including the Paying Agent), as the case may be, shall be entitled to deduct and withhold from the consideration otherwise payable pursuant to this Agreement to any holder of Shares, Company Options, Restricted Shares, Restricted Stock Units or Other Equity-Based Awards, as applicable, such amounts that Parent, Merger Sub, the Surviving Corporation or any of their respective agents (including the Paying Agent) is required to deduct and withhold with respect to such payment under the Code or any other provision of applicable Law (including any provision of federal, state, local or foreign tax law); provided that any transfer or other similar Taxes payable in connection with the Merger (other than such Taxes required to be paid by reason of the payment of the Merger Consideration to a Person other than the holder of record of the Shares with respect to which such payment is made) shall be borne and paid by Parent and Merger Sub. To the extent that amounts are so withheld by Parent, Merger Sub, the Surviving Corporation or any agent, such amounts shall be paid to the applicable Tax authorities and shall be treated for all purposes of this Agreement as having been paid to the holder of Shares, Company Options, Restricted Shares, Restricted Stock Units or Other Equity-Based Awards, as applicable, in respect of which such deduction and withholding was made by Parent, Merger Sub, the Surviving Corporation or their applicable agent, as the case may be.

(f) Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Certificates. In the event that any Certificate shall have been lost, stolen or destroyed, the Paying Agent shall issue in exchange for such lost, stolen or destroyed Certificates upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the holder thereof, the portion of the Aggregate Merger Consideration into which the Shares formerly represented by such Certificate were converted pursuant to Section 2.1(a): provided, however, that Parent may, in its reasonable discretion and as a condition precedent to the payment of such Merger Consideration, require the owner of such lost, stolen or destroyed Certificate to deliver a bond in such sum as it may reasonably direct as indemnity against any claim that may be made against Parent, Merger Sub, the Surviving Corporation or the Paying Agent with respect to the Certificate alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed.

# Section 2.3 <u>Treatment of Company Options</u>, <u>Restricted Shares</u>, <u>Restricted Stock Units</u>, <u>Other Equity-Based Awards</u> and <u>Equity Plans</u>.

(a) <u>Treatment of Company Equity Awards.</u> Prior to the Effective Time, the Company Board (or, if appropriate, any committee thereof) shall adopt appropriate resolutions and take all other actions to provide that, immediately prior to the Effective Time:

- (i) Treatment of Company Options. Each outstanding option to purchase Shares (each, a Company Option) granted pursuant to any equity incentive plan of the Company, including the Company s 2011 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan, 2006 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan, Amended and Restated 1994 Outside Director Stock Option Plan and any other plan, agreement or arrangement of the Company or any Company Subsidiary (collectively, the <u>Company Equity Plans</u>), shall, without any action on the part of the holder thereof, be fully vested and cancelled and, in exchange therefor, each former holder of any such cancelled Company Option shall be entitled to receive, in settlement therefor and full satisfaction thereof, a payment in cash (subject to any withholding in accordance with Section 2.2(e)) equal to the product of (i) the total number of Shares previously subject to such Company Option and (ii) the amount, if any, by which the Merger Consideration exceeds the exercise price per Share previously subject to such Company Option (such amounts payable hereunder, the Option Payments ). In each case, the Option Payment shall be made within five (5) Business Days after the Closing Date. From and after the Effective Time, any such cancelled Company Option shall no longer be exercisable by the former holder thereof, but shall only entitle such holder to the payment of the Option Payment. No interest shall be paid or accrued on any cash payable with respect to any Company Option.
- (ii) <u>Treatment of Restricted Shares.</u> Each unvested Share subject to forfeiture restrictions, repurchase rights or other restrictions (each, a <u>Restricted Share</u>) granted pursuant to any Company Equity Plan shall, without any action on the part of the holder thereof, vest in full, and all restrictions (including forfeiture restrictions or repurchase rights) otherwise applicable to such Restricted Share shall lapse, and each Restricted Share shall be converted into the right to receive a payment in cash equal to the Merger

Consideration, without interest (subject to any withholding in accordance with <u>Section 2.2(e)</u>). In each case, payment with respect to any Restricted Shares shall be made within five (5) Business Days after the Closing Date.

(iii) Treatment of Restricted Stock Units and Other Equity-Based Awards. Immediately prior to the Effective Time, each contractual right to receive a Share of Company Common Stock or the value of such a Share other than Company Options (each, an <u>Other Equity-Based Award</u>), including restricted stock units and performance shares (such restricted stock units and performance shares collectively, <u>Restricted Stock Units</u>), granted pursuant to any Company Equity Plan that is outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall, without any action on the part of the holder thereof, vest in full, and all restrictions (including forfeiture restrictions or repurchase rights) otherwise applicable to such Other Equity-Based Award shall lapse, and each Other Equity-Based Award shall be cancelled and in exchange therefor, each former holder of any such cancelled Other Equity-Based Award shall be entitled to receive, in settlement therefor and full satisfaction thereof, a payment in cash (subject to any withholding in accordance with <u>Section 2.2(e)</u>) equal to the product of (x) the Merger Consideration and (y) the number of Shares subject to the Other Equity-Based Award as of the Effective Time; provided, however, that in the case of any Restricted Stock Units subject to performance-based vesting conditions, the applicable performance criteria shall be deemed to have been satisfied based on (A) target level of attainment or (B) actual attainment during the full fiscal quarters of the Company completed during the applicable performance period prior to the Effective Time, whichever results in a greater payment, in each case without proration notwithstanding the early termination (if any) of the applicable performance period; and provided further, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, in calculating the level of attainment of the performance criteria applicable to Restricted Stock Units subject to performance-based vesting conditions, the Company (or the Surviving Corporation) shall exclude any expenses or costs associated with or arising as a result of or in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any non-recurring charges that would not reasonably be expected to have been incurred had the transactions contemplated by this Agreement not occurred. In each case, payment with respect to any Other Equity-Based Award shall be made within five (5) Business Days after the Closing Date; provided, however, that in the case of any Other Equity-Based Awards that constitute deferred compensation within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, payment shall occur on the date that it would otherwise occur under the applicable award agreement absent the application of this Section 2.3(a)(iii) to the extent necessary to avoid the imposition of any penalty or other taxes under Section 409A of the Code. No interest shall be paid or accrued on any cash payable with respect to any Other Equity-Based Award.

(b) <u>Termination of Company Equity Plans</u>. After the Effective Time, all Company Equity Plans shall be terminated and no further Company Options, Restricted Shares, Restricted Stock Units, Other Equity-Based Awards or other rights with respect to Shares shall be granted thereunder.

(c) <u>Parent Funding</u>. At the Effective Time, Parent shall make a cash contribution to the Surviving Corporation in immediately available funds to permit the Surviving Corporation to make the payments required under this <u>Section</u> 2.3.

#### ARTICLE III

## REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY

Except as set forth in, or qualified by any matter set forth in, the Company SEC Documents filed before 5:30 p.m. ET on the Business Day immediately prior to the date hereof and on or after January 1, 2011 (excluding, in each case, any risk factor disclosures contained under the heading Risk Factors or any disclosure of risks included in any

forward-looking statements disclaimer or any other similar disclosures included in such Company SEC Documents that are predictive, cautionary or forward-looking in nature and, in each case, only to the extent the qualifying nature of such disclosure is reasonably apparent from the face of such Company SEC Documents), or the disclosure letter delivered by the Company to Parent and Merger Sub prior to the execution of this Agreement (it being agreed that disclosure of any item in any section or subsection of such disclosure letter shall also be deemed to be disclosed with respect to any other section or subsection to which the relevance of such item is reasonably apparent from the face of such disclosure letter) (the <u>Company Disclosure Letter</u>), the Company hereby represents and warrants to Parent and Merger Sub as follows:

Section 3.1 Organization and Qualification; Subsidiaries.

(a) The Company and each Company Subsidiary is a corporation or other legal entity duly incorporated or organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization and has the requisite corporate or other legal entity, as the case may be, power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and assets and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted. The Company and each Company Subsidiary is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction where the ownership, leasing or operation of its properties or assets or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing, individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) The Company has made available to Parent true and complete copies of (i) the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company (the <u>Company Charter</u>), (ii) the By-laws, as amended, of the Company (the <u>Company By-laws</u>), and (iii) the articles of incorporation and by-laws, or equivalent organizational documents, of each Company Subsidiary, each as in effect as of the date hereof. The Company has made available to Parent true and complete copies of all minutes prepared by the Company of meetings of the Company Board (and all materials filed with the minutes of such meetings) and each committee of the Company Board, the shareholders or other equityholders of each Company Subsidiary and the board of directors (or

equivalent body) of each Company Subsidiary and any committees thereof, each since December 31, 2010; <u>provided</u> that such copies may be redacted to the extent necessary to comply with existing confidentiality restrictions, to preserve attorney-client privilege or to remove material relating to (A) the consideration, negotiation and execution of this Agreement and the Merger or any other business combination with Ultimate Parent or Parent and (B) potential strategic alternatives to the Merger. Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary is in material violation of any provision of its articles of incorporation or by-laws (or equivalent organizational document).

(c) <u>Section 3.1(c)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list of the Subsidiaries of the Company (each a <u>Company Subsidiary</u>), together with the jurisdiction of organization or incorporation, as the case may be, of each Company Subsidiary, the jurisdictions in which they are qualified to do business and the Company s and any other Person s interest therein.

(d) <u>Section 3.1(d)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth (i) the name of each Person (other than any Company Subsidiary) in which the Company or any Company Subsidiary owns, directly or indirectly, any Equity Interests (each Person referred to in this clause (i), a <u>Company Joint Venture Entity</u>) and (ii) the number and percentage of the Equity Interests of each such Company Joint Venture Entity (collectively, the <u>Company Joint Venture Securities</u>) held by the Company, directly or indirectly. Except as provided in any partnership, joint venture, shareholder, operating or similar agreement specifically set forth in <u>Section 3.1(d)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter providing for the sharing of any profits, losses or liabilities, including each agreement relating to the formation, creation, equity or other ownership interests, operation, management or control of any Company Joint Venture Entity (collectively, the <u>Company Joint Venture Agreements</u>), all of the Company Joint Venture Securities owned by the Company, directly or indirectly, are owned free and clear of any Lien. Prior to the date hereof, the Company has made available to Parent true and complete copies of all Company Joint Venture Agreements to which the Company or any Company Subsidiary is a party.

# Section 3.2 Capitalization.

(a) The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of: (i) 75,000,000 Shares and (ii) 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, no par value (the <u>Company Preferred Stock</u>), of which no series have been designated. The authorized capital stock of Tucson Electric Power Company (<u>TEP</u>) consists of: (i) 75,000,000 shares of common stock, no par value (the <u>TEP Common Stock</u>); and (ii) 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, no par value (th<u>TEP Preferred Stock</u>) of which no series have been designated. As of December 10, 2013, (I) 41,538,337 Shares were issued and outstanding (of which 0 Shares are Restricted Shares), (II) 42,618 Shares were held by the Company in its treasury, (III) no shares of Company Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding, (IV) 32,139,434 shares of TEP Common Stock were issued and outstanding. Except as set forth in this Section 3.2(a) or Section 3.2(b) of this Agreement, or Section 3.2(b) or Section 3.2(f) of the Company Disclosure Letter, as of the date hereof, no Equity Interests in the Company or any of its Subsidiaries were issued, reserved for issuance or outstanding. All of the outstanding shares of Company Common Stock have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid, nonassessable and were not issued in violation of any

preemptive right, purchase option, call, right of first refusal or any similar right. No Equity Interests of the Company are held by any Company Subsidiary.

(b) As of December 10, 2013, the Company and the Company Subsidiaries have no Shares, Company Preferred Stock or shares of capital stock of any Company Subsidiary reserved for or otherwise subject to issuance, except for (i) 729,443 shares of Company Common Stock reserved for issuance pursuant to the Company Equity Plans for outstanding Company Equity Awards and (ii) 935,463 shares of Company Common Stock reserved for future issuance pursuant to the Company Equity Plans (exclusive of the shares set forth in clause (i)). All such shares of Company Common Stock reserved for or otherwise subject to issuance, when issued in accordance with the respective terms thereof, will be duly authorized and validly issued and will be fully paid, nonassessable and not issued in violation of any preemptive rights, purchase option, call, right of first refusal or any similar right. Section 3.2(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter contains a complete and correct list of each Company Equity Award outstanding as of the Business Day immediately preceding the date of this Agreement, including, to the extent applicable, the holder thereof, the type of award, the exercise price and number of shares of Company Common Stock subject thereto and the applicable Company Equity Plan, grant date and the number of securities vested.

(c) As of the date hereof, except for Company Equity Awards disclosed in <u>Section 3.2(b)</u>, there are no (i) options, warrants, subscriptions, calls, convertible securities or other rights (including any preemptive rights) relating to any Equity Interests of the Company or any Company Subsidiary or rights to acquire any such Equity Interests, or (ii) agreements or arrangements or commitments obligating the Company or any Company Subsidiary to issue, acquire, transfer or sell or cause to be issued, acquired, transferred or sold, any Equity Interests of the Company or any Company Subsidiary. The Company has delivered or made available to Parent an accurate and complete copy of each Company Equity Plan. There have been no repricings of any Company Options through amendments, cancellation and reissuance or other means during the current or prior two (2) calendar years. No Company Equity Award has been granted in connection with the Merger or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. None of the Company Options was granted with an exercise price below or deemed to be below fair market value on the date of grant. All grants of Company Equity Awards were validly made and properly approved by the Company Board (or a duly authorized committee or subcommittee thereof) in compliance with applicable Laws and recorded on the consolidated financial statements of the Company in accordance with RAP, and, where applicable no such grants involved any back dating, forward dating or similar practices with respect to the grants of Company Options.

(d) Except with respect to the Company Equity Awards, the Company Equity Plans and the related award agreements, there are no outstanding obligations of the Company or any Company Subsidiary or contracts to which the Company or any Company Subsidiary is bound (i) requiring the repurchase, redemption, acquisition or disposition of, or containing any right of first refusal with respect to, (ii) requiring the registration for sale of, (iii) applying voting restrictions to, (iv) granting any preemptive or antidilutive rights with respect to, or (v) otherwise restricting any Person from purchasing, selling, pledging or otherwise disposing of any Equity Interests in the Company or any Company Subsidiary. All outstanding Shares have been issued in compliance with (1) all applicable Laws and (2) all requirements set forth in a Company Scheduled

Contract (as defined below), applicable to the issuance of Company Common Stock or Company Equity Awards, as applicable.

(e) There are no outstanding bonds, debentures, notes or other indebtedness of the Company or any Company Subsidiary the holders of which have the right to vote (or convertible into, or exchangeable for, securities having the right to vote) on any matter on which shareholders of the Company or any Company Subsidiary may vote. Except with respect to the Company Equity Awards, the Company Equity Plans and the related award agreements, there are no outstanding or authorized stock appreciation, phantom stock, profit participation or similar rights with respect to the capital stock of, or other equity or voting interests in, the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company.

(f) All of the shares of capital stock or other Equity Interests of each of the Company Subsidiaries owned by the Company or a Company Subsidiary are owned free and clear of any Liens (other than transfer and other restrictions under applicable federal and state securities Laws), and all of such shares of capital stock or other Equity Interests have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid, nonassessable and were not issued in violation of any preemptive rights, purchase option, call, right of first refusal or any similar right. Except for Equity Interests (x) in the Company Subsidiaries as set forth in Section 3.1(c) of the Company Disclosure Letter and (y) in the Company Joint Venture Entities as set forth in Section 3.1(d) of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary owns, directly or indirectly, any Equity Interest in any Person, or has any obligation to acquire any such Equity Interest, or to provide funds to or make any investment (in the form of a loan, capital contribution or otherwise) in, any Company Subsidiary is a party (i) restricting the transfer, (ii) limiting the exercise of voting rights, or (iii) regarding registration under the Securities Act, in each case, with respect to any Equity Interests in any Company Subsidiary.

# Section 3.3 Authority.

(a) The Company has the requisite corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger, subject to the Company Shareholder Approval and any regulatory approvals referenced in <u>Section 3.5.</u> The execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger, have been duly and validly authorized by all requisite corporate action on the part of the Company, and no other corporate proceedings on the part of the Company, and no shareholder votes, are necessary to authorize this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, other than the Company Shareholder Approval. This Agreement has been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by Parent and Merger Sub, constitutes the valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except that (i) such enforcement may be subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Laws, now or hereafter in effect, affecting creditors rights generally and (ii) the remedy of specific performance and injunctive and other forms of equitable relief may be subject to equitable defenses and to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought.

(b) The Company Board, at a meeting duly called and held at which all directors of the Company were present, has unanimously (i) determined that the Merger is fair to, and in the best interests of, the Company and its shareholders, (ii) approved and declared advisable this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby (including the Merger), (iii) resolved, subject to <u>Section 5.4</u>, to recommend that the shareholders of the Company adopt this Agreement and the Merger be submitted for consideration of the shareholders of the Company at the Company Shareholder Meeting, which resolutions have not, as of the date hereof, been subsequently withdrawn or modified in any way.

Section 3.4 No Conflict. None of the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement by the Company or the consummation by the Company of the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement will (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both): (a) subject to obtaining the Company Shareholder Approval, conflict with or violate any provision of the Company Charter or Company By-laws or any equivalent organizational or governing documents of any Company Subsidiary; (b) assuming that all consents, approvals, authorizations and permits described in Section 3.5 have been obtained and all filings and notifications described in Section 3.5 have been made and any waiting periods thereunder have terminated or expired, conflict with or violate any Law applicable to the Company, any Company Subsidiary or any of their respective properties or assets; or (c) require any consent or approval under, violate, conflict with, result in any breach of or any loss of any benefit under, or constitute a change of control or default under, or result in termination or give to others any right of payment, reimbursement, modification, termination, vesting, amendment, acceleration or cancellation of, or result in the creation of a Lien upon any of the respective properties or assets of the Company or any Company Subsidiary pursuant to, any Contract to which the Company or any Company Subsidiary is a party or any Company Permit, except, with respect to clauses (b) and (c), for any such conflicts, violations, consents, breaches, losses, changes of control, defaults, other occurrences or Liens which, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.5 <u>Required Filings and Consents.</u> None of the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement by the Company or the consummation by the Company of the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement will require (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) any consent, approval, authorization or permit of, or filing or registration or qualification with or notification to, any Governmental Entity, other than (a) the filing and recordation of the Articles of Merger as required by the ABCA, (b) the Company Shareholder Approval, (c) compliance with any applicable requirements of the HSR Act, (d) the issuance by the ACC of an order approving the Merger under Arizona Administrative Code R14-2-801 et seq. (the <u>ACC Approval</u>) and the approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the <u>FERC</u>) (the <u>FERC Approval</u>, and the other approvals described in clauses (c) and (d), together with the approvals set forth in <u>Section 3.5</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter, being referred to herein as the <u>Company Required Governmental Approvals</u>), (e) compliance with the applicable requirements of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (<u>CFIUS</u>) under Section 721 of Title VII of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, as modified by the Foreign Investment and National Security Act of 2007 (<u>DPA</u>) and (h) required pre-approvals of license transfers with the

Federal Communications Commission (the  $\underline{FCC}$ ), and (i) where the failure to obtain such consents, approvals, authorizations or permits of, or to make such filings, registrations with or notifications to, any Governmental Entity, individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

## Section 3.6 Permits; Compliance with Laws.

(a) The Company and each Company Subsidiary is in possession of all franchises, grants, easements, authorizations, licenses, permits, consents, certificates, variances, exemptions, exceptions, permissions, qualifications, approvals, orders, registrations and clearances of any Governmental Entity necessary for the Company and each Company Subsidiary to own, lease and operate its properties and assets, and to carry on and operate its businesses as currently conducted (the <u>Company Permits</u>), and all such Company Permits are in full force and effect, except where the failure to hold, or the failure to be in full force and effect of, any Company Permits, individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. The Company and each of the Company Subsidiaries is, and since January 1, 2011 has been, in compliance in all respects with the terms of the Company Permits, except where the failure to be in compliance would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) None of the Company or any Company Subsidiary is, or since January 1, 2011 has been, in conflict with, default under or in violation of any Law applicable to the Company or any Company Subsidiary, or by which any property or asset of the Company or any Company Subsidiary is bound or affected, except for any conflicts, defaults or violations that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. No investigation by any Governmental Entity with respect to the Company or any Company Subsidiary is pending, nor, to the knowledge of the Company, has any Governmental Entity indicated to the Company an intention to conduct any such investigation, except for such investigations the outcomes of which, if determined adversely to the Company or any Company Subsidiary, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. As of the date hereof, none of the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries have received any notice or communication of any noncompliance with any such Laws that has not been cured which, if determined adversely to the Company or any Company Subsidiary, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.7 <u>SEC Filings; Financial Statements.</u> Since January 1, 2011, each of the Company and TEP has filed with or otherwise furnished to (as applicable) the SEC all registration statements, prospectuses, forms, reports, definitive proxy statements, schedules and documents required to be filed or furnished by it under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, as the case may be, together with all certifications required pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended (together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the <u>Sarbanes-Oxley Act</u>) (such documents and any other documents filed by the Company and/or TEP with the SEC, as have been supplemented, modified or amended

since the time of filing and including all schedules, exhibits and other information incorporated by reference therein, collectively, the Company SEC Documents ). All of the Company SEC Documents have been timely filed or furnished to the SEC. As of their respective filing dates or, if supplemented, modified or amended since the time of filing, as of the date of the most recent supplement, modification or amendment, the Company SEC Documents (a) did not at the time each such document was filed contain, and in the case of filings made after the date hereof, will not contain, any untrue statement of a material fact or omit, and in the case of filings made after the date hereof, will not omit, to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading and (b) complied, and in the case of filings made after the date hereof, will comply, in each case in all material respects, with the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as the case may be, and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, each in effect on the date each such document was filed. None of the Company Subsidiaries other than TEP is currently required to file any forms, registration statements, prospectuses, reports or other documents with the SEC by law or by contract. Since January 1, 2011, the Company has been and is in compliance in all material respects with the applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the applicable listing and corporate governance rules and regulations of the New York Stock Exchange. The audited consolidated financial statements and unaudited consolidated interim financial statements of the Company and the consolidated Company Subsidiaries, including the related notes and schedules included, or incorporated by reference, in the Company SEC Documents (collectively, the <u>Company Financial Statements</u>) (i) complied or, in the case of Company Financial Statements filed after the date hereof, will comply as of their respective dates of filing, in each case in all material respects, with the then applicable accounting requirements and the published rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto, (ii) have been prepared or, in the case of Company Financial Statements filed after the date hereof, will be prepared in accordance with GAAP (as in effect in the United States on the date of such Company Financial Statement) applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved (except as may be indicated in the notes thereto or, in the case of interim financial statements, for normal and recurring year-end adjustments and as may be permitted by the SEC on Form 10-O. Form 8-K or any successor or like form under the Exchange Act and that were not or are not expected to be material in nature) and (iii) fairly present, or, in the case of Company Financial Statements filed after the date hereof, will fairly present, in each case in all material respects, the consolidated financial position and the consolidated results of operations, cash flows and changes in common stock equity of the Company and the consolidated Company Subsidiaries as of the dates and for the periods referred to therein (except, in the case of interim financial statements, for normal and recurring year-end adjustments and as may be permitted by the SEC on Form 10-Q, Form 8-K or any successor or like form under the Exchange Act and that were not or are not expected to be material in nature).

# Section 3.8 Internal Control and Disclosure Controls.

(a) The Company has designed and maintains a system of internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act) sufficient to provide reasonable assurances regarding the reliability of financial reporting for the Company and the Company Subsidiaries. The Company (a) has designed and maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act) effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company and TEP in the reports that they file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to the Company s management (including the Company s principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions) as appropriate to allow timely decisions

regarding required disclosure and (b) based on its most recent evaluation of internal control prior to the date hereof, has disclosed to the Company s auditors and the audit committee of the Company Board (i) any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information and (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company s internal control over financial reporting, except with respect to clause (a), those failures to design or maintain that would not, individually or in the aggregate, be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. The Company has made available to Parent a summary of any such disclosure made by management to Company s auditors and to the audit committee since December 31, 2010. Since December 31, 2010, to the knowledge of the Company, no attorney representing the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries, whether or not employed by the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries, has reported evidence of a violation of securities laws, breach of fiduciary duty or similar violation, relating to periods after December 31, 2010. Each of the principal executive officer of the Company and the principal financial officer of the Company (or each former principal executive officer of the Company and each former principal financial officer of the Company, as applicable) has made all certifications required by Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to the Company SEC Documents and the statements contained in such certifications are true and accurate in all material respects as of the date hereof. There are no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses (as defined by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act) in the design or operation of the Company s internal controls and procedures which would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the Company s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data.

(b) The Company has made available to Parent true and complete copies of all comment letters from the staff of the SEC since December 31, 2010 relating to Company SEC Documents and all written responses of the Company thereto through the date of this Agreement. As of the date of this Agreement, there are no outstanding or unresolved comments in comment letters received from the SEC staff with respect to any Company SEC Documents.

(c) There are no SEC inquiries or investigations, other governmental inquiries or investigations or internal investigations pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened involving the Company or any Company Subsidiary, in each case regarding any accounting practices of the Company or any Company Subsidiary.

Section 3.9 <u>No Undisclosed Liabilities.</u> Except for those liabilities and obligations (a) set forth, reserved against or provided for in the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2012, or in the notes thereto, (b) incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice since December 31, 2012, (c) incurred under this Agreement or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger, or (d) that have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has or is subject to any liabilities or obligations of any nature, whether accrued, absolute, determined, determinable, fixed or contingent, that would be required to be recorded or reflected on a balance sheet in accordance with GAAP. Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary is a party to, or has any commitment to become a party to, any joint venture, off-balance sheet partnership or any similar contract or arrangement (including

any Contract relating to any transaction or relationship between or among the Company and any of the Company Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any unconsolidated affiliate, including any structured finance, special purpose or limited purpose entity or person, on the other hand), or any off-balance sheet arrangements (as defined in Item 303(a) of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act), where the result, purpose or effect of such contract or arrangement is to avoid disclosure of any material transaction involving, or material liabilities of, the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries in the Company Financial Statements or the Company SEC Documents.

## Section 3.10 Absence of Certain Changes or Events

(a) Since December 31, 2012, through the date of this Agreement, the business of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries has been conducted in the ordinary course of business and there has not been any Company Material Adverse Effect or any change(s), event(s), state of circumstance(s) or development(s) which have had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate with all other such change(s), event(s), state of circumstance(s) or development(s), event(s), state of circumstance(s) or development(s), a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Since December 31, 2012, through the date of this Agreement, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has taken any action that, if taken during the period from the date of this Agreement through the Effective Time, would constitute a breach of <u>Sections 5.1(a)(iii), (iv), (vi), (vii), (vii), (ix), (x), (xi), (xii), (xv)(B), (xviii), (xix), (xx)(B), or (xxii).</u>

Section 3.11 <u>Information</u>. None of the information to be included or incorporated by reference in the Proxy Statement will at the date mailed to the Company s shareholders or at the time of the Company Shareholder Meeting contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading, except that no representation or warranty is made by the Company with respect to statements made or incorporated by reference therein based on information supplied by Parent or Merger Sub in writing expressly for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Proxy Statement. The Proxy Statement will comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act, the rules and regulations thereunder and other applicable Laws, except that no representation or warranty is made by the Company with respect to statements made or incorporated by reference therein based on information supplied by Parent or Merger Sub in writing expressly for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Proxy Statement. The Proxy Statement will comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act, the rules and regulations thereunder and other applicable Laws, except that no representation or warranty is made by the Company with respect to statements made or incorporated by reference therein based on information supplied by Parent or Merger Sub in writing expressly for inclusion or incorporation by reference therein based on information supplied by Parent or Merger Sub in writing expressly for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Proxy Statement.

#### Section 3.12 Employee Benefit Plans.

(a) <u>List of Plans. Section 3.12(a)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list of each Company Benefit Plan. <u>Company Benefit Plan</u> shall mean each employee benefit plan as defined in Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (<u>ERISA</u>), and any other material plan, policy, program, practice, agreement, understanding or arrangement providing compensation or other benefits to any current or former director, officer, employee or individual consultant, which are maintained, sponsored or contributed to by the Company or any Company Subsidiary, or under which the Company or any Company Subsidiary has any obligation or liability, including all incentive, bonus, profit sharing,

savings, deferred compensation, cafeteria, voluntary employees beneficiary associations under Section 501(c)(9) of the Code (each a <u>VEBA</u>), medical, health, dental, life insurance, disability, accident, supplemental unemployment or retirement, employment, severance or salary or benefits continuation, fringe benefit, stock purchase or equity based compensation plans, policies or programs.

(b) <u>General Compliance</u>. Each Company Benefit Plan has been established, administered, and maintained in all material respects in accordance with its terms and all applicable Laws, including ERISA and the Code. Except as would not reasonably be expected to result in material liability to the Company or any Company Subsidiary, (i) all contributions required to be made under the terms of any Company Benefit Plan have been timely made or have been reflected in the Company Financial Statements, and (ii) all Company Benefit Plans that are subject to Section 409A of the Code are in compliance with the requirements of Code Section 409A. Except as required to maintain the tax-qualified status of any Company Benefit Plan intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code, no condition or circumstance exists that would prevent the amendment or termination of any Company Benefit Plan. Neither the Company nor any of its ERISA Affiliates has incurred, and no event has occurred and, to the knowledge of the Company, no condition or circumstance exists that would reasonably be expected to result, directly or indirectly, in, any material unsatisfied liability of the Company under Title IV of ERISA or Sections 412 or 430 of the Code or Sections 302 or 303 of ERISA.

(c) Tax Qualification of Plans. (i) Each Company Benefit Plan which is intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code has either received a favorable determination letter from the IRS covering all applicable Tax law changes, as to its qualified status or may rely upon an opinion letter for a prototype plan and, to the knowledge of the Company, no fact or event has occurred that would reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect the qualified status of any such Company Benefit Plan under Section 401(a) of the Code, (ii) each VEBA has been determined by the IRS to be exempt from U.S. federal income tax under Section 501(c)(9) of the Code, and, to the knowledge of the Company, no fact or event has occurred that would reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect the tax-exempt status of any such VEBA, (iii) there has been no prohibited transaction (within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, other than a transaction that is exempt under a statutory or administrative exemption), with respect to any Company Benefit Plan that would reasonably be expected to result in material liability to the Company, and (iv) no suit, administrative proceeding, claim, audit, examination, investigation, action or other litigation is pending, or to the knowledge of the Company, is threatened against or with respect to any such Company Benefit Plan, including any audit or inquiry by the IRS or United States Department of Labor (other than routine benefits claims) that would reasonably be expected to result in material liability to the Company. Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has filed, or is preparing to file, an application under the IRS Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System or the Department of Labor s Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program with respect to any Company Benefit Plan.

(d) <u>Retiree Welfare Benefits. Section 3.12(d)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter lists each Company Benefit Plan that provides health or other welfare benefits after retirement or other termination of employment (other than
(i) continuation coverage required under Section 4980B(f) of the Code or other similar applicable Law, (ii) coverage or benefits the

full cost of which is borne by the employee or former employee (or any beneficiary of the employee or former employee) or (iii) benefits provided during any applicable severance period).

(e) Single Employer Plans, Section 3.12(e) of the Company Disclosure Letter lists each Company Benefit Plan that is a single-employer pension plan subject to Title IV of ERISA or part 3 of Subtitle A of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code (each, a <u>Single Employer Plan</u>). Except as set forth in Section 3.12(e) of the Company Disclosure Letter or as included in the Company SEC Documents filed before 5:30 p.m. ET on the Business Day immediately prior to the date hereof, the actuarial present value of the accumulated plan benefits (whether or not vested) under the Single Employer Plans as of the close of the most recent plan year did not exceed the market value of the assets allocable thereto, and, to the knowledge of the Company, since such date, there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of any Single Employer Plan. With respect to each Single Employer Plan, except as would not have or reasonably be expected to result in a material liability of the Company, (i) no reportable event (within the meaning of Section 4043 of ERISA, other than an event for which the reporting requirements have been waived by regulations) has occurred or is expected to occur, (ii) none of the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has failed to satisfy the minimum funding standard within the meaning of Sections 412 and 430 of the Code or Sections 302 and 303 of ERISA, or obtained a waiver of any minimum funding standard or any amortization period under Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, (iii) neither the Company nor any ERISA Affiliate is required to provide security under Section 436(f) of the Code, (iv) all premiums (and interest charges and penalties for late payment, if applicable) have been paid when due to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), (v) no filing has been made by the Company or any Company Subsidiary with the PBGC to terminate any Single Employer Plan and no proceeding has been commenced by the PBGC to terminate, or appoint a trustee under Title IV of ERISA to administer, any Single Employer Plan and (vi) no liability has been incurred under Section 4062(e) of ERISA.

(f) <u>Multiemployer Plans</u>. None of the Company Benefit Plans is a multiemployer pension plan (as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA).

(g) <u>Change in Control, Section 3.12(g)(i)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter lists each Company Benefit Plan that provides for the payment (whether in cash or property or the vesting of property) as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the Merger (either alone or upon the occurrence of any additional or subsequent event), to any employee, officer or director of the Company or any Company Subsidiary who is a disqualified individual (as such term is defined in proposed U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1.280G-1) under any Company Benefit Plan that is reasonably expected to be characterized as an excess parachute payment (as defined in Section 280G(b)(1) of the Code). Except as listed in <u>Section 3.12(g)(ii)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter, none of the Company or any Company Subsidiary has any obligation (current or otherwise) to pay, gross up or otherwise indemnify any individual for any taxes imposed under Code Section 4999 or 409A. Except as contemplated by <u>Section 2.3</u> of this Agreement or as listed in <u>Section 3.12(g)(iii)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither the execution of this Agreement, stockholder approval of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (either alone or upon the occurrence of any additional or subsequent event) will: (i) entitle any employees of the Company or any Company Subsidiary to severance pay or any increase in severance pay upon any termination of employment after the date hereof, (ii) accelerate the time of payment or vesting, result in any payment or funding (through a

grantor trust or otherwise) of compensation or benefits under, increase the amount payable or result in any other material obligation pursuant to any of the Company Benefit Plans, or (iii) limit or restrict the right of the Company to merge, amend or terminate any of the Company Benefit Plans.

(h) <u>Plan Documentation</u>. Correct and complete copies of the following documents with respect to each Company Benefit Plan have been delivered or made available by the Company to Parent, to the extent applicable: (i) all Company Benefit Plan documents, together with all amendments and attachments thereto (including, in the case of any Company Benefit Plan not set forth in writing, a written description thereof); (ii) all trust documents, declarations of trust and other documents establishing other funding arrangements, and all amendments thereto and the latest financial statements thereof; (iii) the annual report on IRS Form 5500 for each of the past three (3) years and all schedules thereto; (iv) the most recent IRS determination letter or opinion letter; (v) all summary plan descriptions and summaries of material modifications; and (vi) the most recent actuarial valuation report.

## Section 3.13 Labor and Other Employment Matters.

(a) The Company and each Company Subsidiary is, and since January 1, 2011 has been, in compliance in all material respects with (i) all applicable Laws respecting labor, employment, fair employment practices, terms and conditions of employment, workers compensation, occupational safety, plant closings, and wages and hours, and (ii) all collective bargaining agreements. Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary is engaged in and since January 1, 2011, has not engaged in any unfair labor practice in any material respect. Section 3.13(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter lists each collective bargaining agreement covering the terms of employment of any employee of the Company or any Company Subsidiary. No labor union or collective bargaining agreement is currently being negotiated by or involves the Company or any Company Subsidiary and there is no pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened demand for recognition or certification and no representation or certification proceedings or petitions relating to the Company or any Company Subsidiary. There is no ongoing, and to the knowledge of the Company, no pending or threatened, work stoppage, slowdown, labor strike, material labor dispute, union organizing efforts or requests for representation against the Company or any Company Subsidiary, and there have been no such actions within the past three (3) years. There are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened material grievances or arbitration proceedings arising out of or under any labor union or collective bargaining agreement, and since January 1, 2011, none have existed. Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has engaged in layoffs or employment terminations sufficient in number to trigger application of the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act or any similar state, local or foreign Law (including, but not limited to, any state laws relating to plant closings or mass layoffs) (collectively, <u>WARN</u>) during the last six (6) years. The Company and each Company Subsidiary is and has been in compliance with WARN, and the Company and each Company Subsidiary has not incurred any liability or obligation under WARN which remains unsatisfied.

(b) <u>Section 3.13(b)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list of all material (i) severance or employment agreements with directors, officers or employees of the Company

or any Company Subsidiary, (ii) severance programs of the Company or any Company Subsidiary with or relating to its employees and (iii) plans, programs or other agreements of the Company or any Company Subsidiary with its directors, officers or employees which contain change in control provisions, other than any Company Benefit Plan disclosed in Section 3.12(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter.

## Section 3.14 Contracts.

(a) All Contracts, including amendments thereto, required to be filed as an exhibit to any report of the Company filed pursuant to the Exchange Act of the type described in Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC have been filed, and no such Contract has been amended or modified, except for such amendments or modifications which have been filed as an exhibit to a subsequently dated and filed Company SEC Document before 5:30 p.m. ET on the Business Day immediately prior to the date hereof. All such filed Contracts (excluding any redacted portions thereof) shall be deemed to have been made available to Parent.

(b) Other than the Contracts referenced in Section 3.14(a) that were filed in unredacted form, Section 3.14(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list, as of the date of this Agreement, of each Contract to which the Company or any Company Subsidiary is a party and which constitutes: (i) an agreement that limits in any material respect the freedom of the Company or any Company Subsidiary to compete in any line of business or sell, supply or distribute any product or service in any geographic area; (ii) a joint-venture or partnership agreement; (iii) an agreement that involves future expenditures or receipts by the Company or any Company Subsidiary of more than \$10,000,000 in any one year period that cannot be terminated on less than 90 days notice without material payment or penalty; (iv) an acquisition agreement that contains earn-out or other contingent payment obligations that could reasonably be expected to result in future payments by the Company or a Company Subsidiary in excess of \$1,000,000; (v) an agreement relating to Indebtedness or that grants or evidences a Lien on any material properties or assets of the Company or any Company Subsidiary in excess of \$10,000,000 individually; (vi) other than an easement or a right of way and other than any lease, license or occupancy agreement in the way of easements or rights of way, a Company Real Property Lease and an option, obligation or right of first refusal or other contractual right to purchase or acquire any real property or interest therein relating to Company Owned Real Property; (vii) a Contract for the purchase of natural gas, electricity, fuel oil, other petroleum product or other energy commodities, emissions allowance, emissions offsets, or renewable energy certificates or similar agreements that relate to renewable or clean energy, or for the purchase of any other item or service that is reasonably expected to result in future payments by the Company or any Company Subsidiary in excess of \$10,000,000 in any one year period; (viii) a Contract (A) for the sale by the Company or any of the Company Subsidiary of materials, supplies, goods, services, equipment or other assets, and that involve or would reasonably be expected to involve aggregate payments in any one year period to the Company or any Company Subsidiary of \$10,000,000 or more, or (B) pursuant to which the Company or any Company Subsidiary received payments of more than \$10,000,000 in the years ending December 31, 2011 or December 31, 2012 or expects to receive payments of more than \$10,000,000 in the year ending December 31, 2013; (ix) a Contract that requires the Company or any Company Subsidiary to purchase its total requirements of any product or service from a Person or that contains take or pay provisions, in each case, requiring the payment of an amount in excess of \$5,000,000 per year; (x) a Contract pursuant to which the Company or any Company Subsidiary has granted pricing or other terms to

a Person on a most favored nation or similar basis (other than pricing on the basis of standardized tariffs) or a Contract pursuant to which the Company or any Company Subsidiary has agreed to deal with a Person on an exclusive basis; (xi) a Contract that is a wholesale or retail sale contract for fuel oil or other petroleum product, natural gas or electric power including reserve sharing agreements, commodities, emissions allowance, emissions offsets, or renewable energy certificates and similar agreements that relate to renewable or clean energy, involving an annual aggregate amount in excess of \$5,000,000; (xii) an agreement for or related to the supply, transportation or storage of coal, natural gas, diesel fuel or other fuel for electric power generation, involving an annual aggregate amount in excess of \$5,000,000; (xiii) an agreement for or related to the transmission of electric power, including joint ownership or participation in facilities for the transmission of electric power, involving an annual aggregate amount in excess of \$5,000,000; (xiv) a Contract with any Governmental Entity involving an annual aggregate amount in excess of \$2,000,000; (xv) a Contract with any (A) current or former director or officer or (B) other affiliate of the Company required to be disclosed in accordance with Item 404(a) of SEC Regulation S-K; (xvi) a Contract that purports to bind any affiliate of the Company other than a Company Subsidiary from engaging in any line of business or operating in any geographical area; (xvii) a Contract with provisions that pursuant to the explicit terms of such Contract may be affected by rating downgrades from one or more rating agencies; (xviii) a Contract relating to the acquisition or disposition of any business (whether by merger, sale of stock, sale of assets or otherwise) for consideration in excess of \$10,000,000; (xix) any franchise agreement; and (xx) a Contract with any investment banking, commercial banking firm or other similar firm which obligates the Company or any Company Subsidiary in any way on or after the Effective Time, other than relating to Indebtedness as described in clause (v) above.

Each Contract of the type described in <u>Section 3.14(a)</u> and <u>Section 3.14(b)</u> is referred to herein as a <u>Company</u> <u>Scheduled Contract</u>.

(c) Except as has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect: (i) each Company Scheduled Contract is a valid and binding obligation of the Company or the Company Subsidiary party thereto and, to the knowledge of the Company, of the other parties thereto, enforceable against the Company or the Company Subsidiary party thereto and, to the knowledge of the Company, against the other parties thereto in accordance with its terms, except that (A) such enforcement may be subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws, now or hereafter in effect, affecting creditors rights generally and (B) the remedy of specific performance and injunctive and other forms of equitable relief may be subject to equitable defenses and to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefore may be brought; (ii) the Company and the Company Subsidiaries have, and to the knowledge of the Company Scheduled Contracts and are not (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) in breach thereunder; and (iii) none of the Company or any Company Subsidiary has any knowledge of, or has received written notice of, any violation or default by it under (nor does there exist any condition which upon the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would cause such a violation of or default under) any Company Scheduled Contract to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties or assets is bound or affected.

Section 3.15 <u>Litigation</u>. There is no suit, claim, action, investigation, arbitration or proceeding to which the Company or any Company Subsidiary is a party or with respect to which any of their respective property is affected, as the case may be, pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary is subject to any outstanding order, writ, injunction, judgment or decree that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

## Section 3.16 Real Property.

(a) Section 3.16(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list of all material real property (other than real property in the nature of transmission or distribution lines and substations) owned in whole or in part (including as a tenant in common or similar co-ownership with one or more third parties) by the Company or any Company Subsidiary in fee (collectively, the <u>Company Owned Real Property</u>) and includes an identification of such property (e.g. an address, a metes and bounds description, a tax map identification or other specification), the name of the record title holder thereof and a list, as of the date hereof, of all Indebtedness secured by a Lien (other than Permitted Liens) thereon. The Company or a Company Subsidiary, as the case may be, holds good and marketable title in fee simple to all Company Owned Real Property, free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Liens). The Company or a Company Subsidiary, as the case may be, has valid title to the easements used by the Company and the Company Subsidiaries, except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. All of the buildings, facilities, structures, infrastructures, lines, appurtenances and other improvements situated on the Company Owned Real Property are in operating condition and in a state of ordinary maintenance and repair (ordinary wear and tear excepted) and are adequate and suitable for the purposes for which they are presently being used except for any failures as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. None of such buildings, facilities, structures, infrastructures, lines, appurtenances or other improvements (or any equipment therein), nor the uses, operation or maintenance thereof, violates any restrictive covenant or any provision of any applicable Law, or encroaches on any property owned by third parties except for any violation or encroachment as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, there are no outstanding options or rights of first refusal which have been granted by the Company or any Company Subsidiary to third parties to purchase any Company Owned Real Property.

(b) <u>Section 3.16(b)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter contains an accurate and complete list and description, as of the date hereof, of all leases of material real property (collectively, the <u>Company Real Property Leases</u>) to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party (as lessee, sublessee, sublessor or lessor) and includes an identification of such property (e.g. an address, a metes and bounds description, a tax map identification or other specification) and the identity of the lessor, lessee and current occupant (if different from the lessee). True and correct copies of such Company Real Property Leases have been made available to the Parent. Except in each case as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in

the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect: (i) each Company Real Property Lease for real property under which the Company or any Company Subsidiary is a lessee or sublessee (collectively, the \_ Company Leased Real <u>Property</u>) is in full force and effect and is a valid and binding obligation of the Company or the Company Subsidiary party thereto and, to the knowledge of the Company, of the other parties thereto, enforceable against the Company or the Company Subsidiary party thereto and, to the knowledge of the Company, against the other parties thereto in accordance with its terms, except that (A) such enforcement may be subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws, now or hereafter in effect, affecting creditors rights generally and (B) the remedy of specific performance and injunctive and other forms of equitable relief may be subject to equitable defenses and to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefore may be brought; (ii) no written notices of default under any Company Real Property Lease have been received by the Company or any Company Subsidiary that have not been resolved; (iii) to the knowledge of the Company, there exists no default or event, occurrence, condition or act (including the Merger) which, with the giving of notice, the lapse of time or the happening of any further event or condition, would become a default under any Company Real Property Lease; (iv) all rents due to date on each such Company Real Property Lease have been paid; and (v) the Company or a Company Subsidiary is and has been in peaceable possession of each Company Leased Real Property since the commencement of the original term of the related Company Real Property Lease and no waiver, indulgence or postponement of the lessee s obligations under such Company Real Property Lease has been granted by the applicable lessor. The Company or any Company Subsidiary s interest in any Company Real Property Lease is free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Liens).

(c) The Company Owned Real Property and the Company Leased Real Property are referred to collectively herein as the <u>Company Real Property</u>. With respect to the Company Real Property, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has received any written notice of, nor to the knowledge of the Company does there exist, (i) any pending, threatened or contemplated condemnation or similar proceedings, or any sale or other disposition of any Company Real Property or any part thereof in lieu of condemnation or (ii) any non-compliance with any applicable building and zoning codes, deed restrictions, ordinances and rules, that, in each case, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. The Company and the Company Subsidiaries have lawful rights of use and access to all Company Real Property used in or necessary to conduct their businesses substantially as presently conducted except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, no Governmental Entity having the power of eminent domain over any of the Company Real Property has provided written notice to the Company or any Company Subsidiary that it intends to exercise the power of eminent domain or similar power with respect to all or any part of the Company Real Property.

Section 3.17 <u>Personal Properties</u>. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) the Company or one of its Subsidiaries has good and marketable title or, in the case of leased assets, a valid leasehold interest in, free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Liens), all of the tangible personal property and assets (except for properties and assets disposed of in the ordinary course of business), used in or necessary to conduct their businesses substantially as presently conducted and (ii) each

item of tangible personal property of the Company and each Company Subsidiary, or in which the Company or any Company Subsidiary owns an undivided interest, is in all material respects in good working order and is adequate for the Company or a Company Subsidiary s current use, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

## Section 3.18 Environmental Matters.

(a) Except as has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company and each Company Subsidiary are, and since January 1, 2011 have been, in compliance with applicable Environmental Laws, and hold or have obtained or applied for and are, and since January 1, 2011 have been, in compliance with all Environmental Permits necessary to conduct their current operations. All such Environmental Permits are final, valid and in full force and effect, and where necessary a renewal application has been timely filed. No action is pending, or to the knowledge of the Company threatened, to revoke, suspend, or modify any such Environmental Permits.

(b) Except as has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, none of the Company or any Company Subsidiary has received any written notice, demand, letter or claim alleging that the Company or such Company Subsidiary is in violation of, or liable under, any Environmental Law, including with respect to the investigation, sampling, monitoring, treatment, remediation, removal or cleanup of Hazardous Substances, and to the knowledge of the Company no such notice, demand or claim has been threatened.

(c) None of the Company or any Company Subsidiary has entered into any material consent decree or is subject to any material judgment relating to compliance with Environmental Laws the subject matter of which has not been resolved.

(d) Except as has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has expressly assumed, by contract or otherwise, the liability of any other Person under any Environmental Law.

(e) Except as has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary is conducting, or has undertaken or completed since January 1, 2011, any Remedial Action relating to any Release or threatened Release at the Company Real Property or at any other site, location or operation, either voluntarily or pursuant to the order of any Governmental Entity or the requirements of any Environmental Law or Environmental Permit.

(f) The Company has provided or made available to Parent all of the following in its possession, as of the date of this Agreement: (i) all material environmental reports, studies or audits conducted or prepared since January 1, 2011, including, reports or studies with respect to potential enforcement actions and strategies to comply with existing or upcoming regulations pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and similar state Laws, (ii) all material orders, decrees or judgments pursuant to applicable Environmental Laws, excluding any such matters that have been terminated or have no remaining

material obligations or responsibilities on the part of the Company or its Subsidiaries, (iii) all written notices received since January 1, 2011 alleging liability, complaints, notices of violation or requests for information, and the responses to same, relating to material claims, investigations, proceedings, orders, judgments or decrees pursuant to applicable Environmental Laws, excluding any such matters that have been resolved with no further obligations or responsibilities on the part of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries and (iv) all existing material permits issued, and pending material permit applications submitted, pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and corresponding state Laws.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, the representations and warranties made in this <u>Section 3.18</u> are the sole and exclusive representations and warranties made by the Company in this Agreement with respect to Hazardous Substances, Environmental Laws, Environmental Permits and any other matter related to the environment or the protection of human health and worker safety.

## Section 3.19 Intellectual Property.

(a) The Company and the Company Subsidiaries own or have the right to use all material Intellectual Property used in their businesses as presently conducted. Section 3.19(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter contains a complete and accurate list, as of the date hereof, of all of the following owned by the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries: (i) trademark registrations and applications for registrations, and material unregistered trademarks, (ii) copyright registrations and applications for registration, (iii) patents and patent applications, and (iv) Internet domain names and applications and registrations for the foregoing; including, for each, the title, registration or patent or application number, registration or issue or application date, and the registered owner. To the extent indicated in Section 3.19(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter, each such registration and patent and application has been duly registered in, filed in, or issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, United States Copyright Office, a duly-accredited domain name registrar, or the appropriate offices of states or foreign jurisdictions, and each such registration, patent, and application remains valid, enforceable, and in full force and effect, in each case, except for such failures to be valid, enforceable and in full force and effect, as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, such registrations, patents, and applications are not subject to any fees or other payments, or other actions falling due within one hundred eighty (180) days after the Closing Date that, if not taken, will adversely affect any of such Intellectual Property. To the knowledge of the Company, the Intellectual Property owned by the Company and the Company Subsidiaries is not being infringed, misappropriated or otherwise violated by any third party, except for such infringements, misappropriations or violations that have not had and would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) The Company and the Company Subsidiaries, including their products, services, conduct of their businesses and the use of the Intellectual Property owned by the Company and the Company Subsidiaries, are not infringing, misappropriating, or otherwise violating any third party s right, title or interest in any Intellectual Property, except for such

infringements, misappropriations or violations that have not had and would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(c) The Company and the Company Subsidiaries have taken reasonable precautions to protect the secrecy and confidentiality of the trade secrets and other confidential information owned by the Company and the Company Subsidiaries.

(d) The IT Assets operate and perform in accordance with the Company s and Company Subsidiaries internal standards as well as any applicable warranties, documentation, and functional specifications, and otherwise as currently required by the Company and Company Subsidiaries, except where such failure of compliance, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. The IT Assets have not materially malfunctioned, been breached, or failed within the past five (5) years. The IT Assets do not contain any time bombs, trojan horses, back doors, trap doors, worms, viruses, bugs, spyware, keylogger software, other faults or malicious devices that would adversely impact the functionality of the IT Assets or allow third parties to track or monitor activity using such IT Assets, except such faults or malicious devices that have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. The Company and its Subsidiaries have implemented backup, security, and disaster recovery technology consistent with applicable regulatory standards and prudent industry practices in all material respects. None of the IT Assets contain, incorporate, include, or are embedded with any shareware, freeware open source code, or other software subject to a general public license or other public or similar licensing regime, except as would not be reasonably expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.20 Tax Matters. Except as set forth in Section 3.20 of the Company Disclosure Letter:

(a) The Company and each Company Subsidiary have (i) timely filed with the appropriate taxing authority all material Tax Returns required to be filed, taking into account any extensions of time within which to file such Tax Returns, and all such Tax Returns were complete and accurate in all material respects, and (ii) timely paid all material Taxes payable (including Taxes that the Company or any Company Subsidiary are or were required to withhold or collect in connection with amounts paid or owing to any employee, independent contractor, creditor, shareholder, member or other third party), except in each case of clause (i) or (ii) with respect to matters contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves, to the extent required in accordance with GAAP, are reflected in the Company Financial Statements.

(b) (i) Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary is currently subject to an audit or similar proceeding with regard to any material Taxes or material Tax Returns of the Company or any Company Subsidiary; (ii) to the knowledge of the Company, there are no audits or other similar proceedings pending with regard to any material Taxes or material Tax Returns of the Company or any Company Subsidiary; (iii) neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary is presently contesting any material Tax liability; and (iv) neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has waived in writing any statute of limitations with respect to material Taxes for any open tax year.

(c) There are no material Tax Liens upon any property or assets of the Company or any Company Subsidiary except for Permitted Liens of the type described in clause (iii) of the definition thereof.

(d) Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary is liable for Taxes of any other Person (other than the Company or a Company Subsidiary) under Treasury Regulation 1.1502-6 or any similar provision of state, local or foreign Tax Law.

(e) Since January 1, 2011, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary constituted or was purported to constitute either a distributing corporation or a controlled corporation within the meaning of Section 355(a)(1)(A) of the Code.

(f) There are no Tax sharing, allocation, indemnification or similar agreements in effect as between the Company or any Company Subsidiary and any party (other than the Company or a Company Subsidiary) under which the Company or any Company Subsidiary could be liable for any material Taxes or other material claims of any such party (other than customary Tax gross-up or Tax indemnification provisions in credit agreements, derivatives, leases and other commercial agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business).

(g) Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary shall be required to include any material item of income in, or exclude any material item of deduction from, taxable income for any taxable period (or portion thereof) ending after the Closing Date as a result of any of the following that occurred or exists on or prior to the Closing Date: (i) a closing agreement as described in Section 7121 of the Code (or any corresponding or similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. income tax Law), (ii) an installment sale or open transaction, (iii) a prepaid amount or (iv) a change in the accounting method of the Company or any Company Subsidiary pursuant to Section 481 of the Code or any similar provision of the Code or the corresponding Tax Laws of any nation, state or locality.

(h) Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has engaged in a listed transaction within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.6011-4(b)(2).

(i) The Company and each Company Subsidiary are and have always been, treated as either corporations, partnerships or disregarded entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes as set forth in <u>Section 3.20(i)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter.

Section 3.21 <u>Opinion of Financial Advisor</u>. The Company Board has received the written opinion of Lazard Frères & Co. LLC, the Company Board s financial advisor, to the effect that as of the date of such opinion, the Merger Consideration to be paid to the holders of Company Common Stock is fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders.

Section 3.22 <u>Insurance</u>. All material fire, liability, workers compensation, property, casualty and other forms of insurance policies maintained by the Company and the Company Subsidiaries (collectively, the <u>Company Insurance Policies</u>) are with reputable insurance carriers, provide adequate coverage for all normal risks incident to the businesses of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries and their respective properties and assets, and are in character and amount comparable to that carried by persons engaged in similar businesses and subject to the same or similar perils or hazards, except for any such failures to maintain insurance policies that,

individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. Each Company Insurance Policy is in full force and effect and all premiums due with respect to all Company Insurance Policies have been paid, with such exceptions that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, all Company Insurance Policies are sufficient for compliance with all Laws and contracts to which the Company or any Company Subsidiary is subject (in the case of Laws) or a party or by which it is bound (in the case of contracts).

Section 3.23 <u>Required Vote</u>. The affirmative vote of the holders of shares representing a majority of the votes of all outstanding shares of the Company Common Stock entitled to vote at the Company Shareholder Meeting is the only vote required of the holders of any class or series of capital stock or other Equity Interests of the Company or any Company Subsidiary to approve and adopt this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger (the <u>Company Shareholder Approval</u>).

Section 3.24 <u>Brokers.</u> Except for the Company s obligations to Lazard Frères & Co. LLC, the Company s financial advisor, which has been engaged pursuant to an engagement letter provided to Parent, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary, nor any of their respective directors, officers or employees, has incurred, on behalf of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, any obligation to pay any brokerage, finders , financial advisory or similar fee in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

#### Section 3.25 Regulation as a Utility.

(a) The Company is a single state holding company system, and each of TEP, UNS Electric, Inc. ( UNS Electric ) and UNS Gas, Inc. (UNS Gas) is a public utility company (as such terms are defined in the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 and the implementing regulations of FERC in 18 C.F.R. Part 366 (\_PUHCA\_), and each of TEP, UNS Electric and UNS Gas (TEP, UNS Electric and UNS Gas, together being referred to herein as the <u>Utility</u> Subsidiaries )), each of TEP and UNS Electric is regulated as a public utility, an electric utility and a transmitting utility under the Federal Power Act, as amended, and the implementing regulations of FERC thereunder (FPA), and each of the Utility Subsidiaries is regulated as a public service corporation by the State of Arizona, but not by any other state. Other than as described in the preceding sentence, none of the Company or any subsidiary company or affiliate (such terms having the meaning ascribed to such terms in PUHCA) of the Company is (i) (A) a holding company or a public-utility company under PUHCA, (B) a public utility, an electric utility or a transmitting utility under the FPA, (C) a natural gas company under the Natural Gas Act of 1938, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or (D) a public utility or public service corporation (or similar designation) under any other federal or state Law (including Title 40, Public Utilities and Carriers, of the A.R.S.) or (ii) otherwise franchised or authorized to provide any utility services by any Governmental Entity or certified as an exempt wholesale generator under PUHCA or as a qualifying facility under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended, and the implementing regulations of FERC in 18 C.F.R. Part 292 (\_PURPA\_).

(b) Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in any nuclear generation station or manages or operates any nuclear generation station.

(c) The Company and each Company Subsidiary, as applicable, holds all Renewable Energy Credits from Eligible Renewable Energy Resources necessary to satisfy in all material respects its Annual Renewable Energy Requirement under A.A.C. R14-2-1801, et seq. for its operations as currently conducted and holds those energy credits, offsets or other credits, benefits or allowances required to comply in all material respects with the Renewable Portfolio Standard.

Section 3.26 <u>Regulatory Filings.</u> Except as set forth in <u>Section 3.26</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter, all filings required to be made by the Company or any Company Subsidiary since January 1, 2011 pursuant to the FPA, the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, PUHCA, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, PURPA, each pipeline safety law, as amended, that is administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration, other applicable state Laws and regulations (including Title 40, Public Utilities and Carriers, of the A.R.S.), have been filed or furnished, as applicable, on a timely basis with the applicable Governmental Entity, as the case may be, including all forms, statements, reports, agreements (oral or written) and all documents, exhibits, amendments, and supplements appertaining thereto, including all rates, tariffs, franchises, service agreements and related documents and all such filings complied, as of their respective dates, with all applicable requirements of the applicable statute and the rules and regulations thereunder, except for filings the failure of which to make in compliance with all applicable requirements of the applicable statute and rules and regulations thereunder have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.27 <u>Takeover Laws</u>. The actions of the Company Board described in <u>Section 3.3(b)</u> are sufficient to render inapplicable to this Agreement, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby the restrictions on business combinations contained in Sections 2741 and 2742 of the ABCA and control share acquisitions contained in Sections 2722 through 2725 of the ABCA (or any provisions similar to the foregoing sections). No other moratorium, control share acquisition, fair price, business combination or other anti-takeover Law or anti-takeover provision of the Company Charter or Company By-laws is applicable to this Agreement, the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 3.28 <u>Trading</u>. The Company has made available to Parent all material agreements that the Company or any Company Subsidiary has entered into with respect to any swap, cap, floor, collar, futures contract, forward contract, option or any other derivative financial instrument, Contract or arrangement, based on or referencing any commodity, security, instrument, asset, rate or index of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether tangible or intangible, including electricity, natural gas, crude oil and other commodities, currencies, interest rates or indices, or forward contracts for physical delivery, physical output of assets or physical load obligations or any similar derivatives transaction. The Company and each Company Subsidiary involved in such trading has established risk parameters, limits and guidelines in compliance with the Company s risk management policy reviewed and approved by the Company Board (the <u>Trading Guidelines</u>)

to restrict the level of risk that the Company and Company Subsidiaries are authorized to take with respect to, among other things, the net position resulting from all physical commodity transactions, exchange traded futures and options transactions, over-the-counter transactions and derivatives thereof and similar transactions (the <u>Net Position</u>) and monitors and enforces compliance by the Company and the Company Subsidiaries with such risk parameters. The Trading Guidelines comply with all applicable Law and, to the extent required, have been approved by all Governmental Entities, except for such non-compliance or non-approval as would not be reasonably expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. The Company has made the Trading Guidelines available to Parent prior to the date of this Agreement. As of the date hereof, the Net Position is (i) within the risk parameters that are set forth in the Trading Guidelines and (ii) not material to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. From December 31, 2010 to the date hereof, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has, in accordance with its mark to market accounting policies, experienced at any time an aggregate net loss in its trading and related operations that would be material to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries taken as a whole. The Company and each Company Subsidiary has retained and maintained records, transcripts, pricing and trade data and other information required to be retained and maintained under Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the <u>Dodd-Frank Act</u>) and the regulations thereunder in respect of its derivatives transactions entered into prior to and after enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act, except for such non-compliance as would not be reasonably expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. The Company and each Company Subsidiary that has elected the end-user exception as set forth under Section 2(h)(7) of the Commodity Exchange Act and the regulations thereunder is in compliance with the requirements necessary to elect such exception, except for such non-compliance that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. To the Company s knowledge, since December 31, 2011, there has been no violation of the Trading Guidelines, except that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.29 <u>Regulatory Proceedings</u>. Except as identified in <u>Section 3.29</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries, all or part of whose rates or services are regulated by a Governmental Entity, (i) has rates which have been or are being collected subject to refund, pending final resolution of any proceeding pending before a Governmental Entity or on appeal to the courts, or (ii) is a party to any proceeding before a Governmental Entity or a Governmental Entity, in each case which individually or in the aggregate, have resulted in or would reasonably be expected to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.30 <u>Dissenter s Rights</u>. Pursuant to Section 10-1302(D) of the ABCA, no holder of any shares of Company Common Stock will have or be entitled to assert dissenter s rights or any other rights of appraisal as a result of or in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger.

# ARTICLE IV

## REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PARENT AND MERGER SUB

Except as set forth in, or qualified by any matter set forth in, the disclosure letter delivered by Parent and Merger Sub to the Company prior to the execution of this Agreement (it being agreed that disclosure of any item in any section or subsection of such disclosure letter shall also be deemed to be disclosed with respect to any other section or subsection to which the relevance of such item is reasonably apparent from the face of such disclosure letter) (the <u>Parent</u> <u>Disclosure Letter</u>), Parent and Merger Sub hereby represent and warrant to the Company as follows:

## Section 4.1 Organization and Qualification.

(a) Each of Parent and Merger Sub is a corporation or other legal entity duly incorporated or organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization and has the requisite corporate or other legal entity, as the case may be, power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and assets and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted. Each of Parent and Merger Sub is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction where the ownership, leasing or operation of its properties or assets or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay or materially impair the ability of Parent and Merger Sub to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(b) Parent has made available to the Company true and complete copies of the certificate or articles of incorporation and bylaws, or equivalent organizational or governing documents, of each of Parent and Merger Sub, each as in effect as of the date hereof. Neither Parent nor Merger Sub is in material violation of any provision of its certificate or articles of incorporation or by-laws (or equivalent organizational document).

Section 4.2 Authority. Each of Parent and Merger Sub has the requisite corporate or other legal entity, as the case may be, power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger, subject to any regulatory approvals referenced in Section 4.4. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by each of Parent and Merger Sub, and the consummation by Parent and Merger Sub of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger, have been duly and validly authorized by all requisite corporate or other legal entity, as the case may be, action on the part of Parent and Merger Sub and no other corporate or other legal entity, as the case may be, proceedings on the part of Parent or Merger Sub, and no shareholder or other equity holder votes, are necessary to authorize this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, other than the approval and adoption of the Merger by Parent in its capacity as sole shareholder of Merger Sub. This Agreement has been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by Parent and Merger Sub and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company, constitutes a valid and binding obligation of Parent and Merger Sub, enforceable against Parent and Merger Sub in accordance with its terms, except that (i) such enforcement may be subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Laws, now or hereafter in effect, affecting creditors rights generally and (ii) the remedy of specific performance and injunctive and other forms of equitable relief may be subject to equitable defenses and to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought.

Section 4.3 No Conflict. None of the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement by Parent or Merger Sub or the consummation by Parent or Merger Sub of the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement will (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both): (a) conflict with or violate any provision of the certificate or articles of incorporation or bylaws, or any equivalent organizational or governing documents, of Parent or Merger Sub; (b) assuming that all consents, approvals, authorizations and permits described in Section 4.4 have been obtained and all filings and notifications described in Section 4.4 have been made and any waiting periods thereunder have terminated or expired, conflict with or violate any Law applicable to Parent, Merger Sub or any other Parent Subsidiary or any of their respective properties or assets; or (c) require any consent or approval under, violate, conflict with, result in any breach of or any loss of any benefit under, or constitute a default under, or result in termination or give to others any right of termination, vesting, amendment, acceleration or cancellation of, or result in the creation of a Lien upon any of the respective properties or assets of Parent, Merger Sub or any other Parent Subsidiary pursuant to, any Contract or permit to which Parent, Merger Sub or any other Parent Subsidiary is a party or by which they or any of their respective properties or assets are bound, except, with respect to clauses (b) and (c), for any such conflicts, violations, consents, breaches, losses, defaults, other occurrences or Liens which, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay or materially impair the ability of Parent and Merger Sub to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 4.4 <u>Required Filings and Consents.</u> None of the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement by Parent and Merger Sub or the consummation by Parent and Merger Sub of the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement will require (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) any consent, approval, authorization or permit of, or filing or registration or qualification with or notification to, any Governmental Entity, other than (a) the filing and recordation of the Articles of Merger as required by the ABCA, (b) compliance with any applicable requirements of the HSR Act, (c) the ACC Approval, the FERC Approval and the pre-approvals of license transfers of the FCC, (d) compliance with the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act, (e) the notification of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States under the DPA and (f) where the failure to obtain such consents, approvals, authorizations or permits of, or to make such filings, registrations with or notifications to any Governmental Entity, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay or materially impair the ability of Parent and Merger Sub to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 4.5 <u>Information Supplied</u>. None of the information to be supplied by Parent and Merger Sub in writing expressly for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Proxy Statement will, at the date mailed to the Company s shareholders or at the time of the Company Shareholder Meeting, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

Section 4.6 <u>Litigation</u>. As of the date hereof, there is no suit, claim, action, investigation, arbitration or proceeding to which Parent, Merger Sub or any other Parent Subsidiary is a party or with respect to which any of their respective property is affected, as the case may be, pending or, to

the knowledge of Parent, threatened that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay or materially impair the ability of Parent and Merger Sub to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement or challenges the validity or propriety of the Merger. None of Parent, Merger Sub or any other Parent Subsidiary is subject to any outstanding order, writ, injunction, judgment or decree that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay or materially impair the ability of Parent and Merger Sub to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 4.7 <u>Ownership of Company Capital Stock</u>. None of Ultimate Parent or any of Ultimate Parent s direct or indirect Subsidiaries owns, beneficially or of record, any Shares or any other securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, Company Common Stock or any other equity interests of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries.

Section 4.8 <u>Funds.</u> Parent and Merger Sub at the Closing will have sufficient funds to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, including payment in full of the Aggregate Merger Consideration and payments in respect of Company Equity Awards pursuant to <u>Section 2.3</u> and all fees, costs and expenses in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 4.9 <u>Ownership of Merger Sub; No Prior Activities.</u> Merger Sub was formed solely for the purpose of engaging in the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. All of the outstanding capital stock of Merger Sub is, and at the Effective Time will be, owned directly by Parent. Except for obligations or liabilities incurred in connection with its incorporation and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, Merger Sub has not, and prior to the Effective Time will not have, incurred, directly or indirectly through any Subsidiary or affiliate, any obligations or liabilities or engaged in any business activities of any type or kind whatsoever or entered into any agreements or arrangements with any Person.

Section 4.10 <u>Brokers.</u> As of the date hereof, none of Parent, Merger Sub or any other Parent Subsidiary, nor any of their respective shareholders, members, directors, officers, employees or affiliates, has incurred or will incur on behalf of Parent, Merger Sub or any other Parent Subsidiary, any brokerage, finders , advisory or similar fee in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except for such fees as shall be the sole responsibility of Parent or its affiliates.

Section 4.11 <u>Absence of Certain Arrangements.</u> Other than this Agreement, as of the date hereof, there are no Contracts or any commitments to enter into any Contract between Parent, Merger Sub or any of their respective controlled affiliates, on the one hand, and any director, officer, employee or stockholder of the Company, on the other hand, relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the operations of the Surviving Corporation after the Effective Time.

#### ARTICLE V

#### COVENANTS

Section 5.1 Conduct of Business Pending the Closing.

(a) The Company agrees that between the date of this Agreement and the Effective Time, except as set forth in Section 5.1(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter, as expressly permitted or required by this Agreement, or as required by applicable Law, by a Governmental Entity of competent jurisdiction or by the rules or requirements of the New York Stock Exchange, unless Parent shall otherwise agree in writing (which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), the Company will and will cause each Company Subsidiary to, (1) conduct its operations only in the ordinary course of business, (2) comply in all material respects with all Laws, orders and Company Permits applicable to them, and (3) use its commercially reasonable best efforts to preserve substantially intact its business organization and maintain satisfactory relationships with third parties and Governmental Entities having significant business dealings with it and to keep available the services of its key officers and employees. Without limiting the foregoing, except as set forth in Section 5.1(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter, as expressly permitted or required by this Agreement, or as required by applicable Law, by a Governmental Entities of the New York Stock Exchange, the Company shall not, and shall not permit any Company Subsidiary to, between the date of this Agreement and the Effective Time, do any of the following without the prior written consent of Parent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned):

- (i) amend or restate the Company Charter, Company By-laws, any subsidiary s articles of incorporation or by-laws, or any equivalent organizational documents;
- issue or authorize the issuance, pledge, transfer, subject to any Lien, sell or otherwise encumber or (ii) dispose of, any Equity Interests in the Company or any Company Subsidiary, or securities convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for, any such Equity Interests, or any rights of any kind to acquire any such Equity Interests or such convertible or exchangeable securities, other than (A) grants of Company Options, Restricted Shares, Restricted Stock Units and Other Equity-Based Awards, but only if and to the extent required by Law or permitted by the terms of any Company Equity Plan or the Company s 401(k) plan in each case as in effect as of the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the date of this Agreement, and not exceeding an aggregate value (assuming a payout at target in the case of any award containing performance criteria) at the time of grant of \$3,750,000 in any calendar year, in each case, in amounts, at times and on terms and conditions as in the ordinary course of business; (B) the issuance of Shares upon the exercise of Company Options outstanding as of December 6, 2013, or otherwise permitted to be granted under clause (A) of this Section 5.1(a)(ii), and the vesting or settlement of Other Equity-Based Awards outstanding as of December 6, 2013, or otherwise permitted to be granted under clause (A) of this Section 5.1(a)(ii), in accordance with their terms; and (C) the issuance of Equity Interests in a wholly owned Company Subsidiary to its parent, in each case of the foregoing clauses (A) through (C) in the ordinary course of business;

- (iii) sell, pledge, dispose of, transfer, lease, license or encumber any material property or assets of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, except pursuant to existing Company Scheduled Contracts and except for (x) dispositions of obsolete equipment or assets, in each case, in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, or (y) dispositions in amounts not to exceed \$4,000,000 individually or \$15,000,000 in the aggregate;
- (iv) declare, set aside, make or pay any dividend or other distribution (whether payable in cash, stock, property or a combination thereof) with respect to any of its capital stock (other than (A) regular quarterly cash dividends paid by the Company at the times and in the manner paid in the past by the Company and in an amount per share of Company Common Stock not more than (x) \$0.435 for quarterly dividends payable to shareholders on or before December 31, 2013, and (y) \$0.48 for quarterly dividends payable to shareholders after December 31, 2013, (B) a stub period dividend to shareholders of record as of the Effective Time equal to the product of (x) the number of days from the record date for payment of the last quarterly dividend paid by the Company prior to the Effective Time through and including the Effective Time and (y) a daily dividend rate determined by dividing the amount of the last quarterly dividend prior to the Effective Time by ninety-one (91), (C) dividends paid by a wholly-owned Company Subsidiary to the Company or another wholly-owned Company Subsidiary or (D) dividend equivalent rights on Other Equity-Based Awards payable by the Company pursuant to the Company Equity Plans), enter into any agreement with respect to the voting or registration of its Equity Interests or reduce its authorized capital;
- (v) other than (A) in the case of wholly-owned Company Subsidiaries or (B) in the case of cashless exercises of Company Options, or Tax withholdings on the vesting or payment of Restricted Units and Other Equity-Based Awards, reclassify, combine, split, subdivide or amend the terms of, or redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire, directly or indirectly, any of its Equity Interests;
- (vi) merge or consolidate the Company or any Company Subsidiary with any Person or adopt a plan of complete or partial liquidation or resolutions providing for a complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, restructuring, recapitalization or other reorganization of the Company or any Company Subsidiary;
- (vii) acquire (including by exercising any right to acquire) or obtain any right to acquire (including by merger, consolidation or acquisition of stock or assets) any interest in any Person or any assets, other than acquisitions of (A) inventory in the ordinary course of business, (B) any assets for consideration that is individually not in excess of \$4,000,000, or in the

aggregate not in excess of \$15,000,000 or (C) assets in connection with capital expenditures permitted by Section 5.1(a)(xiii);

- (viii) incur any Indebtedness, except (A) in connection with refinancings of existing indebtedness for borrowed money as such Indebtedness matures upon market terms and conditions, so long as the amount of Indebtedness (or credit facility capacity) following such refinancing shall not exceed the amount of Indebtedness (or credit facility capacity) immediately prior to the refinancing,
  (B) draw-downs of credit facilities outstanding as of the date hereof (or refinancings of such credit facilities permitted under clause (A)) in the ordinary course of business or (C) for borrowings in accordance with the financing plan set forth in <u>Section 5.1(a)(viii)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter;
- (ix) make any loans, advances or capital contributions to, or investments in, any other Person (other than any wholly-owned Company Subsidiary as disclosed in <u>Section 5.1(a)(ix)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter) in excess of \$7,500,000 in the aggregate other than as set forth in the Company s capital expenditures budget as disclosed in <u>Section 5.1(a)(xiii)</u> or the financing plan set forth in <u>Section 5.1(a)(viii)</u>, in each case, of the Company Disclosure Letter;
- (x) except to the extent required by Law (including to avoid the imposition of penalty taxes under Section 409A of the Code) or the existing terms of any Company Benefit Plan and other than in connection with any hiring of an officer permitted by <u>Section 5.1(a)(xvii)</u>: (A) other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, increase the compensation or benefits payable or to become payable to its employees, directors or officers; (B) grant any rights to severance or termination pay to, or enter into or amend any employment or severance agreement with, any director, executive officer or, other than in the ordinary course of business, employee of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, or establish, adopt, enter into or amend any collective bargaining, bonus, profit sharing, thrift, pension, retirement, deferred compensation, employment, termination, severance or other plan or agreement for the benefit of any director, executive officer or, other than in the ordinary course of business, employee; or (C) other than, in accordance with <u>Section 2.3</u>, take any action to amend or waive any performance or vesting criteria or accelerate vesting, exercisability or funding under any Company Benefit Plan;
- (A) make any material Tax election, (B) settle or compromise any material liability for Taxes, or
   (C) amend any material Tax Return, in each case in a manner which is inconsistent with the past practices of any of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, as applicable, with respect to the treatment of items on such Tax Returns;

- (xii) make any material change in accounting policies or procedures, other than as required by GAAP;
- (xiii) make or commit to make any capital expenditures, in the period from the date hereof until December 31, 2014, or in the twelve (12) month period ending December 31, 2015, that in the aggregate exceed the Company s capital expenditures budget as disclosed in <u>Section 5.1(a)(xiii)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter for such period plus \$10,000,000 in either such period; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company and any Company Subsidiary shall be permitted to make emergency capital expenditures in any amount (A) required by a Governmental Entity or (B) that the Company determines is incurred in connection with the repair or replacement of facilities destroyed or damaged due to casualty or accident or natural disaster or other force majeure event necessary to maintain or restore safe, adequate and reliable natural gas and electric service to customers; <u>provided</u>, that the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to consult with Parent prior to making or agreeing to make any such expenditure;
- (xiv) terminate or permit any material Company Permit to lapse, other than in accordance with the terms and regular expiration of any such Company Permit, or fail to apply on a timely basis for any renewal of any renewable material Company Permit;
- (xv) (A) enter into, terminate early, amend or modify in any material respect a Company Scheduled Contract, other than in the ordinary course of business, or enter into any transaction with a director or officer of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, or (B) waive, release, assign, pay, discharge, settle or satisfy any material claims, liabilities or obligations (whether absolute, accrued, asserted or unasserted, contingent or otherwise), other than the waiver, release, assignment, payment, discharge, settlement or satisfaction of any such claims, liabilities or obligations in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices, or as required by their terms as in effect on the date of this Agreement;
- (xvi) announce, implement or effect any reduction in force, lay-off, early retirement program, severance program (except as permitted by Section 5.1(a)(x)(B)) or other program or effort concerning the termination of employment of employees of the Company (other than employee terminations in the ordinary course of business);
- (xvii) other than hiring officers (not including the Company s chief executive officer, chief financial officer or chief operating officer) to replace any officers that voluntarily terminate their employment or whose employment is terminated for cause, hire any officer level employee or terminate the employment, other than for cause, of any officer level employee;

- (xviii) settle, or agree to settle any litigation, investigation, proceeding, or other claim pending or threatened before any arbitrator, court or other Governmental Entity in any manner involving the payment of an amount in excess of \$2,000,000 individually or \$5,000,000 in the aggregate;
- (xix) except for transactions between (A) the Company and wholly-owned Company Subsidiaries or
   (B) among wholly-owned Company Subsidiaries, redeem, repurchase, defease, cancel or otherwise acquire any Indebtedness, other than (w) at or within one hundred twenty (120) days of stated maturity, (x) pursuant to any required amortization payments and mandatory prepayments or (y) in connection with refinancings permitted by clause (viii) above, or (z) in accordance with the financing plan set forth in <u>Section 5.1(a)(viii)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter;
- (A) permit any material change in policies governing or otherwise relating to energy price risk management or marketing of energy or (B) enter into any physical commodity transactions, exchange-traded futures and options transactions, over-the-counter transactions and derivatives thereof or similar transactions other than as permitted by the Trading Guidelines;
- (xxi) other than in the ordinary course of business, make or agree to any material changes to be made to any insurance policies so as to affect the insurance coverage of the Company or any Company Subsidiary or their respective assets following the Closing;
- (xxii) seek to lower any reference price or bid or cap price for energy or capacity sold wholesale by the Company or any Company Subsidiary, other than in the ordinary course of business, consistent with current business practices;
- (xxiii) assign or license any material Intellectual Property owned by the Company or any Company Subsidiary to any third party; or

(xxiv) authorize or enter into any Contract to do any of the foregoing. Parent will, promptly following the date hereof, designate two (2) individuals from either of whom the Company may seek approval to undertake any actions not permitted to be taken under this <u>Section 5.1(a)</u>, and will ensure that such persons will respond, on behalf of Parent, to the Company s requests in an expeditious manner but in any event no later than two (2) Business Days after the Company s request.

(b) The Company shall not, and shall not permit any Company Subsidiary to, between the date of this Agreement and the Effective Time, without, in each case, first consulting in good faith with Parent (i) notwithstanding anything set forth in Section 5.1(a)(viii), incur long term Indebtedness, whether contemplated or not by the financing plan set forth in Section 5.1(a)(viii) of the Company Disclosure Letter, in excess of \$10,000,000 in each instance, and (ii) notwithstanding anything set forth in Sections 5.1(a)(ix) and (xiii), make any loans, advances or capital contributions to, or investments in, any other Person (other than any wholly-owned Company Subsidiary), or make or commit to make any capital expenditures, in each case, in

excess of \$10,000,000 in each instance. The individuals with whom the Company is to consult with respect to each of clauses (i) and (ii) of this <u>Section 5.1(b)</u> shall be the individuals designated pursuant to <u>Section 5.1(a)</u>.

## Section 5.2 Preparation of the Proxy Statement; Shareholder Meeting.

(a) As promptly as reasonably practicable following the date of this Agreement (but in no event later than forty-five (45) days after the date hereof), the Company shall prepare and file a preliminary Proxy Statement with the SEC. Subject to Section 5.4, the Proxy Statement shall include the Company Board Recommendation. Parent shall cooperate with the Company in the preparation and filing of the Proxy Statement, and shall furnish all information concerning it that is necessary in connection with the preparation of the Proxy Statement and is requested by the Company. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to have the Proxy Statement cleared by the SEC as promptly as reasonably practicable after such filing and the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Proxy Statement to be mailed to the Company s common shareholders, in each case as promptly as reasonably practicable after the Company learns that the Proxy Statement will not be reviewed or that the SEC staff has no further comments thereon. Prior to filing or mailing the Proxy Statement or filing any other required documents (or in each case, any amendment or supplement thereto) or responding to any comments of the SEC with respect thereto, the Company shall provide Parent with an opportunity to review and comment on such document or response (including by participating in any discussions or meetings with the SEC) and shall give good faith consideration to any comments made by Parent and its counsel. The Company will notify Parent promptly of the receipt of any comments from the SEC or its staff and of any request by the SEC or its staff for amendments or supplements to the Proxy Statement or for additional information and will supply Parent with copies of all correspondence between the Company and the SEC or its staff with respect to the Proxy Statement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(b) If, at any time prior to obtaining the Company Shareholder Approval, any information relating to the Company or Parent, or any of their respective affiliates, officers or directors, is discovered by the Company or Parent that should be set forth in an amendment or supplement to the Proxy Statement so that such document would not include any misstatement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading, the party that discovers such information shall as promptly as practicable notify the other party and an appropriate amendment or supplement describing such information shall be filed with the SEC as promptly as practicable after the other party has had a reasonable opportunity to review and comment thereon, and, to the extent required by applicable Law, disseminated to the common shareholders of the Company. The Proxy Statement will comply as to form and substance in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and other applicable Law, including the regulations and requirements of the New York Stock Exchange.

(c) The Company shall, as promptly as reasonably practicable after the Proxy Statement is cleared by the SEC for mailing to the Company s common shareholders in accordance with <u>Section 5.2(a)</u>, duly call, give notice of, convene and hold the Company Shareholder Meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if on a date for which the Company Shareholder Meeting is scheduled, the Company has not received proxies representing a sufficient

number of shares to constitute a quorum and to obtain the Company Shareholder Approval, whether or not a quorum is present, the Company shall have the right to make one or more successive postponements or adjournments of the Company Shareholder Meeting; provided, that the Company Shareholder Meeting is not postponed or adjourned to a date that is more than thirty (30) days after the date for which the Company Shareholder Meeting was originally scheduled (excluding any adjournments or postponements required by applicable Law). The Company Board shall present this Agreement for approval at the Company Shareholder Meeting. At the Company Shareholder Meeting, unless there shall have been a Change of Company Board Recommendation in accordance with Section 5.4, the Company Board shall recommend that the Company s common shareholders approve and adopt this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger (the <u>Company Board Recommendation</u>), and the Company shall, unless there has been a Change of Company Board Recommendation, use its reasonable best efforts to solicit from its shareholders proxies in favor of the approval and adoption of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger, and to take all other action necessary or advisable to secure the Company Shareholder Approval.

## Section 5.3 Access to Information; Confidentiality.

(a) From the date of this Agreement to the Effective Time, the Company shall, and shall cause each Company Subsidiary and each of their respective directors, officers, employees, accountants, consultants, legal counsel, advisors, agents and other representatives (collectively, Company Representatives ) to: (i) provide to Parent and Merger Sub and their respective directors, officers, employees, accountants, consultants, legal counsel, advisors, financing sources, agents, and other representatives (collectively, the <u>Parent Representatives</u>) reasonable access during normal business hours in such a manner as not to interfere unreasonably with the operation of any business conducted by the Company or any Company Subsidiary, upon prior written notice to the Company, to the officers, employees, auditors, properties, offices and other facilities of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries and to the books and records thereof; (ii) furnish promptly information concerning the business, properties, contracts, assets and liabilities of the Company and Company Subsidiaries as Parent or the Parent Representatives may reasonably request; (iii) to the extent permitted by Law, furnish promptly each report, schedule and other document filed or received by the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries pursuant to the requirements of federal or state securities or regulatory Laws or filed with or sent to the SEC, FERC, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission or any other Governmental Entity, provided that the foregoing shall not require the Company or any Company Subsidiary or Company Representative to furnish any such materials that are otherwise publicly available or, unless otherwise requested by Parent, that arise in the ordinary course of business of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries; and (iv) promptly notify the Parent of any material developments in any audit or similar proceeding related to the change in any Utility Subsidiaries tax accounting method related to costs to repair and maintain utility assets; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to (or to cause any Company Subsidiary to) afford such access or furnish such information to the extent that the Company believes in good faith that doing so would: (A) result in the loss of attorney-client privilege; (B) violate any obligations of the Company or any Company Subsidiary with respect to confidentiality to any third party or otherwise breach, contravene or violate any then effective Contract to which the Company or any Company Subsidiary is a party; or (C) breach, contravene or violate any applicable Law (including the HSR Act or any other antitrust or competition Law) (provided that the Company shall use its

reasonable best efforts to (a) allow for such access or disclosure in a manner that does not result in a loss of attorney-client privilege with respect to clause (A) of this proviso, (b) obtain the required consent of such third party to provide access to or disclosure of such information with respect to clause (B) of this proviso, or (c) develop an alternative to providing such information so as to address such matters that is reasonably acceptable to Parent and the Company with respect to clauses (A), (B) or (C) of this proviso); it being understood and agreed that the Company shall advise Parent in such circumstances that it is unable to comply with Parent s reasonable requests for information as a result of attorney-client privilege, Contract obligations or applicable Law and the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to generally describe the types of information being withheld. No access, review or notice pursuant to this <u>Section 5.3</u> shall have any effect for the purpose of determining the accuracy of any representation or warranty given by any of the parties hereto to any of the other parties hereto.

(b) With respect to the information disclosed pursuant to <u>Section 5.3(a)</u>. Parent shall comply with all of its obligations under the Confidentiality Agreement dated September 16, 2013 between the Company and Parent (the <u>Confidentiality Agreement</u>). Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary in the Confidentiality Agreement, the parties acknowledge and agree that nothing in the Confidentiality Agreement shall be construed to prevent Parent from making a request for reaffirmation of the Company Board Recommendation pursuant to <u>Section 5.4(d)</u> hereof or engaging in confidential negotiations with the Company (including proposing changes to this Agreement) pursuant to and in accordance with <u>Sections 5.4(e)</u>, and <u>5.4(f)</u> hereof. The Company acknowledges and agrees that the immediately preceding sentence shall not constitute or be deemed a request from Parent that the Company waive or amend the provisions of paragraph 6 of the Confidentiality Agreement.

## Section 5.4 No Solicitation of Transactions; Change of Company Board Recommendation.

(a) Subject to <u>Section 5.4(b)</u>, from and after the date hereof until the Effective Time or, if earlier, the termination of this Agreement in accordance with Article VII, the Company shall not, and shall cause the Company Subsidiaries not to, and shall not authorize or permit any of its officers, directors, or employees to, and shall instruct the Company Representatives not to on behalf of the Company, directly or indirectly, (i) initiate, solicit or knowingly encourage or facilitate the submission of any Acquisition Proposal, or any inquiry or proposal that could reasonably be expected to lead to an Acquisition Proposal, or (ii) participate in any discussions or negotiations with any person, or furnish to any person any information, with respect to an Acquisition Proposal, or any inquiry or proposal that could reasonably be expected to lead to an Acquisition Proposal. The Company shall, and shall cause the Company Subsidiaries and the Company Representatives to, immediately cease and cause to be terminated any discussion or negotiation with any Persons conducted prior to the date hereof by the Company, the Company Subsidiaries or any of the Company Representatives with respect to any Acquisition Proposal.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in <u>Section 5.4(a)</u>, if, at any time following the date hereof and prior to the Company securing the Company Shareholder Approval, (i) the Company has received a bona fide written Acquisition Proposal from a third party that was not solicited after the date hereof by the Company, the Company Subsidiaries or the Company Representatives and that did not otherwise result from a breach of this <u>Section 5.4</u> and (ii)

the Company Board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, that such Acquisition Proposal constitutes or is reasonably likely to lead to a Superior Proposal, then the Company may, subject to providing prior notice to Parent of its decision to take any such action, (A) furnish information with respect to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries to the Person making such Acquisition Proposal and its representatives and (B) participate in discussions or negotiations with the Person making such Acquisition Proposal and its representatives regarding such Acquisition Proposal; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Company (x) will not, will not allow the Company Subsidiaries to, disclose any information to such Person without first entering into an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement (a copy of which shall be provided, promptly after its execution, for information al purposes only, to Parent) and (y) will as promptly as reasonably practicable provide to Parent any information concerning the Company or the Company Subsidiaries provided or made available to such other Person (or its representatives) which was not previously provided or made available to Parent.

(c) The Company shall as promptly as reasonably practicable (and in any event within one (1) Business Day) notify Parent in writing in the event that the Company receives any written Acquisition Proposal, including the material terms and conditions of such Acquisition Proposal, or any inquiry that would reasonably be expected to lead to an Acquisition Proposal. The Company shall (i) keep Parent informed, in all material respects, on a reasonably prompt basis, of the status, and details of any such Acquisition Proposal (including any change to the material terms and conditions thereof) and (ii) provide to Parent as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event within one (1) Business Day and at least one (1) Business Day prior to making any determination with respect to such Acquisition Proposal) after receipt or delivery thereof copies of all written material (including draft agreements) specifying the material terms and conditions of such Acquisition Proposal exchanged between the Company, the Company Subsidiaries or the Company Representatives, on the one hand, and the Person making such Acquisition Proposal (or its representatives), on the other hand.

(d) Except as set forth in this <u>Section 5.4</u>, neither the Company Board nor any committee thereof shall (i) approve or recommend, or publicly propose to approve or recommend, any Acquisition Proposal, or any inquiry or proposal that could reasonably be expected to lead to an Acquisition Proposal or take any action or make any public announcement inconsistent with the Company Board Recommendation, (ii) withdraw or modify, in a manner adverse to Parent, or publicly propose to withdraw or modify, in a manner adverse to Parent, the Company Board Recommendation (it being understood that, except as specified in <u>Section 5.4(g)</u> below, taking a neutral position or no position with respect to an Acquisition Proposal shall be considered an adverse modification), (iii) following the date any Acquisition Proposal or any material modification thereto is first made public, sent or given to the shareholders of the Company, fail to issue a press release that expressly reaffirms the Company Board Recommendation within ten (10) Business Days following Parent s written request to do so (which request may only be made once with respect to any such Acquisition Proposal and each material modification thereto) (any action set forth in the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) or (iii), a <u>Change of Company Board Recommendation</u> ), (iv) allow or cause the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries to enter into any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, agreement in principle, merger agreement, acquisition Proposal (which, for the avoidance of doubt, would not

include an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement) or requiring the Company to abandon, terminate, delay or fail to consummate the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement, or (v) take any action pursuant to which any Person (other than Parent, Merger Sub or their respective affiliates) or Acquisition Proposal would become exempt from or not otherwise subject to any take-over statute or certificate of incorporation provision relating to Acquisition Proposals.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 5.4(d), at any time prior to obtaining the Company Shareholder Approval and so long as the Company is in compliance with this Section 5.4, if (i) the Company receives an Acquisition Proposal which the Company Board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, constitutes a Superior Proposal and such Acquisition Proposal is not withdrawn, or (ii) there occurs any change, event, occurrence, effect or development that (A) is material to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (B) does not involve or relate to an Acquisition Proposal, and (C) is not known to the Company Board as of the date hereof, the Company Board may, in the cases of clauses (i) or (ii), make a Change of Company Board Recommendation if (and only if) the Company Board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, that the failure to do so would be a breach of its fiduciary duties under applicable Law; provided, however, that the Company Board may not make a Change of Company Board Recommendation unless (1) the Company has provided prior written notice to Parent that the Company Board intends to effect a Change of Company Board Recommendation (a <u>Notice of Change of Recommendation</u>), which notice shall specify the reasons therefor and, in the case of a Superior Proposal, include the material terms and conditions of such Superior Proposal and attach a copy of the most current draft of any written agreement relating thereto, (2) the Company has negotiated in good faith with Parent (including by making Company Representatives reasonably available to negotiate) with respect to any changes to the terms of this Agreement proposed by Parent for at least five (5) Business Days following receipt by Parent of such Notice of Change of Recommendation (it being understood and agreed that, in the case of a Superior Proposal, if Parent has committed to any changes to the terms of this Agreement and there has been any subsequent amendment to any material term of such Superior Proposal, the Company Board shall provide a new Notice of Change of Recommendation and an additional three (3) Business Day period from the date of such notice) and (3) taking into account any changes to the terms of this Agreement committed to by Parent to the Company, the Company Board has determined in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, that the failure by it to make a Change of Company Board Recommendation would be a breach of its fiduciary duties under applicable Law and, in the case of a Superior Proposal, such Superior Proposal continues to meet the definition of the term <u>Superior Proposal</u>. The parties agree that nothing in this Section 5.4(e) shall in any way limit or otherwise affect the Company s right to terminate this Agreement under Section 7.1(f). The parties agree that nothing in this Section 5.4(e) shall in any way limit or otherwise affect Parent s right to terminate this Agreement under Section 7.1(e). Any such Change of Company Board Recommendation shall not change the approval of this Agreement or any other approval of the Company Board in any respect that would have the effect of causing any corporate takeover statute or other similar statute or any provision of the Company Charter to be applicable to the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger.

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, at any time prior to obtaining the Company Shareholder Approval and so long as the Company is in compliance with this Section 5.4. if the Company receives an Acquisition Proposal which the Company Board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, constitutes a Superior Proposal and such Acquisition Proposal has not been withdrawn, the Company may terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 7.1(f) to enter into a definitive agreement with respect to such Superior Proposal if the Company Board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, that the failure to do so would be a breach of its fiduciary duties under applicable Law; provided, however, that the Company shall not terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 5.4(f), and any purported termination pursuant to this Section 5.4(f) shall be void, unless (i) concurrently with such termination the Company pays (or causes a third party to pay) the Company Termination Fee payable pursuant to Section 7.2(b)(i), (ii) the Company has provided prior written notice to Parent that the Company intends to terminate this Agreement to enter into a definitive agreement with respect to such Superior Proposal (a Notice of Superior Proposal ), which notice shall specify the material terms and conditions of such Superior Proposal and attach a copy of the definitive agreement proposed to be entered into with respect to such Superior Proposal, (iii) the Company has negotiated in good faith with Parent (including by making the Company s Representatives reasonably available to negotiate) with respect to any changes to the terms of this Agreement committed to by Parent for at least five (5) Business Days following receipt by Parent of such Notice of Superior Proposal (it being understood and agreed that if Parent has committed to any changes to the terms of this Agreement and there has been any subsequent amendment to any material term of such Superior Proposal, the Company Board shall provide a new Notice of Change of Recommendation and an additional three (3) Business Day period from the date of such notice) and (iv) taking into account any changes to the terms of this Agreement proposed by Parent to the Company, the Company Board has determined in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, that such Superior Proposal continues to meet the definition of the term Superior Proposal as defined in Section 8.4 and the failure by it to terminate this Agreement to enter into the definitive agreement with respect to such Superior Proposal would be a breach of its fiduciary duties under applicable Law.

(g) Nothing contained in this <u>Section 5.4</u> shall prohibit the Company Board from (i) disclosing to the shareholders of the Company a position contemplated by Rule 14e-2(a), Rule 14d-9 or Item 1012(a) of Regulation M-A promulgated under the Exchange Act or (ii) making any disclosure to the shareholders of the Company if the Company Board determines in good faith, after consultation with outside counsel, that the failure to make such disclosure would be a breach of its fiduciary duties to the shareholders of the Company or would be required by Law (for the avoidance of doubt, it being agreed that the fact that a disclosure or other action may be deemed permissible by virtue of this sentence does not in and of itself mean that such disclosure or other action does not constitute a Change of Company Board Recommendation and the issuance by the Company or the Company Board of a stop, look and listen statement pending disclosure of its position, as contemplated by Rules 14d-9 and 14e-2(a) promulgated under the Exchange Act, shall not constitute a Change of Company Board Recommendation).

Section 5.5 Appropriate Action; Consents; Filings.

(a) The Company and Parent shall use their reasonable best efforts to (i) take, or cause to be taken, all appropriate action and do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper or advisable under applicable Law or otherwise to consummate and make effective the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement as promptly as practicable, including the Financings, (ii) obtain from any Governmental Entities any consents, licenses, permits, waivers, approvals, authorizations or orders required to be obtained by Parent or the Company or any of their respective Subsidiaries, or to avoid any action or proceeding by any Governmental Entity (including those in connection with the HSR Act and state Law (including Title 40, Public Utilities and Carriers, of the A.R.S.)), in connection with the authorization, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, (iii) cause the satisfaction of all conditions set forth in Article VI, (iv) defend all lawsuits or other legal, regulatory or other proceedings to which it is a party challenging or affecting this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, in each case until the issuance of a final, non-appealable order, (v) seek to have lifted or rescinded any injunction or restraining order which may adversely affect the ability of the parties to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and (vi) as promptly as practicable, and in any event within sixty (60) days after the date hereof, make or cause to be made all necessary applications and filings (other than with respect to applications and filings to be made under the HSR Act or with the FCC, which shall be made at a time mutually agreeable to Parent and the Company, and thereafter make any other required submissions, and pay any fees due in connection therewith, with respect to this Agreement and the Merger required under or with respect to the Company Required Governmental Approvals, the DPA and any other applicable Law; provided, that the Company and Parent shall cooperate with each other in connection with determining whether any action by or in respect of, or filing with, any Governmental Entity is required in connection with the consummation of the Merger and seeking any such actions, consents, approvals or waivers or making any such filings. Each of Merger Sub and the Company shall have the right to review and approve in advance drafts of all such necessary applications, notices, petitions, filings and other documents made or prepared in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The Company and Parent shall furnish to each other all information required for any application or other filing under the rules and regulations of any applicable Law in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Neither the Company nor Parent shall consent to any voluntary delay of the Closing at the behest of any Governmental Entity without the consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.

(b) In the application filed with the ACC for the ACC Approval, Merger Sub and the Company shall agree to include specific commitments and agreements in such application to implement the principles set forth in <u>Section 5.5(b)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter. The Company agrees that it will not agree to, or accept, any additional or different agreements, commitments or conditions in connection with the Merger pursuant to any settlement or otherwise with the ACC, the staff of the ACC or any other Person without the prior written consent of Parent.

(c) Neither Ultimate Parent, Parent nor the Company, directly or indirectly through one or more of their respective affiliates, shall take any action, including acquiring or making any investment in any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other business organization or any division or assets thereof, that would reasonably be expected to cause a material delay in the satisfaction of the conditions contained in Article VI or the consummation of

the Merger. Without limiting the foregoing, Parent agrees to use its reasonable best efforts to take, or cause to be taken, any and all steps and to make, or cause to be made, any and all undertakings necessary to avoid or eliminate each and every impediment under any antitrust, merger control, competition or trade regulation Law or any other Law applicable to the Company, any Company Subsidiary or the Merger that may be asserted by any Governmental Entity with respect to the Merger so as to enable the Effective Time and the Closing, respectively, to occur as promptly as practicable (and in any event, no later than the Extended Outside Date), including (A) proposing, negotiating, committing to and effecting, by consent decree, hold separate order or otherwise, the sale, divestiture, licensing or disposition of such assets or businesses of Parent or the Company or any of their respective Subsidiaries or (B) accepting any operational restrictions, including restrictions on the ability to change rates or charges or standards of service, or otherwise taking or committing to take actions that limit Parent s or any Parent Subsidiary s freedom of action with respect to, or its ability to retain or freely operate, any of the assets, properties, licenses, rights, product lines, operations or businesses of Parent, the Company or any of their respective Subsidiaries, in each case as may be required in order to avoid the entry of, or to effect the lifting or dissolution of, any injunction, temporary restraining order or other order in any suit or proceeding, which would otherwise have the effect of preventing or delaying the Effective Time or the Closing, as applicable. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Parent shall not be required to, and the Company shall not, in connection with obtaining any consents or approvals hereunder, or in connection with otherwise complying with any provisions of this Agreement, consent to or take any action of the types described above, including proposing or making any divestiture or other undertaking or proposing, accepting or entering into any consent decree, hold separate order or operational restriction, other than as specifically set forth in Section 5.5(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter, in each case, that, (x) individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole; or (y) individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of Ultimate Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, after giving effect to the Merger (any such divestiture or other undertaking, a <u>Regulatory Burdensome Effect</u>); provided, for purposes of this sentence Ultimate Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, after giving effect to the Merger, shall be deemed to be 100% of the size and scale (financially, commercially, operationally and otherwise) as the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

(d) The Company and Parent shall give (or shall cause their respective Subsidiaries to give) any notices to third parties, and use, and cause their respective Subsidiaries to use, their reasonable best efforts to obtain any third party consents (i) necessary, proper or advisable to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement or (ii) disclosed in the Company Disclosure Letter or the Parent Disclosure Letter, as applicable; provided, <u>however</u> that the Company and Parent shall coordinate and cooperate in determining whether any actions, consents, approvals or waivers are required to be obtained from parties to any Company Scheduled Contracts in connection with consummation of the Merger and in seeking any such actions, consents, approvals or waivers. In the event that either party shall fail to obtain any third party consent described in this <u>Section 5.5(d)</u>, such party shall use its reasonable best efforts, and shall take any such actions reasonably requested by the other party hereto, to minimize any adverse effect upon the Company and Parent, their respective Subsidiaries and their respective

businesses resulting, or which could reasonably be expected to result, after the Effective Time, as applicable, from the failure to obtain such consent.

(e) Without limiting the generality of anything contained in this Section 5.5, each party hereto shall: (i) give the other parties prompt notice of the making or commencement of any request, inquiry, investigation, action or legal proceeding by or before any Governmental Entity with respect to the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (ii) keep the other parties informed as to the status of any such request, inquiry, investigation, action or legal proceeding; and (iii) promptly inform the other parties of any communication to or from the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Justice, the FERC, the FCC, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), the ACC, CFIUS or any other Governmental Entity regarding the Merger. Each party hereto will consult and cooperate with the other parties and will consider in good faith the views of the other parties in connection with any filing, analysis, appearance, presentation, memorandum, brief, argument, opinion or proposal made or submitted in connection with the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement. In addition, except as may be prohibited by any Governmental Entity or by any Law, in connection with any such request, inquiry, investigation, action or legal proceeding, each party hereto will use reasonable efforts to permit authorized representatives of the other parties to be present at each meeting or conference relating to such request, inquiry, investigation, action or legal proceeding and to have access to and be consulted in connection with any document, opinion or proposal made or submitted to any Governmental Entity in connection with such request, inquiry, investigation, action or legal proceeding.

(f) Nothing contained in this Agreement shall give Parent or Merger Sub, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct the operations of the Company prior to the Effective Time. Prior to the Effective Time, the Company shall exercise, consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, complete unilateral control and supervision over its business operations.

Section 5.6 <u>Certain Notices</u>. From and after the date of this Agreement until the Effective Time, each party hereto shall promptly after obtaining knowledge thereof, notify the other party hereto of: (a) the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be likely to cause any condition to the obligations of any party to effect the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement not to be satisfied; (b) the failure of the Company, Parent or Merger Sub, as the case may be, to comply with or satisfy any covenant, condition or agreement to be complied with or satisfied by it pursuant to this Agreement which, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to result in any condition to the obligations of any party to effect the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement which, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to result in any condition to the obligations of any party to effect the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement not to be satisfied; (c) any material actions, suits, claims or proceedings with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement commenced against the Company, any Company Subsidiary or Parent, as the case may be (and the Company or its directors relating to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, and no such settlement shall be agreed to without Parent s prior written consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned)); and (d) any written notice or other written communication from any Person alleging that the consent of such Person is or may be required in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; <u>provided</u>, however, that the

delivery of any notice pursuant to this <u>Section 5.6</u> shall not cure any breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement or otherwise limit or affect the remedies available hereunder to the party receiving such notice.

Section 5.7 <u>Public Announcement</u>. The Company, on the one hand, and Merger Sub and Parent, on the other hand, agree to (i) consult with each other before issuing any press release or public statement announcing the execution and delivery of this Agreement, (ii) provide to each other for review a copy of any such press release or public statement and (iii) not issue any such press release or public statement prior to providing each other with a reasonable period of time to review and comment on such press release or public statement. Prior to making any material, broad-based written communications to the employees of the Company or any Company Subsidiary generally that primarily relates to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to provide Parent with a copy of the intended communication and provide Parent with a reasonable period of time to review and comment on the communication.

## Section 5.8 Employee Benefit Matters.

(a) From and after the Effective Time and for the period ending on the second anniversary of the Effective Time (the <u>Benefit Protection Period</u>), the Surviving Corporation shall maintain for the benefit of the employees of the Company and Company Subsidiaries immediately prior to the Effective Time (the <u>Company Employees</u>) (i) an annual base salary and incentive compensation opportunities that are no less favorable than the annual base salary and incentive compensation arrangements) provided to such Company Employee under the Company Benefit Plans immediately prior to the Effective Time, and (ii) benefits to each Company Employee that, on a plan-by-plan basis, are no less favorable than the benefits under each applicable Company Benefit Plan provided to such Company Employee immediately prior to the Effective Time (excluding any equity-based compensation arrangements).

(b) Without limiting the generality of <u>Section 5.8(a)</u>, from and after the Effective Time, Parent shall, or shall cause the Parent Subsidiaries, including the Surviving Corporation, to, assume, honor and continue without amendment during the Benefit Protection Period or, if sooner, until all obligations thereunder have been satisfied, all of the Company Benefit Plans, disclosed in <u>Section 3.12(a)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter or entered into after the date hereof to the extent permitted by <u>Section 5.1(a)(x)</u>, that constitute employment, severance and termination plans, policies, programs, agreements and arrangements (including any change in control or severance agreement between the Company and any Company Employee), in each case, as in effect at the Effective Time, including with respect to any payments, benefits or rights arising as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (either alone or in combination with any other event), without any amendment or modification, other than any amendment or modification required to comply with applicable Law or as consented to by the parties thereto.

(c) With respect to any compensation or benefit plan, program, arrangement or agreement including any employee benefit plan, as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA, maintained by Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries, including the Surviving Corporation (including any vacation, paid time-off and severance plans), for all purposes, including

determining eligibility to participate, level of benefits, vesting, benefit accruals and early retirement subsidies, each Company Employee s service with the Company or any Company Subsidiary (as well as service with any predecessor employer of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, to the extent service with the predecessor employer is recognized by the Company or such Company Subsidiary) shall be treated as service with Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries, including the Surviving Corporation, to the extent such service was credited for similar purposes under a similar Company Benefit Plan; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such service need not be recognized (i) for purposes of benefit accrual under any defined benefit pension plan other than any Single Employer Plan, or (ii) to the extent that such recognition would result in any duplication of benefits.

(d) Parent shall, or shall cause the Parent Subsidiaries, including the Surviving Corporation, to waive, or cause to be waived, with respect to the Company Employees any pre-existing condition limitations, exclusions, actively at work requirements and waiting periods under any welfare benefit plan maintained by Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries in which Company Employees (and their eligible dependents) will be eligible to participate from and after the Effective Time, except to the extent that such pre-existing condition limitations, exclusions, actively-at-work requirements and waiting periods would not have been satisfied or waived under the comparable Company Benefit Plan immediately prior to the Effective Time. Parent shall, or shall cause the Parent Subsidiaries, including the Surviving Corporation, to recognize, or cause to be recognized, the dollar amount of all co-payments, deductibles and similar expenses incurred by each Company Employee (and his or her eligible dependents) under any Company Benefit Plan that is an employee welfare benefit plan during the calendar year in which the Effective Time occurs for purposes of satisfying such year s deductible and co-payment limitations under the relevant welfare benefit plans in which such Company Employee (and dependents) will be eligible to participate from and after the Effective Time, to the extent so recognized under such applicable Company Benefit Plan.

(e) Nothing in this Agreement, whether express or implied, shall: (i) confer upon any Company Employee or another employee of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, or any other Person, any rights or remedies, including any right to employment or continued employment for any period or terms of employment, of any nature whatsoever; (ii) be interpreted to prevent or restrict Parent, or any Parent Subsidiary, including the Surviving Corporation, from modifying or terminating the employment or terms of employment of any Company Employee or such other employee including the amendment or termination of any Company Benefit Plan or any employee benefit or compensation plan, program or arrangement according to its terms, after the Effective Time; or (iii) be treated as an amendment or other modification of any Company Benefit Plan or other employee benefit plan or arrangement.

(f) Upon each of (i) March 1, 2014 and (ii) the earlier to occur of March 1, 2015 and the date which is 30 days after the Effective Time, the Company or the Surviving Corporation shall pay to each Company Employee who participates in an annual incentive plan maintained by the Company and continues to be an employee of the Surviving Corporation through each such applicable date, a payment in an amount that is consistent with the past practices of the Company; provided, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, in calculating the level of attainment of the performance criteria applicable to any such incentive compensation, the Company (or the Surviving Corporation) shall exclude any expenses or costs

associated with or arising as a result of or in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any non-recurring charges that would not reasonably be expected to have been incurred had the transactions contemplated by this Agreement not occurred.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this <u>Section 5.8</u>, with respect to any Company Employee whose terms and conditions of employment are covered by a collective bargaining agreement between the Company or any Company Subsidiary and a labor union, the terms and conditions of such employees shall instead be governed by the terms of the applicable collective bargaining agreement. The Company and each of the Company Subsidiaries, as applicable, shall take or cause to be taken such actions as are required pursuant to the terms of any applicable collective bargaining agreement covering employees of the Company or any Company Subsidiary in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 5.9 <u>Takeover Laws.</u> If any moratorium, control share acquisition, fair price, business combination or other anti-takeover Law becomes, or is deemed to be, applicable to the Merger, including the acquisition of Shares pursuant thereto, or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement, then each of the Company, Parent, the Company Board and the Parent Board shall take all action reasonably available to it and grant such approvals to render such Law inapplicable to the foregoing.

## Section 5.10 Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

(a) For a period beginning at the Effective Time and ending on the sixth (6th) anniversary of the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless all past and present directors, officers and employees of the Company or any Company Subsidiary to the same extent such Persons are indemnified as of the date of this Agreement by the Company or any Company Subsidiary pursuant to applicable Law, the Company Charter, the Company By-laws, the articles of incorporation and bylaws, or equivalent organizational or governing documents, of any Company Subsidiary, and indemnification agreements, if any, in existence on the date of this Agreement with any directors, officers, and employees of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, arising out of acts or omissions in their capacity as directors, officers or employees of the Company or any Company Subsidiary occurring at or prior to the Effective Time; provided, however, that the Surviving Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless such persons to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law for acts or omissions occurring in connection with the approval, adoption, execution and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby. The Surviving Corporation shall advance expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) incurred in the defense of any claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation with respect to the matters subject to indemnification pursuant to this Section 5.10(a) in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Company Charter, the Company By-laws, the articles of incorporation and bylaws, or equivalent organizational documents, of any Company Subsidiary, and indemnification agreements, if any, in existence on the date of this Agreement and filed as an exhibit to a Company SEC Document, including any expenses incurred in enforcing such Person s rights under this Section 5.10, regardless of whether indemnification with respect to or advancement of such expenses is authorized under the Company Charter, the Company By-laws, the articles of incorporation and bylaws, or equivalent organizational documents, of any Company Subsidiary, or such indemnification agreements; provided, however, that the director, officer or employee to whom

expenses are advanced undertakes to repay such advanced expenses to Parent and the Surviving Corporation if it is ultimately determined that such director, officer or employee is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to this <u>Section 5.10(a)</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if any claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation (whether arising before, at or after the Effective Time) is made against such persons with respect to matters subject to indemnification hereunder on or prior to the sixth (6th) anniversary of the Effective Time, the provisions of this <u>Section 5.10(a)</u> shall continue in effect until the final disposition of such claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation.

(b) For not less than six (6) years from and after the Effective Time, the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation shall contain provisions no less favorable with respect to exculpation, indemnification and advancement of expenses of directors, officers and employees of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries for periods at or prior to the Effective Time than are currently set forth in the Company Charter and the Company By-laws. The indemnification agreements, if any, in existence on the date of this Agreement as disclosed on Section 5.10(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter with any of the directors, officers or employees of the Company or any Company Subsidiary shall be assumed by the Surviving Corporation, without any further action, and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms following the Effective Time.

(c) For the benefit of the Company s directors and officers, as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Effective Time, the Company shall be permitted, prior to the Effective Time, to obtain and fully pay the premium for an insurance and indemnification policy that provides coverage for a period of six (6) years from and after the Effective Time for events occurring prior to the Effective Time (the <u>D&O Insurance</u>) that is substantially equivalent to and in any event not less favorable in the aggregate than the Company s existing policy (true and complete copies of which have been previously provided to Parent) or, if substantially equivalent insurance coverage is unavailable, the best available coverage; provided, however, that the portion of the premium payable in respect of each year of such coverage shall not exceed 300% of the last annual premium paid prior to the date of this Agreement (which annual premium is disclosed on Section 5.10(c) of the Company Disclosure Letter). If the Company is unable to purchase such D&O Insurance prior to the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation shall, and Parent shall cause the Surviving Corporation to, as of the Effective Time, obtain and fully pay the premium for D&O Insurance that is substantially equivalent to and in any event not less favorable in the aggregate than the Company s existing policy (true and complete copies of which have been previously provided to Parent); provided, however, that the Surviving Corporation shall not be required to pay an annual premium for the D&O Insurance in excess of 300% of the last annual premium paid prior to the date of this Agreement; and provided, further, that if the annual premium would at any time exceed 300%, the Surviving Corporation shall be obligated to provide the maximum available coverage as may be obtained for 300% from an insurance carrier having a minimum A.M. Best credit rating of A- or higher. The Surviving Corporation shall maintain such policies in full force and effect, and continue to honor the obligations thereunder, for a period of not less than six (6) years from and after the Effective Time.

(d) In the event Parent or the Surviving Corporation (i) consolidates with or merges into any other Person and shall not be the continuing or surviving corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger or (ii) transfers all or substantially all of its properties and assets to

any Person, then proper provision shall be made so that such continuing or surviving corporation or entity or transferee of such assets, as the case may be, shall assume the obligations set forth in this <u>Section 5.10</u>.

(e) The obligations under this <u>Section 5.10</u> shall not be terminated or modified in such a manner as to adversely affect any past or present directors, officers and employees of the Company to whom this <u>Section 5.10</u> applies without the consent of such affected Person (it being expressly agreed that the persons for whose benefit this <u>Section 5.10</u> applies are express third party beneficiaries of this <u>Section 5.10</u>.

Section 5.11 <u>Agreements Concerning Merger Sub.</u> Parent hereby guarantees the due, prompt and faithful payment, performance and discharge by Merger Sub of, and the compliance by Merger Sub with, all of the covenants, agreements, obligations and undertakings of Merger Sub under this Agreement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, and covenants and agrees to take all actions necessary or advisable to ensure such payment, performance and discharge by Merger Sub hereunder. Parent shall, promptly following execution of this Agreement, approve and adopt this Agreement in its capacity as sole shareholder of Merger Sub and deliver to the Company evidence of its vote or action by written consent approving and adopting this Agreement in accordance with applicable Law and the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Merger Sub. During the period from the date of this Agreement through the Effective Time, Merger Sub shall not, and Parent shall not permit Merger Sub to, engage in any activity of any nature except as provided in or expressly contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 5.12 <u>Section 16 Matters.</u> Prior to the Effective Time, the Company Board, or an appropriate committee of non-employee directors thereof, shall adopt a resolution consistent with the interpretive guidance of the SEC so that the disposition by any officer or director of the Company who is a covered person of the Company for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act (<u>Section 16</u>) of Shares or other Equity Interests in the Company (including Company Options, Restricted Shares, Restricted Stock Units and Other Equity-Based Awards) pursuant to this Agreement and the Merger shall be an exempt transaction for purposes of Section 16.

Section 5.13 <u>Transfer Taxes</u>. All stock transfer, real estate transfer, documentary, stamp, recording and other similar Taxes (including interest, penalties and additions to any such Taxes) (<u>Transfer Taxes</u>) incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the Merger, (other than such Taxes required to be paid by reason of the payment of the Merger Consideration to a Person other than the holder of record of the Shares with respect to which such payment is made) shall be borne and paid by either Merger Sub or the Surviving Corporation (regardless of the Person liable for such Taxes under applicable Law) and the Company shall cooperate with Merger Sub and Parent in preparing, executing and filing any Tax Returns with respect to such Transfer Taxes.

#### Section 5.14 Post-Merger Operations.

(a) <u>Corporate Offices.</u> The Surviving Corporation shall maintain its headquarters in Tucson, Arizona.

(b) <u>Community Involvement</u>. The Surviving Corporation shall continue to support and, where appropriate, enhance (a) existing charitable and community corporate giving programs , (b) educational, environmental, economic and philanthropic partnerships and (c) consumer partnerships. For a period of five (5) years from closing, the Surviving Corporation shall make annual charitable contributions within the communities served by the Surviving Corporation and its regulated utility Subsidiaries not less than the level of charitable contributions made by the Surviving Corporation and its regulated utility Subsidiaries for the fiscal year that ended December 31, 2012, and otherwise maintain a level of involvement in community activities in the State of Arizona not less than the level of community involvement and related activities carried on by the Surviving Corporation and its regulated utility Subsidiaries for the fiscal year that ended December 31, 2012. Section 5.14(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth the aggregate dollar amount of charitable contributions made by the Company during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

(c) <u>Board of Directors.</u> The Surviving Corporation shall not permit the removal of any Person elected to the Board of the Surviving Corporation pursuant to the last sentence of <u>Section 1.1(c)</u> from his or her position as a director of the Surviving Corporation, except for cause, until at least the second (2nd) anniversary of the Closing Date and until his or her successor is duly qualified and elected.

(d) <u>Labor Contracts.</u> After the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation shall continue to perform all of the Company s obligations under and in accordance with the terms of the Company s collective bargaining agreements, subject to any amendments or waivers to such contracts as may be agreed by all of the parties thereto.

(e) In the event the Surviving Corporation (i) consolidates with or merges into any other Person and shall not be the continuing or surviving corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger or (ii) transfers all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any Person, then proper provision shall be made so that such continuing or surviving corporation or entity or transferee of such assets, as the case may be, shall assume the obligations set forth in this <u>Section 5.14</u>.

Section 5.15 <u>Transition Planning</u>. Promptly following the date hereof, the Company and Parent shall each appoint one or more representatives to a working committee that will be responsible for coordinating transition planning and implementation relating to the Merger and obtaining regulatory approvals with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 5.16 <u>Changes to Rates or Charges.</u> Excluding annually adjusted regulatory riders, the Company shall, and shall cause the Company Subsidiaries to, (i) obtain Parent s written consent prior to initiating any general rate case, (ii) consult with Parent prior to making any material changes in the Company s or the Company Subsidiaries rates or charges, standards of service or accounting from those in effect on the date of this Agreement or (iii) further consult with Parent prior to initiating any material proceeding (or filing any amendment thereto), or effecting any material agreement, commitment, arrangement or consent, whether written or oral, formal or informal, with respect thereto.

Section 5.17 <u>Ownership of Company Stock</u>. Prior to the Effective Time, none of Parent, Merger Sub or any other Parent Subsidiary or any affiliate of any of the foregoing will acquire, directly or indirectly, beneficially or of record, any Shares or any other securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, Company Common Stock or any other equity interests of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries.

## Section 5.18 Financing Cooperation.

(a) Prior to the Closing, the Company, each Company Subsidiary and each Company Representative will provide all cooperation reasonably requested by Ultimate Parent, Parent and Merger Sub in connection with the with the capital markets and bank financings to be undertaken by the Ultimate Parent in connection with the acquisition contemplated by the Merger (each a <u>Financing</u> and collectively, the <u>Financings</u>), and to use their respective commercially reasonable efforts (a) to cause appropriate officers and employees of the Company and each Company Subsidiary (i) to be available on a customary basis to meet with prospective lenders, rating agencies and investors in presentations, meetings, road shows and due diligence sessions, (ii) to assist with the preparation of disclosure documents, offering documents, private placement memoranda, bank information memoranda, prospectuses, rating agency presentations, projections and similar documents in connection therewith (including permitting the use of the Company s and any Company Subsidiaries logo therein), (iii) to provide customary authorization letters to the Financing sources authorizing the distribution of information provided by the Company and the Company Subsidiaries to prospective Financing sources, (iv) to furnish Ultimate Parent, Parent and Merger Sub and its Financing sources with financial statements and financial and other pertinent information regarding the Company and each Company Subsidiary as may be reasonably requested by Ultimate Parent, Parent and Merger Sub to consummate the offerings of securities contemplated by the Financings at the time that such offerings will be made (including, without limitation, such information necessary to prepare a pro forma consolidated balance sheet and related pro forma consolidated statement of operations), (v) to take all corporate actions necessary and customary to permit the consummation of the Financings and to execute and deliver any definitive Financing documentation, security documents, hedging arrangements, customary certificates, legal opinions (which may be reasoned, if counsel reasonably believes it cannot give the opinion otherwise) or other documents as may be reasonably requested by Ultimate Parent, Parent and Merger Sub in connection with the Financings, (vi) to obtain all waivers, consents and approvals from other parties to Contracts and Liens to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which any of them or their assets or properties are bound or subject, and (vii) to take all other actions necessary to permit the consummation of the Financings and (b) to cause the independent certified public accountants of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries to provide assistance to Ultimate Parent, Parent and Merger Sub, including providing the consents required under applicable securities laws to the use of their audit reports relating to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries in a public offering document, participating in customary due diligence sessions that may be conducted by the underwriters of any securities offering and to provide any necessary comfort letters and to prepare and deliver other customary documents and instruments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Section 5.18 shall require the cooperation or participation of the Company, the Company Subsidiaries or the Company Representatives to the extent it would (A) unreasonably interfere with the business or operations of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries or otherwise unreasonably interfere with the prompt and timely discharge by the Company s or any Company Subsidiary s employees of

their normal duties, (B) cause any representation or warranty in this Agreement to be breached, any condition to Closing set forth in Article VI to fail to be satisfied or otherwise cause any breach of this Agreement, (C) require the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries to pay any out-of-pocket fees or expenses prior to the Closing that are not promptly reimbursed by the Parent, (D) require the Company or any Company Subsidiary to pledge any assets as collateral, or pay any commitment or other similar fee or incur any other liability in connection with the Financings prior to the Closing, or otherwise involve any binding commitment by the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries unless such commitment is conditioned on the Closing and terminates automatically and without liability to the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries upon the termination of this Agreement or (E) cause any director, officer or employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to incur any personal liability. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, nothing in this <u>Section 5.18</u> shall require the Company Board to take any action to approve any Financing.

(b) Parent shall (i) promptly upon request by the Company reimburse the Company for all documented reasonable out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Company, the Company Subsidiaries or the Company Representatives in connection with the Financings or the performance by the Company, the Company Subsidiaries and the Company Representatives of the obligations contemplated by this <u>Section 5.18</u> and (ii) indemnify and hold harmless the Company, and its Affiliates and Representatives from and against any and all losses, claims, costs, expenses, interest, awards, judgments and penalties suffered or incurred by them in connection with the arrangement of the Financing or providing any of the information utilized in connection therewith, other than to the extent any of the foregoing arises from the willful misconduct, gross negligence or willful and material breach of the obligations of the Company, its Affiliates or Representatives under this Agreement.

(c) Parent acknowledges and agrees that, notwithstanding the Company s obligations under this <u>Section 5.18</u>, none of the obtaining of the Financing or any alternative financing or the completion of any issuance of securities contemplated by the Financing are a condition to the Closing, and reaffirms its obligation to consummate the Transactions irrespective and independently of the availability of the Financing or any alternative financing or the completion of any such issuance, subject to the applicable conditions set forth in <u>Sections 6.1</u> and <u>6.2</u>.

# ARTICLE VI

#### CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

Section 6.1 <u>Conditions to Obligations of Each Party to Effect the Merger</u>. The respective obligations of each party to effect the Merger shall be subject to the satisfaction or waiver by a joint action of the parties hereto at or prior to the Effective Time of each of the following conditions:

(a) <u>Company Shareholder Approval.</u> The Company shall have obtained the Company Shareholder Approval.

(b) <u>No Injunction.</u> No federal or state court of competent jurisdiction or other Governmental Entity shall have enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any order,

decree, judgment, injunction or other ruling or Law (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent), in any case which is in effect and which has the effect of making the Merger illegal or otherwise prevents or prohibits consummation of the Merger; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the condition in this <u>Section 6.1(b)</u> shall not be available to any party whose failure to fulfill its obligations pursuant to <u>Section 5.2</u> or <u>Section 5.5</u> shall have been the cause of, or shall have resulted in, such order, decree, judgment, injunction or other ruling.

(c) <u>Governmental Approvals.</u> The Company Required Governmental Approvals shall have been obtained (including the expiration or termination of any applicable waiting period, together with any extensions thereof, under the HSR Act) at or prior to the Effective Time, and such approvals shall have been Final Orders, and such approvals shall not, and no order, action or regulatory condition of a regulatory body shall, impose any terms or conditions that, individually or in the aggregate, have or would reasonably be expected to have Regulatory Burdensome Effect. For purposes of this <u>Section 6.1(c)</u>, a <u>Final Order</u> means an action by the relevant Governmental Entity that is legally effective as of the Effective Time and has not been reversed, stayed, enjoined, set aside, annulled or suspended, with respect to which any waiting period prescribed by Law before the transactions contemplated hereby may be consummated has expired (a <u>Final Order Waiting Period</u>), and as to which all conditions to the consummation of such transactions prescribed by Law have been satisfied.

(d) <u>CFIUS.</u> Parent and the Company shall have received written confirmation from CFIUS that CFIUS has reviewed the information provided to it regarding the Merger and based on its review and, where applicable, investigation, and CFIUS has determined that there are no unresolved national security concerns with respect to the Merger.

Section 6.2 <u>Additional Conditions to Obligations of Parent and Merger Sub.</u> The obligations of Parent and Merger Sub to effect the Merger are also subject to the satisfaction or waiver by Parent at or prior to the Effective Time of each of the following additional conditions:

(a) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. (i) Each of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Agreement (other than the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in <u>Sections 3.2(a)</u>, <u>3.2(b)</u>, <u>3.3</u>, clause (a) of Section <u>3.4</u>, and the first sentence of each of <u>Sections 3.2(c)</u> and <u>3.2(f)</u>, without regard to materiality or Company Material Adverse Effect qualifiers contained within such representations and warranties, shall be true and correct as of the date hereof and as of the Effective Time as though made on and as of the Effective Time (except that those representations and warranties that address matters only as of a particular date need only be true and correct as of such date); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the condition in this <u>Section 6.2(a)(i)</u> shall be deemed to be satisfied so long as any failures of such representations and warranties to be true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect; and (ii) the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in <u>Sections 3.2(a)</u> and <u>3.2(b)</u> and the first sentence of each of <u>Sections 3.2(c)</u> and <u>Section 3.2(f)</u> shall be true and correct in all respects (except for *de minimis* inaccuracies) and <u>Section 3.3</u> and clause (a) of <u>Section 3.4</u> without regard to materiality or Company Material Adverse Effect qualifiers contained within such representations and warranties, shall be true and correct in all material respects, as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Effective Time as though made on and as of the Effective Time (except that those representations and warranties that address matters only as of a particular date

need only be true and correct in all material respects as of such date). Parent shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of the Company by an authorized officer of the Company as to the satisfaction of the condition in this <u>Section</u> 6.2(a).

(b) <u>Agreements and Covenants.</u> The Company shall have performed or complied in all material respects with all agreements and covenants required by this Agreement to be performed or complied with by it on or prior to the Effective Time. Parent shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of the Company by an authorized officer of the Company as to the satisfaction of the condition in this <u>Section 6.2(b)</u>.

(c) <u>Material Adverse Effect.</u> Since the date of this Agreement, there shall not have occurred any Company Material Adverse Effect or any change, event, occurrence, effect or development that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 6.3 <u>Additional Conditions to Obligations of the Company</u>. The obligations of the Company to effect the Merger are also subject to the satisfaction or waiver by the Company at or prior to the Effective Time of each of the following additional conditions:

(a) <u>Representations and Warranties.</u> (i) Each of the representations and warranties of Parent and Merger Sub contained in this Agreement (other than the representations and warranties of Parent set forth in <u>Section 4.2</u>), without regard to materiality qualifiers contained within such representations and warranties, shall be true and correct as of the date hereof and as of the Effective Time as though made on and as of the Effective Time (except that those representations and warranties that address matters only as of a particular date need only be true and correct as of such date); <u>provided, however</u>, that the condition in this <u>Section 6.3(a)(i)</u> shall be deemed to be satisfied so long as any failures of such representations and warranties to be true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay or materially impair the ability of Parent and Merger Sub to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and (ii) the representations and warranties of Parent set forth in <u>Section 4.2</u> shall be true and correct in all respects as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Effective Time as though made on and as of the Effective Time (except that those representations and warranties that address matters only as of a particular date need only be true and correct in all material respects as of such date). The Company shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of the Parent by an authorized officer of Parent as to the satisfaction of the condition in this <u>Section 6.3(a)</u>.

(b) <u>Agreements and Covenants.</u> Each of Ultimate Parent, Parent and Merger Sub shall have performed or complied in all material respects with all agreements and covenants required by this Agreement to be performed or complied with by it on or prior to the Effective Time. The Company shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of Parent by an authorized officer of Parent as to the satisfaction of the condition in this <u>Section 6.3(b)</u>.

(c) <u>Governmental Approvals.</u> The ACC Approval shall not contain any term that has the effect of reducing the Merger Consideration to be received by the holders of Shares in their capacity as such, and any Company Required Governmental Approval that would reasonably be expected to contain such a term shall have been obtained by Final Order.

# ARTICLE VII

# TERMINATION, AMENDMENT AND WAIVER

Section 7.1 <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Effective Time, whether before or after receipt of the Company Shareholder Approval:

(a) by mutual written consent of Parent and the Company;

(b) by either the Company or Parent, if the Effective Time shall not have occurred on or before December 11, 2014 (the <u>Initial Outside Date</u>); provided, however, that (i) if on the Initial Outside Date the conditions to the Closing set forth in <u>Sections 6.1(c)</u>, 6.1(d) and 6.3(c) shall not have been satisfied, but all other conditions to the Closing shall have been satisfied or waived (or shall be capable of being satisfied at the Closing), then the Initial Outside Date shall be extended to June 11, 2015 (the <u>Extended Outside Date</u>) and (ii) if the Initial Outside Date or the Extended Outside Date, as the case may be, shall occur during any Final Order Waiting Period, the Initial Outside Date or the Extended Outside Date, as the case may be, shall be extended until the third (3rd) Business Day after the expiration of such Final Order Waiting Period; and provided, further, that the right to terminate this Agreement under this <u>Section 7.1(b)</u> shall not be available to any party if the failure of the Effective Time to occur on or before such date is the result of such party having breached or failed to perform any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements set forth in this Agreement;

(c) by either the Company or Parent, if the Company Shareholder Approval shall not have been obtained upon a vote taken thereon at the Company Shareholder Meeting (including any adjournment or postponement thereof);

(d) by either the Company or Parent, if any court of competent jurisdiction or other Governmental Entity shall have issued an order or injunction or taken any other action, in each case, permanently enjoining, restraining or prohibiting the Merger, and such order, injunction or other action shall have become final and non-appealable (which order, injunction or other action the party seeking to terminate this Agreement shall have used its reasonable best efforts to resist, resolve or lift, as applicable);

(e) by Parent, at any time prior to the receipt of the Company Shareholder Approval, if (i) the Company Board shall have effected a Change of Company Board Recommendation (whether or not in compliance with <u>Section 5.4</u>), or (ii) the Company shall have entered into a definitive agreement with respect to a Superior Proposal;

(f) by the Company, at any time prior to the receipt of the Company Shareholder Approval, in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 5.4(f)</u>; provided, however, that the Company shall have complied with all of the requirements of <u>Section 5.4(f)</u>;

(g) by Parent, if: (i) (A) the Company has breached or failed to perform any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, in any case, such that a condition contained in <u>Section 6.2(a)</u> or <u>6.2(b)</u>, respectively, is not reasonably capable of being satisfied; (B) Parent shall have delivered to the Company written notice of such breach or failure to perform; and (C) either such breach or failure to perform is not capable of cure or at least 30 days shall have elapsed since the date of delivery of such written notice to the Company and

such breach or failure to perform shall not have been cured; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that Parent shall not be permitted to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 7.1(g)</u> if Parent or Merger Sub has breached or failed to perform any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, in any case, such that a condition contained in <u>Section 6.3(a)</u> or <u>6.3(b)</u> is not reasonably capable of being satisfied; or (ii) all of the conditions in <u>Sections 6.1</u> and <u>6.3</u> (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing) have been satisfied or waived and the Company has failed to effect the Closing pursuant to <u>Section 1.2</u>; or

(h) by the Company, if: (i) (A) Ultimate Parent, Parent or Merger Sub has breached or failed to perform any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, in any case, such that a condition contained in <u>Section 6.3(a)</u> or <u>6.3(b)</u>, respectively, is not reasonably capable of being satisfied; (B) the Company shall have delivered to Parent written notice of such breach or failure to perform; and (C) either such breach or failure to perform is not capable of cure or at least 30 days shall have elapsed since the date of delivery of such written notice to Parent and such breach or failure to perform shall not have been cured; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Company shall not be permitted to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 7.1(h)(i)</u> if the Company has breached or failed to perform any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, in any case, such that a condition contained in <u>Section 6.2(a)</u> or <u>6.2(b)</u> is not reasonably capable of being satisfied; or (ii) all of the conditions in <u>Sections 6.1</u> and <u>6.2</u> (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing) have been satisfied or waived and Parent and Merger Sub have failed to effect the Closing pursuant to <u>Section 1.2</u>.

## Section 7.2 Effect of Termination.

(a) In the event of termination of this Agreement by either the Company or Parent as provided in <u>Section 7.1</u>, this Agreement shall forthwith become void and there shall be no liability or obligation on the part of Ultimate Parent, Parent, Merger Sub or the Company or their respective Subsidiaries, officers or directors, in either case, except (i) with respect to <u>Section 5.3(b)</u>, this <u>Section 7.2</u> and Article VIII, or (ii) with respect to any liabilities or damages incurred or suffered by a party as a result of the willful and material breach by another party of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements set forth in this Agreement.

(b) In the event that this Agreement is terminated:

- (i) by (A) Parent pursuant to Section 7.1(e), or (B) the Company pursuant to Section 7.1(f), then the Company shall pay (or cause to be paid) to Parent, within two (2) Business Days following the date of such termination by Parent pursuant to clause (A), or prior to or concurrently with such termination by the Company pursuant to clause (B), a termination fee of \$63,900,000 (the <u>Company Termination Fee</u>); or
- (ii) (A) by (1) either Parent or the Company pursuant to <u>Section 7.1(b)</u> or <u>Section 7.1(c)</u> or (2) Parent pursuant to <u>Section 7.1(g)</u>, (B) prior to the termination pursuant to <u>Section 7.1(b)</u>, the Company Shareholder Meeting or the breach of or failure to perform giving rise to Parent s right to

terminate under Section 7.1(g), as the case may be, an Acquisition Proposal involving the Company shall have been made to the Company or the Company Board or publicly disclosed and, in each case, not withdrawn and (C) within twelve (12) months after the termination of this Agreement the Company shall have entered into a definitive agreement with respect to, or consummated, an Acquisition Proposal, then the Company shall pay to Parent, within two (2) Business Days after the earlier of the date the Company enters into such definitive agreement or consummates such Acquisition Proposal, an amount equal to the Company Termination Fee less any Parent Transaction Expenses previously paid in accordance with Section 7.2(b)(ii). For purposes of clause (C) of this Section 7.2(b)(ii), the term Acquisition Proposal shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.4, except that all percentages therein shall be changed to 50%; or

(iii) (A) by (1) either Parent or the Company pursuant to Section 7.1(b) or Section 7.1(c) or (2) Parent pursuant to Section 7.1(g), and (B) prior to the termination pursuant to Section 7.1(b), the Company Shareholder Meeting or the breach or failure to perform giving rise to Parent s right to terminate under Section 7.1(g), as the case may be, an Acquisition Proposal involving the Company shall have been made to the Company or the Company Board or publicly disclosed and, in each case, not withdrawn, then the Company shall reimburse Parent promptly upon demand, but in no event later than three (3) Business Days after the date of such demand, by wire transfer of same day funds, for all fees and expenses incurred or paid by or on behalf of Parent in connection with the Merger or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including all fees and expenses incurred in connection with Parent s equity and debt Financing and fees and expenses of counsel (Parent Transaction Expenses pursuant to this Section 7.2(b)(iii) in excess of \$12,500,000 in the aggregate.

(c) Any payment under <u>Section 7.2(b)</u> shall be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account designated in writing by Parent.

(d) Each of the Company, Parent and Merger Sub acknowledges that (i) the agreements contained in this <u>Section 7.2</u> are an integral part of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and (ii) without these agreements, Parent, Merger Sub and the Company would not enter into this Agreement. It is acknowledged and agreed that the Company Termination Fee is not a penalty, but rather is liquidated damages in a reasonable amount that will compensate Parent in the circumstances in which the Company Termination Fee is payable; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the foregoing shall not limit Parent s rights with respect to any liabilities or damages incurred or suffered by Ultimate Parent, Parent or Merger Sub as a result of the willful and material breach by the Company of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements set forth in this Agreement (including any such case in which the Company Termination Fee or Parent Transaction Expenses is payable pursuant to this <u>Section 7.2</u>, to the extent any such liability or damage suffered

by Parent exceeds the amount of the Company Termination Fee or Parent Transaction Expenses payable pursuant to this <u>Section 7.2</u>, it being the intent that any Company Termination Fee or Parent Transaction Expenses shall, to the extent of such payment, serve as credit against and off-set any liability or damage suffered by Parent as a result of the willful and material breach by the Company of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements set forth in this Agreement). In no event shall the Company be required to pay to Parent more than one Company Termination Fee pursuant to <u>Section 7.2(b)</u>. In the event that any payment required to be made pursuant to this <u>Section 7.2</u> is not paid by the date so required, such amount payable shall bear interest at a rate equal to the greater of (i) the current per annum interest rate published by the Federal Reserve Board in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) (Selected Interest Rates) as the bank prime loan rate and (ii) five percent (5%) per annum. The unsuccessful party in any action to enforce the provisions of this <u>Section 7.2</u> shall pay all reasonable expenses, including reasonable attorneys fees, that may be incurred by the successful party to such action.

Section 7.3 <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended by the Company, Parent and Merger Sub by action taken by or on behalf of their respective Boards of Directors at any time prior to the Effective Time; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, after receipt of the Company Shareholder Approval, no amendment may be made which, by Law or in accordance with the rules of any relevant stock exchange, requires further approval by the Company s shareholders without obtaining such further approval. This Agreement may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed by each of the parties hereto.

Section 7.4 <u>Waiver</u>. At any time prior to the Effective Time, Parent and Merger Sub, on the one hand, and the Company, on the other hand, may (a) extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the other, (b) waive any breach of the representations and warranties of the other contained herein or in any document delivered pursuant hereto and (c) waive compliance by the other with any of the covenants or conditions contained herein; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that after receipt of the Company Shareholder Approval, there may not be any extension or waiver of this Agreement which decreases the Merger Consideration or which adversely affects the rights of the Company s shareholders hereunder without the approval of such shareholders at a duly convened meeting of the Company s shareholders called to obtain approval of such extension or waiver. Any such extension or waiver shall be valid only if set forth in an instrument in writing signed by the party or parties to be bound thereby, but such extension or waiver or failure to insist on strict compliance with an obligation, covenant, agreement or condition shall not operate as a waiver of, or estoppel with respect to, any subsequent or other failure.

# ARTICLE VIII

# GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 8.1 <u>Non-Survival of Representations and Warranties</u>. None of the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement or in any instrument delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall survive the Effective Time. Except for any covenant or agreement that by its terms contemplates performance after the Effective Time, none of the covenants and agreements of the parties contained this Agreement shall survive the Effective Time.

Section 8.2 <u>Fees and Expenses</u>. Subject to <u>Section 5.13</u> and <u>Section 7.2</u>, whether or not the Merger is consummated, all fees and expenses incurred by the parties hereto shall be borne solely and entirely by the party which has incurred the same; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that all fees and expenses associated with filings made pursuant to the HSR Act shall be paid by Parent.

Section 8.3 <u>Notices.</u> Any notices, consents, approvals, demands, requests or other communications required or permitted under, or otherwise given in connection with, this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered either in person, by Federal Express (or other reliable overnight courier), by registered or certified mail, or by facsimile transmission or electronic mail, and shall be deemed to have been duly given (a) upon receipt, if delivered personally or by Federal Express (or other reliable overnight courier), with overnight delivery and with acknowledgement of receipt requested, (ii) three (3) Business Days after mailing, if mailed by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested) or (iii) on the Business Day the transmission is made, when transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail (provided, that the same is sent by Federal Express (or other reliable overnight courier) for delivery on the next succeeding Business Day, with acknowledgment of receipt requested), to the address specified below for the recipient party, in each case as follows (or, in each case, at or to such other address or telecopier number for the recipient party as shall be specified by notice from such party given pursuant to this <u>Section 8.3</u>):

If to Parent or Merger Sub, addressed to it at:

c/o Fortis Inc. The Fortis Building, 139 Water Street, Suite 1201 P.O. Box 8837 St. John s, Newfoundland A1B 3T2 Canada Fax: Attention: Ronald W. McCabe E-mail: with a copy to (for information purposes only):

White & Case LLP 1155 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036 Fax: (212) 354-8113 Attention: Earle H. O Donnell John M Reiss E-mail: EOdonnell@whitecase.com JReiss@WhiteCase.com

If to the Company, addressed to it at:

UNS Energy Corporation

88 E. Broadway Blvd.

HQE901

Tucson, Arizona 85701

Fax:

Attention: Todd Hixon

Vice President & General Counsel

E-mail:

with copies to (for information purposes only):

Baker Botts L.L.P. 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10112 Fax: (212) 259-2557 Attention: William S. Lamb Michael Didriksen E-mail: bill.lamb@bakerbotts.com michael.didriksen@bakerbotts.com

Section 8.4 <u>Certain Definitions.</u> For purposes of this Agreement, the term:

A.A.C. means the Arizona Administrative Code, which comprise the rules of the State of Arizona.

<u>Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement</u> means a confidentiality agreement that contains confidentiality provisions of the relevant third party that has made an Acquisition Proposal that are no less favorable in the aggregate to the Company than those contained in the Confidentiality Agreement, except that the Company shall be permitted to enter into a less favorable confidentiality agreement, provided that the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement are deemed modified to the same extent; and provided, further, that such Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement does not in any way restrict the Company from complying with its obligations under this Agreement, including with respect to the Company s disclosure obligations to Parent under this Agreement with respect to any Acquisition Proposal.

<u>Acquisition Propos</u>al means any inquiry, offer, indication of interest or proposal (whether or not in writing) from, or public announcement by, any Person relating to any transaction or series of transactions involving (a) any merger, consolidation, share exchange, business combination, reorganization, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution or other similar transaction involving the Company, (b) any sale, lease, license or other disposition, directly or indirectly (including by way of merger, consolidation, share exchange, business combination, reorganization, reorganization, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution, solution, share exchange, business combination, reorganization, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution, joint venture, sale of Equity Interests, or any other economic interest, in the Company or a

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Company Subsidiary or otherwise), of assets of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries representing 20% or more of the consolidated revenues, net income or assets of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, (c) issuance,

sale or other disposition, directly or indirectly, of Equity Interests representing 20% or more of the voting power of the Company, (d) any direct or indirect acquisition of securities, tender offer or exchange offer or other similar transaction that, if consummated, would result in any Person or group (as defined in the Exchange Act) of Persons, directly or indirectly acquiring beneficial or record ownership of more than 20% of the Shares then outstanding or (e) combination of the foregoing (in each case, other than the Merger).

<u>affiliate</u> 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 first-mentioned Person.

<u>Aggregate Merger Consideration</u> means the product of the Merger Consideration and the number of Shares issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (other than Shares to be cancelled in accordance with <u>Section 2.1(b)</u> and Restricted Shares).

A.R.S. means the Arizona Revised Statutes, which comprise the statutory laws of the State of Arizona.

<u>Business Day</u> means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks are required or authorized by Law to close in New York, New York, the Province of Ontario, Canada or the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.

<u>C.F.R.</u> means the Code of Federal Regulations as published in the Federal Register by the departments and agencies of the U.S. Government.

<u>Code</u> means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

<u>Company Equity Award</u> means Company Options, Restricted Shares, Restricted Stock Units, Other Equity-Based Awards or any other equity-based compensation awards of the Company.

<u>Company Material Adverse Effect</u> means any fact, change, event, circumstance, occurrence, effect or development that is materially adverse to (i) the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (ii) the ability of the Company to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or to perform its obligations under this Agreement on a timely basis in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and applicable Law; <u>provided, however</u>, that none of the following shall be deemed in themselves, either alone or in combination, to constitute, and none of the following shall be taken into account in determining whether there has been or will be, a Company Material Adverse Effect, except, in the case of clauses (a), (b), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j), to the extent such fact, change, event or development has a disproportionate effect on the Company and the Company Subsidiaries; taken as a whole, compared with other Persons operating in the natural gas and electric utility industries: (a) any change affecting the general economy or political, regulatory, business, economic, financial, credit or capital market conditions in the United States, including interest rates or exchange rates, or any changes therein; (b) any change affecting the national, regional, state or local wholesale or retail markets for natural gas or electric power or the national, regional, state or local electric or natural gas transmission or distribution systems; (c) any change attributable to the execution or announcement of this Agreement, or the pendency of the

transactions contemplated hereby, including any change attributable to the proceeding in connection with the application for the ACC Approval (but without limiting the application of Section 5.5(c) hereof), any reduction in sales resulting therefrom, any adverse change in supplier, distributor, employee, financing source, shareholder, partner or similar relationships resulting therefrom or any change in the credit rating of the Company or any Company Subsidiary resulting therefrom; (d) any action taken, or failure to act, at the written request of Parent or Merger Sub; (e) acts of war (whether or not declared), the commencement, continuation or escalation of a war, acts of armed hostility, sabotage or terrorism or other international or national calamity or any material worsening of such conditions threatened or existing as of the date of this Agreement; (f) any change in national, regional, state or local wholesale or retail electric power and capacity or natural gas prices or in the market price for commodities; (g) any hurricane, earthquake, flood or other natural disasters or acts of God; (h) any change resulting from weather conditions or customer use patterns; (i) any adoption, proposal or implementation of, or change in, any applicable Law after the date hereof or any interpretation thereof by any Governmental Entity; (j) any change in GAAP after the date hereof or any interpretation thereof by any Governmental Entity; (k) any failure by the Company to meet any estimates of revenues, earnings, projections or other economic performance, whether published, internally prepared or provided to Parent and any Parent Representatives; or (1) any change in the price or trading volume of the Company Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange or any suspension of trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange; provided, however, that with respect to clauses (k) and (l), it is understood that the facts and circumstances giving rise to such failure or change may be deemed to constitute, and may be taken into account in determining whether there has been, a Company Material Adverse Effect if such facts and circumstances are not otherwise described in clauses (a)-(j) of this definition.

<u>Company Shareholder Meeting</u> means a duly convened meeting of the Company s shareholders called to obtain the Company Shareholder Approval, or any valid adjournment or postponement thereof made in accordance with this Agreement.

<u>Contract</u> means any agreement, contract, lease (whether for real or personal property), power of attorney, note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, loan, evidence of indebtedness, letter of intent, purchase order, letter of credit, settlement agreement, franchise agreement, covenant not to compete, employment agreement, license, purchase and sales order or other legal commitment to which a Person is a party or to which the properties or assets of such Person are subject.

<u>control</u> (including the terms controlled by and under common control with ) means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of Equity Interests, by Contract or otherwise.

<u>Environmental Laws</u> means all applicable federal, state or local Laws (including the common law), statutes, ordinances and regulations which (a) regulate or relate to the protection or clean up of the environment, the protection of human health or worker safety (to the extent related to the exposure to Hazardous Substances) or the use, treatment, storage, transportation, handling, disposal or release of Hazardous Substances or (b) impose liability or responsibility with respect to

any of the foregoing, including the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.), or any other law of similar effect.

<u>Environmental Permi</u>ts means any permit, approval, identification number, license and other authorization required under any applicable Environmental Law.

<u>Equity Interest</u> means any share, capital stock, partnership, membership, voting security or similar interest in any Person, and any option, warrant, right or security (including debt securities) convertible, exchangeable or exercisable therefor.

<u>ERISA Affiliate</u> means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with the Company or any Company Subsidiary or Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, as applicable, is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code or, solely for purposes of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Code, is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

<u>Exchange Act</u> means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

<u>GAAP</u> means generally accepted accounting principles as applied in the United States.

<u>Governmental Entity</u> means any national, federal, state, county, municipal or local government, or other political subdivision thereof, and any entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory, taxing or administrative functions of or pertaining to government, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the North American Electric Reliability Corp. in its capacity as the FERC-certified Electric Reliability Organization and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

<u>Hazardous Substances</u> means any toxic, reactive, corrosive, ignitable or flammable chemical, or chemical compound, or hazardous substance, material or waste, whether solid, liquid or gas that is subject to regulation, control or remediation under any Laws regulating or relating to the protection or clean up of the environment or the protection of human health or worker safety.

<u>HSR Act</u> means the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

<u>Indebtedness</u> of any Person means and includes each of the following: (a) any indebtedness for borrowed money or indebtedness issued or incurred in substitution or exchange for indebtedness for borrowed money, (b) any obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, (c) any obligations to pay the deferred purchase price of property or services, except trade accounts payable and other current liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business, (d) any obligations as lessee under capitalized leases, synthetic leases or conditional sale or other title retention agreements, (e) any obligations, contingent or otherwise, under acceptance credit, letters of credit or similar facilities that have been drawn, (f) obligations under any interest rate, currency or other hedging agreements, or (g) any guaranty, keep well agreement or other agreement to maintain any financial condition of another person or any arrangement having the economic effect of any of the foregoing.

<u>Intellectual Property</u> means all U.S. (a) patents and patent applications, (b) trademarks, service marks, trade dress, logos, Internet domain names, trade names and corporate names, whether registered or unregistered, and the goodwill associated therewith, together with any registrations and applications for registration thereof, (c) copyrights and rights under copyrights, whether registered or unregistered, and any registrations and applications for registration thereof, (d) trade secrets and other rights in know-how and confidential or proprietary information, including any technical data, specifications, techniques, inventions and discoveries, (e) rights of privacy and rights of publicity, and (f) all other intellectual property rights recognized by applicable Law enforceable in the U.S.

<u>IT Assets</u> means all computers, computer software, hardware, firmware, middleware, servers, source code, object code, development tools, workstations, routers, hubs, switches, data communications lines, websites, data, and all other information technology equipment, and all associated documentation (a) owned by the Company or one of the Company s Subsidiaries or (b) which the Company or one of the Company s Subsidiaries uses, including any and all outsourced or cloud computing based arrangements.

<u>IRS</u> means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

<u>knowledge</u> means (i) with respect to the Company, the actual knowledge of the individuals listed in Exhibit A-1 hereto after reasonable inquiry of those employees of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries known to such individuals to have specialized knowledge of the subject matter of the applicable representation or warranty and (ii) with respect to the Parent, the actual knowledge of the individuals listed in Exhibit A-2 hereto.

<u>Law</u> means any federal, state, local or foreign law, statute, code, ordinance, rule, regulation, order, judgment, writ, stipulation, award, injunction or decree, including for the avoidance of doubt, reliability standards developed and enforced by the North American Electric Reliability Council in its capacity as the FERC-certified Electric Reliability Organization or the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

<u>Lien</u> means any lien, claim, mortgage, defect of title, conditions, preemption right, debenture, indenture, hypothecation, license to third parties, equity, charge, pledge, conditional or installment sale agreement, encumbrance, covenant, restriction, option, right of first refusal, easement, security interest, deed of trust, right-of-way, encroachment, community property interest or other claim or restriction of any nature (contingent or otherwise), whether voluntarily incurred or arising by operation of Law.

Parent Subsidiary means any Subsidiary of Parent.

<u>Permitted Lien</u> means (i) Liens specifically reflected or reserved against or otherwise disclosed in the Company Financial Statements; (ii) mechanics, materialmen s, warehousemen s, carriers, workers or repairmen s Liens arising or incurred in the ordinary course that are not material in amount or effect on the business of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries; (iii) Liens for Taxes (x) not yet due and payable or (y) being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and in each case of clause (x) and (y) for which adequate reserves, to the extent required in accordance with GAAP, are reflected in the Company Financial Statements; (iv) with

respect to real property, easements, quasi-easements, licenses, covenants, rights-of-way, rights of re-entry or other similar restrictions, including any other agreements, conditions or restrictions that would be shown by a current title report and which do not materially impair the owner of such property s ability to use the property as currently used; and (v) encumbrances that would not materially impair the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, or the use or value of the relevant asset.

<u>Person</u> means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, trust, unincorporated organization, other entity or person (as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act).

<u>Proxy Statement</u> means a proxy statement relating to the approval and adoption of this Agreement by the Company s shareholders and any amendments or supplements thereto.

<u>Release</u> means disposing, discharging, injecting, spilling, leaking, leaching, dumping, emitting, escaping, emptying and seeping into or upon any land or water or air or otherwise entering the environment.

<u>Remedial Action</u> means all action to (a) clean up, remove, treat or handle in any other way Hazardous Substances in the environment, (b) prevent the Release of Hazardous Substances so that they do not migrate, endanger or threaten to endanger public health or the environment, or (c) perform preliminary assessments, site investigations, remedial investigations, remedial actions, feasibility studies, corrective actions, closures and post-remedial or post-closure studies, investigations, operations, maintenance, reporting and monitoring.

<u>Renewable Energy Credi</u>ts has the meaning set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-1801 et seq. (Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff).

<u>Renewable Portfolio Standard</u> means the Annual Renewable Energy Requirement, which shall have the meaning set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-1801 et seq. (Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff).

<u>SEC</u> means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Securities Act means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

<u>Subsidiary</u> of Parent, the Company or any other Person means any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or other legal entity of which Parent, the Company or such other Person, as the case may be (either alone or through or together with any other Subsidiary), owns, directly or indirectly, a majority of the voting power of the Equity Interests representing the right to vote for the election of the board of directors or other governing body of such corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or other legal entity.

<u>Superior Proposal</u> means any bona fide written Acquisition Proposal (except that all percentages therein shall be changed to 50%) made by a third party that, in the good faith judgment of the Company Board, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside counsel, taking into account all the terms and conditions of such proposal that the Company Board deems

relevant (including, but not necessarily limited to, the (i) legal terms and conditions, (ii) conditions to closing, (iii) financial provisions, (iv) regulatory conditions and other undertakings relating to the Company s and the Company Subsidiary s customers, employees and other constituencies, (v) probable timing, (vi) likelihood of consummation (including whether such Acquisition Proposal is contingent on receipt of third party financing or is terminable by the acquiring third party upon payment of a termination fee) and (vii) other aspects of the proposal, as well as any changes to the terms of this Agreement committed to by Parent in response to such proposal or otherwise), is more favorable to the Company than the Merger.

<u>Tax Return</u> means any report, return (including information return), claim for refund, election, estimated tax filing or declaration required to be supplied to any Governmental Entity or domestic or foreign taxing authority with respect to Taxes, including any schedule or attachment thereto, and including any amendments thereof.

<u>Taxes</u> means (a) any federal, state, local or foreign taxes, assessments, duties, levies, or other similar governmental charges, including taxes based on or measured by value, worth, capital, income, receipts, profits, sales or other business activity, or a tax imposed in lieu thereof, including withholding of any of the foregoing and collection of sales taxes, franchise, profits, capital gains, capital stock, transfer, sales, use, occupation, property, excise, severance, windfall profits, stamp, license, payroll, withholding, fuels, ad valorem and other taxes, assessments, duties, levies or other similar governmental charges of any kind whatsoever (whether payable directly or by withholding and whether or not requiring the filing of a Tax Return), all estimated taxes, deficiency assessments, and (b) any interest, penalty or addition to any of the foregoing.

<u>U.S.C.</u> means the Code of the Laws of the U.S.

Section 8.5 <u>Terms Defined Elsewhere</u>. The following terms are defined elsewhere in this Agreement, as indicated below:

| <u>Agreement</u>                       |
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| <u>ABC</u> A                           |
| <u>_AC</u> C                           |
| <u>ACC Approv</u> al                   |
| ADEQ                                   |
| <u>Articles of Merg</u> er             |
| Benefit Protection Period              |
| Book-Entry Shares                      |
| <u>Certifica</u> te                    |
| <u></u> CFIUS                          |
| Change of Company Board Recommendation |
| <u>Closing Date</u>                    |
| <u>Closing</u>                         |
| <u>Company</u>                         |
| Company Benefit Plan                   |
| <u>Company Boar</u> d                  |
| Company Board Recommendation           |
| <u>Company By-laws</u>                 |
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Preamble Section 1.1(a) Section 1.2 Section 3.5(d) Section 5.5(e)(iii) Section 1.2 Section 5.8(a) Section 2.2(b)(ii) Section 2.1(a) Section 3.5(g) Section 5.4(d)(iii) Section 1.2 Section 1.2 Preamble Section 3.12(a) Recitals Section 5.2(c) Section 3.1(b)(ii)

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Section 3.1(b)(i) Section 2.1(a) Article III Section 5.8(a) Section 2.3(a)(i) Section 3.7 Section 3.22 Section 3.1(d) Section 3.1(d)(i) Section 3.1(d)(ii) Section 3.16(b)(i) Section 2.3(a)(i) Section 3.16(a) Section 3.6(a) Section 3.2(a) Section 3.16(c) Section 3.16(b) Section 5.3(a) Section 3.5(d) Section 3.14(b) Section 3.7 Section 3.23 Section 3.1(c) Section 7.2(b)(i) Section 5.3(b) Section 5.10(c) Section 3.28 Section 3.5(g) Section 1.2 Section 3.12(a) Section 2.2(a) Section 7.1(b)(i) Section 3.5(h) Section 3.5(d) Section 3.5(d) Section 6.1(c) Section 6.1(c) Section 5.18 Section 3.25(a) Section 7.1(b) Recitals Section 2.1(a) Preamble Section 3.28 Section 5.4(e)(i)Section 5.4(f)(ii)

| Option Payments              | Section 2.3(a)(i)   |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Other Equity-Based Award     | Section 2.3(a)(iii) |
| Parent                       | Preamble            |
| Parent Board                 | Recitals            |
| Parent Disclosure Letter     | Article IV          |
| Parent Representatives       | Section 5.3(a)(i)   |
| Parent Transaction Expenses  | Section 7.2(b)(iii) |
| Paying Agent                 | Section 2.2(a)      |
| <u>PBG</u> C                 | Section 3.12(e)(iv) |
| <u>PUHC</u> A                | Section 3.25(a)     |
| <u>PURP</u> A                | Section 3.25(a)(ii) |
| Regulatory Burdensome Effect | Section 5.5(c)      |
| Restricted Share             | Section 2.3(a)(ii)  |
| Restricted Stock Units       | Section 2.3(a)(iii) |
| <u>Sarbanes-Oxley A</u> ct   | Section 3.7         |
| <u>Section 1</u> 6           | Section 5.12        |
| Shares                       | Section 2.1(a)      |
| <u>Single Employer Plan</u>  | Section 3.12(e)     |
| Surviving Corporation        | Section 1.1(a)      |
| <u>TE</u> P                  | Section 3.2(a)      |
| TEP Common Stock             | Section 3.2(a)(i)   |
| TEP Preferred Stock          | Section 3.2(a)(ii)  |
| Trading Guidelines           | Section 3.28        |
| <u>Transfer Taxes</u>        | Section 5.13        |
| <u>Ultimate Paren</u> t      | Preamble            |
| <u>UNS Electri</u> c         | Section 3.25(a)     |
| <u>UNS G</u> as              | Section 3.25(a)     |
| Utility Subsidiaries         | Section 3.25(a)     |
| <u>VEB</u> A                 | Section 3.12(a)     |
| WARN                         | Section 3.13(a)     |

Section 8.6 <u>Headings</u>. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 8.7 <u>Severability</u>. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of Law or public policy, all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner to the end that the transactions contemplated hereby are fulfilled to the extent possible.

Section 8.8 <u>Entire Agreement.</u> This Agreement (together with the Exhibits, Company Disclosure Letter, Parent Disclosure Letter and the other documents delivered pursuant hereto) and the Confidentiality Agreement constitute the entire agreement of the parties and supersede all

prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, among the parties, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Section 8.9 <u>Assignment</u>. Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations under this Agreement shall be assigned or transferred, in whole or in part, by operation of Law or otherwise by any of the parties hereto without the prior written consent of the other parties, except that Parent or Merger Sub may transfer or assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement, in whole or from time to time in part, to (i) one or more direct or indirect wholly-owned Subsidiaries of Ultimate Parent at any time and (ii) after the Effective Time, to any Person; <u>provided</u>, that no such transfer or assignment shall relieve Ultimate Parent, Parent or Merger Sub from any of its obligations hereunder or make it more difficult for Ultimate Parent to comply with its obligations under the Ultimate Parent guarantee set forth in <u>Section 8.15</u>. Any assignment or transfer in violation of the preceding sentence shall be void.

Section 8.10 Parties in Interest. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of each party hereto and their respective successors and assigns, and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other Person any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement, other than: (a) any Persons entitled to indemnification under the provisions of Section 5.10, with respect to such provisions, who shall be entitled to enforce their rights under this Agreement as third-party beneficiaries; (b) the shareholders of the Company, in the event of a termination of this Agreement as a result of a breach of this Agreement by Parent or Merger Sub, subject to Section 7.2(a), with respect to the lost opportunity to receive the Merger Consideration pursuant to this Agreement; provided, however, that the rights granted pursuant to this clause (b) shall only be enforceable by the Company on behalf of the shareholders of the Company (and not directly by any such shareholder) (it being understood and agreed that any and all interests in such claims shall attach to the Shares and subsequently trade and transfer therewith and, consequently, any damages, settlements or other amounts recovered or received by the Company with respect to such claims (net of expenses incurred by the Company in connection therewith) may, in the Company s sole and absolute discretion, be (i) distributed, in whole or in part, by the Company to the holders of Shares of record as of any date determined by the Company or (ii) retained by the Company for the use and benefit of the Company on behalf of its shareholders in any manner the Company deems fit); and (c) the shareholders of the Company, after the Effective Time, with respect to the right of such shareholders to receive Merger Consideration for any Share such shareholder holds.

Section 8.11 <u>Mutual Drafting; Interpretation.</u> Each party hereto has participated in the drafting of this Agreement, which each party acknowledges is the result of extensive negotiations between the parties. If an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any provision. For purposes of this Agreement, whenever the context requires: (i) the singular number shall include the plural, and vice versa; (ii) the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders; (iii) the feminine genders. As used in this Agreement, the words include and including, and variations thereof, shall not be deemed to be terms of limitation, but rather shall be deemed to be followed by the words without limitation. Except as otherwise indicated, all references in this Agreement to Sections and Exhibits, are intended to refer to Sections of this

Agreement and Exhibits to this Agreement. All references in this Agreement to \$ are intended to refer to U.S. dollars. Unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, the term or shall not be deemed to be exclusive. The words hereof, herein and hereunder and words of similar import, when used in this Agreement, refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement.

# Section 8.12 Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction; Waiver of Trial by Jury.

(a) Except to the extent the ABCA is mandatorily applicable to the Merger, this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of Delaware without regard to Laws that may be applicable under conflicts of laws principles that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware.

(b) Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Delaware Court of Chancery and any appellate court from therefrom in the State of Delaware (or, if the Delaware Court of Chancery declines to accept jurisdiction over a particular matter, any state or federal court within the State of Delaware and any appellate court from any thereof) in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the agreements delivered in connection herewith or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment relating hereto or thereto, and each of the parties hereby irrevocably and unconditionally (i) agrees not to commence any such action or proceeding except in such court, (ii) agrees that any claim in respect of any such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such court, (iii) waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any such action or proceeding in such court, and (iv) waives, to the fullest extent permitted by Law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in such court located in Delaware. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by Law. Each party to this Agreement irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 8.3. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of any party to this Agreement to serve process in any other manner permitted by Law.

(c) EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY WHICH MAY ARISE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE IT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY OF THE AGREEMENTS DELIVERED IN CONNECTION HEREWITH OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY. EACH PARTY CERTIFIES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT (I) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER, (II) IT UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE FOREGOING WAIVER, (III) IT MAKES THE FOREGOING WAIVER VOLUNTARILY, AND (IV) IT HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS

# AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS <u>SECTION 8.12(c)</u>.

Section 8.13 <u>Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, and by the different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. The exchange of a fully executed Agreement (in counterparts or otherwise) by facsimile or by electronic delivery in .pdf format shall be sufficient to bind the parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

#### Section 8.14 Specific Performance.

(a) The parties agree that irreparable damage for which monetary damages, even if available, would not be an adequate remedy, would occur in the event that the parties hereto do not perform the provisions of this Agreement (including failing to take such actions as are required of it hereunder in order to consummate this Agreement) in accordance with its specified terms or otherwise breach such provisions. The parties acknowledge and agree that each party hereto shall be entitled to an injunction, specific performance and other equitable relief without the posting of any bond, to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically in the courts of the State of Delaware and of the United States of America located in the State of Delaware the terms and provisions hereof, this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity. Without limitation of the foregoing and notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the parties hereby further acknowledge and agree that prior to the Closing: (i) the Company shall be entitled to specific performance (A) to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of, and to prevent or cure breaches of, Section 5.5 by Parent or Merger Sub or Section 8.15 by Ultimate Parent and (B) if (x) all conditions in Sections 6.1 and 6.2 (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing) have been satisfied and (y) Parent and Merger Sub fail to complete the Closing by the date the Closing is required to have occurred pursuant to Section 1.2, to prevent or cure breaches of this Agreement by Parent or Merger Sub and/or to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement, including to cause Ultimate Parent, Parent and/or Merger Sub to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, including to effect the Closing in accordance with Section 1.2, on the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement; and (ii) Parent and Merger Sub shall be entitled to specific performance if (A) all conditions in Sections 6.1 and 6.3 (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing) have been satisfied and (B) the Company fails to complete the Closing by the date the Closing is required to have occurred pursuant to Section 1.2, to prevent or cure breaches of this Agreement by the Company and/or to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement, including to cause the Company to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, including to effect the Closing in accordance with Section 1.2, on the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement. Each party hereto agrees that it will not oppose the granting of an injunction, specific performance or other equitable relief on the basis that (x) the other party has an adequate remedy at law or (y) an award of specific performance is not an appropriate remedy for any reason at law or equity.

(b) The parties further agree that (i) the seeking of the remedies provided for in <u>Section 8.14(a)</u> shall not in any respect constitute a waiver by any party seeking such remedies of its respective right to seek any other form of relief that may be available to it under this Agreement,

including under Section 7.2, in the event that this Agreement has been terminated or in the event that the remedies provided for in Section 8.14(a) are not available or otherwise are not granted, and (ii) nothing set forth in this Agreement shall require a party to institute any proceeding for (or limit a party s right to institute any proceeding for) specific performance under Section 8.14(a) prior or as a condition to exercising any termination right under Article VII (and pursuing damages after such termination), nor shall the commencement of any legal proceeding pursuant to Section 8.14(a) or anything set forth in this Section 8.14(b) restrict or limit a party s right to terminate this Agreement in accordance with the terms of Article VII or pursue any other remedies under this Agreement that may be available then or thereafter.

# Section 8.15 Ultimate Parent Guarantee.

(a) Ultimate Parent hereby irrevocably, absolutely and unconditionally guarantees to the Company the due, prompt and punctual payment and performance when due of all of Parent s and Merger Sub s obligations and agreements under this Agreement up to and including the Closing, including the consummation of the Merger, the payment of the Aggregate Merger Consideration and the performance of Parent s and Merger Sub s obligations under Sections 2.2 and <u>5.5</u>, it being understood that Ultimate Parent shall have no obligation to guarantee any post-Closing obligations or agreements. Ultimate Parent s obligations are unconditional irrespective of any circumstances which might otherwise constitute, by operation of law, a discharge of a guarantor and it shall not be necessary for the Company to institute or exhaust any remedies or causes of action against Parent or Merger Sub or any other Person as a condition to the obligations of Ultimate Parent hereunder.

(b) Ultimate Parent hereby represents and warrants to the Company that it: (i) is a corporation or other legal entity duly incorporated or organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization and has requisite corporate or other legal entity, as the case may be, power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and assets and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted; (ii) is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction where the ownership, leasing or operation of its properties or assets or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay or materially impair the ability of Ultimate Parent, Parent and Merger Sub to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement or to perform its obligations hereunder; and (iii) owns, directly or indirectly, all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock or other Equity Interests in Parent.

(c) Ultimate Parent hereby represents and warrants to the Company that: (i) it has the requisite corporate or other legal entity, as the case may be, power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Merger; (ii) the execution and delivery of this Agreement by Ultimate Parent, and the performance by Ultimate Parent of its obligations hereunder, have been duly and validly authorized by all requisite corporate or other legal entity, as the case may be, action on the part of Ultimate Parent and no other corporate or other legal entity, as the case may be, proceedings on the part of Ultimate Parent, and no shareholder or other equityholder votes, are necessary to authorize this Agreement or to perform its obligations

hereunder; (iii) this Agreement has been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by Ultimate Parent and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company, constitutes a valid and binding obligation of Ultimate Parent, enforceable against Ultimate Parent in accordance with its terms, except that (x) such enforcement may be subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Laws, now or hereafter in effect, affecting creditors rights generally and (y) the remedy of specific performance and injunctive and other forms of equitable relief may be subject to equitable defenses and to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought; and (iv) none of the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement by Ultimate Parent will (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both): (x) conflict with or violate any provision of the articles of incorporation or bylaws, or any equivalent organizational or governing documents, of Ultimate Parent; (y) conflict with or violate any Law applicable to Ultimate Parent or any of its properties or assets; or (z) require any consent or approval under, violate, conflict with, result in any breach of or any loss of any benefit under, or constitute a default under, or result in termination or give to others any right of termination, vesting, amendment, acceleration or cancellation of, or result in the creation of a Lien upon any of the properties or assets of Ultimate Parent pursuant to, any Contract or permit to which Ultimate Parent is a party or by which it or any of its respective properties or assets are bound, except, with respect to clauses (y) and (z), for any such conflicts, violations, consents, breaches, losses, defaults, other occurrences or Liens which, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay or materially impair the ability of Ultimate Parent to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

# Section 8.16 Affiliate Liability.

(a) Each of the following is for purposes of this <u>Section 8.16(a)</u> referred to as a Company Affiliate : any director, officer or employee of (i) the Company or any Company Subsidiary or (ii) any person who controls the Company or any Company Subsidiary. Other than the Company as specifically provided for herein, no Company Affiliate shall have any personal liability or personal obligation to Parent, Merger Sub or Ultimate Parent of any nature whatsoever in connection with or under this Agreement, and each of Parent, Merger Sub and Ultimate Parent hereby waives and releases all claims of any such liability and obligation.

(b) Each of the following is for purposes of this <u>Section 8.16(b)</u> referred to as a Parent Affiliate : any director, officer or employee of (i) Ultimate Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) any person who controls Ultimate Parent or any of its Subsidiaries. Other than the Parent, Merger Sub and Ultimate Parent, as specifically provided for herein, no Parent Affiliate shall have any personal liability or personal obligation to the Company or any Company Subsidiary of any nature whatsoever in connection with or under this Agreement, and the Company and each Company Subsidiary hereby waives and releases all claims of any such liability and obligation.

[Signature Page Follows.]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Parent, Merger Sub, the Company and Ultimate Parent have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first written above by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

# FORTISUS INC.

By:/s/ Barry V. PerryName:Mr. Barry V. PerryTitle:Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

By: /s/ Ronald W. McCabeName: Mr. Ronald W. McCabeTitle: Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

#### COLOR ACQUISITION SUB INC.

By: /s/ Barry V. PerryName: Mr. Barry V. PerryTitle: Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

By:/s/ Ronald W. McCabeName:Mr. Ronald W. McCabeTitle:Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

# FORTIS INC.

By: /s/ H. Stanley MarshallName: Mr. H. Stanley MarshallTitle: President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Barry V. PerryName: Mr. Barry V. PerryTitle: Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

#### UNS ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Paul J. Bonavia Name: Paul J. Bonavia Title: Chairman and CEO [Signature Page to Agreement and Plan of Merger]

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# List of Omitted Exhibits and Schedules

The following exhibits and schedules have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. A copy of any omitted schedule or exhibit will be furnished supplementally to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

# **EXHIBITS**

- Exhibit A-1 Company Knowledge Persons
- Exhibit A-2 Parent Knowledge Persons

# **SCHEDULES**

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# [LAZARD LETTERHEAD]

December 11, 2013

The Board of Directors

UNS Energy Corporation

88 E. Broadway Boulevard

Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Members of the Board:

We understand that UNS Energy Corporation, an Arizona corporation ( Company ), FortisUS Inc., a Delaware corporation ( Buyer ), Color Acquisition Sub Inc., an Arizona corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Buyer ( Merger Sub ), and Fortis Inc., a corporation incorporated under the Corporations Act of Newfoundland and Labrador ( Ultimate Parent ), propose to enter into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Agreement ), pursuant to which Buyer will acquire Company (the Transaction ). Pursuant to the Agreement, Merger Sub will be merged with and into Company and each outstanding share of the common stock, no par value, of Company ( Company Common Stock ), other than shares of Company Common Stock held in the treasury of Company or owned of record by a subsidiary of Company and shares of Company Common Stock owned of record by Ultimate Parent, Buyer, Merger Sub or any of their respective wholly-owned subsidiaries (such holders, collectively, Excluded Holders ), will be converted into the right to receive \$60.25 in cash (the Consideration ). The terms and conditions of the Transaction are more fully set forth in the Agreement.

You have requested our opinion as of the date hereof as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, to holders of Company Common Stock (other than Excluded Holders) of the Consideration to be paid to such holders in the Transaction.

In connection with this opinion, we have:

- (i) Reviewed the financial terms and conditions of a final draft, dated December 11, 2013, of the Agreement;
- (ii) Reviewed certain publicly available historical business and financial information relating to Company;
- (iii) Reviewed various financial forecasts and other data provided to us by Company relating to the business of Company;
- (iv) Held discussions with members of the senior management of Company with respect to the business and prospects of Company;

- (v) Reviewed public information with respect to certain other companies in lines of business we believe to be generally relevant in evaluating the business of Company;
- (vi) Reviewed the financial terms of certain business combinations involving companies in lines of business we believe to be generally relevant in evaluating the business of Company;

(vii) Reviewed historical stock prices and trading volumes of Company Common Stock; and

(viii)Conducted such other financial studies, analyses and investigations as we deemed appropriate. We have assumed and relied upon the accuracy and completeness of the foregoing information, without independent verification of such information. We have not conducted any independent valuation or appraisal of any of the assets or liabilities (contingent or otherwise) of Company or concerning the solvency or fair value of Company, and we have not been furnished with any such valuation or appraisal. With respect to the financial forecasts utilized in our analyses, we have assumed, with the consent of Company, that they have been reasonably prepared on bases

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reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments as to the future financial performance of Company. We assume no responsibility for and express no view as to any such forecasts or the assumptions on which they are based.

Further, our opinion is necessarily based on economic, monetary, market and other conditions as in effect on, and the information made available to us as of, the date hereof. We assume no responsibility for updating or revising our opinion based on circumstances or events occurring after the date hereof. We do not express any opinion as to the price at which shares of Company Common Stock may trade at any time subsequent to the announcement of the Transaction. In connection with our engagement, we were not authorized to, and we did not, solicit indications of interest from third parties regarding a potential transaction with Company. In addition, our opinion does not address the relative merits of the Transaction as compared to any other transaction or business strategy in which Company might engage or the merits of the underlying decision by Company to engage in the Transaction.

In rendering our opinion, we have assumed, with the consent of Company, that the Transaction will be consummated on the terms described in the Agreement, without any waiver or modification of any material terms or conditions. Representatives of Company have advised us, and we have assumed, that the Agreement, when executed, will conform to the draft reviewed by us in all material respects. We also have assumed, with the consent of Company, that obtaining the necessary governmental, regulatory or third party approvals and consents for the Transaction will not have an adverse effect on Company or the Transaction. We do not express any opinion as to any tax or other consequences that might result from the Transaction, nor does our opinion address any legal, tax, regulatory or accounting matters, as to which we understand that Company obtained such advice as it deemed necessary from qualified professionals. We express no view or opinion as to any terms or other aspects (other than the Consideration to the extent expressly specified herein) of the Transaction. In addition, we express no view or opinion as to the fairness of the amount or nature of, or any other aspects relating to, the compensation to any officers, directors or employees of any parties to the Transaction, or class of such persons, relative to the Consideration or otherwise.

Lazard Frères & Co. LLC (Lazard) is acting as financial advisor to Company in connection with the Transaction and will receive a fee for such services, a portion of which is payable upon the rendering of this opinion, and a substantial portion of which is contingent upon the consummation of the Transaction. An affiliate of Lazard is currently retained by an affiliate of Ultimate Parent in connection with a potential transaction for which we have received and may receive compensation. In addition, in the ordinary course, Lazard, LFCM Holdings LLC (an entity indirectly owned in large part by current and former managing directors of Lazard) and their respective affiliates and employees may trade securities of Company, Ultimate Parent and certain of their respective affiliates for their own accounts and for the accounts of their customers, may at any time hold a long or short position in such securities, and may also trade and hold securities on behalf of Company, Ultimate Parent and certain of their respective affiliates. The issuance of this opinion was approved by the Opinion Committee of Lazard.

Our engagement and the opinion expressed herein are for the benefit of the Board of Directors of Company (in its capacity as such) and our opinion is rendered to the Board of Directors of Company in connection with its evaluation of the Transaction. Our opinion is not intended to and does not constitute a recommendation to any stockholder as to how such stockholder should vote or act with respect to the Transaction or any matter relating thereto.

Based on and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that, as of the date hereof, the Consideration to be paid to holders of Company Common Stock (other than Excluded Holders) in the Transaction is fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders.

# LAZARD FRERES & CO. LLC

By /s/ George W. Bilicic George W. Bilicic Managing Director

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