
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): September 11, 2024

VIPER ENERGY, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DE	001-36505	46-5001985
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

500 West Texas Ave.
Suite 100
Midland, TX
(Address of principal executive offices)

79701
(Zip code)

(432) 221-7400
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A Common Stock, \$0.000001 Par Value	VNOM	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (NASDAQ Global Select Market)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.***Underwriting Agreement for the Equity Offering***

On September 11, 2024, Viper Energy, Inc. (“Viper”) entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) with Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, as representative of the several underwriters named therein (the “Underwriters”). The Underwriting Agreement relates to a public offering (the “Offering”) by Viper of an aggregate of (i) 10,000,000 shares of Viper’s Class A common stock, par value \$0.000001 per share (“Class A Common Stock”), and (ii) up to 1,500,000 shares of Class A Common Stock available for purchase by the Underwriters upon exercise of the Underwriters’ option to purchase additional shares of Class A Common Stock (the “Option”) from Viper at the public offering price of \$42.50 per share, less underwriting discounts and commissions. On September 12, 2024, the Underwriters exercised the Option in full.

Net proceeds to Viper from the sale of the 11,500,000 shares of its Class A Common Stock, after the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses, was approximately \$475.9 million. Viper intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering, together with cash on hand and borrowings under Viper Energy Partners LLC’s revolving credit facility, to fund a portion of the cash consideration for its previously announced pending acquisition of certain mineral and royalty-interest owning subsidiaries of Tumbleweed Royalty IV, LLC. The Offering closed on September 13, 2024.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements of Viper and other customary obligations of the parties and termination provisions. Viper has agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), or to contribute to payments the Underwriters may be required to make because of any such liabilities. Under the Underwriting Agreement, Viper has also agreed, subject to certain exceptions, that it will not, among other things, offer, sell, pledge, lend or otherwise dispose of any shares of Class A Common Stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any shares of Class A Common Stock, or publicly disclose the intention to make any such offer, sale, pledge or disposition or file with the SEC a registration statement under the Securities Act relating thereto, without the prior written consent of Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, for a period of 45 days from the date of the Underwriting Agreement.

The Offering was made pursuant to Viper’s effective automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-282039), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on September 11, 2024 (the “Shelf Registration Statement”), and a prospectus, which consists of a base prospectus, filed with the SEC on September 11, 2024, a preliminary prospectus supplement, filed with the SEC on September 11, 2024, and a final prospectus supplement, filed with the SEC on September 13, 2024.

Certain of the Underwriters and their affiliates have provided in the past to Viper and its affiliates and may provide from time to time in the future certain commercial banking, financial advisory, investment banking and other services for Viper and such affiliates in the ordinary course of their business, for which they have received and may continue to receive customary fees and commissions. In addition, from time to time, certain of the Underwriters and their affiliates may effect transactions for their own account or the account of customers, and hold on behalf of themselves or their customers, long or short positions in Viper’s debt or equity securities or loans, and may do so in the future. The Underwriters and certain of their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

The preceding summary of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 11, 2024, Viper issued a press release announcing the pricing of the Offering. A copy of such press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

In connection with the Offering, Viper is filing a legal opinion of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP regarding the legality of the Class A Common Stock issued in the Offering, attached as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, to incorporate such opinion by reference into the Shelf Registration Statement.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Number	Description
1.1*	Underwriting Agreement, dated September 11, 2024, by and among Viper Energy, Inc. and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, as representative for the several underwriters.
5.1*	Opinion of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP regarding the legality of the Class A Common Stock issued in the Offering.
99.1*	Press release dated September 11, 2024 entitled "Viper Energy Announces Pricing of Upsized Class A Common Stock Offering."
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.

* Filed herewith.

SIGNATURE

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

VIPER ENERGY, INC.

Date: September 13, 2024

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick
Name: Teresa L. Dick
Title: Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and
Assistant Secretary

VIPER ENERGY, INC.

10,000,000 Shares of Common Stock

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

September 11, 2024

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC,
As representative of the Several Underwriters
named in Schedule I hereto,
c/o Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC
200 West Street
New York, New York 10282

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Viper Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), proposes, subject to the terms and conditions stated in this agreement (this “**Agreement**”), to issue and sell to the underwriters named in Schedule I hereto (the “**Underwriters**”) for whom you are acting as representative (the “**Representative**”) an aggregate of 10,000,000 shares (the “**Firm Stock**”) and, at the election of the Underwriters, up to 1,500,000 additional shares (the “**Option Stock**”) of Class A common stock, par value \$0.000001 per share (the “**Common Stock**”) of the Company (the Firm Stock and the Option Stock that the Underwriters elect to purchase pursuant to Section 2 hereof being collectively called the “**Stock**”).

The Stock is being issued and sold in connection with the announcement of the proposed acquisition by Viper Energy Partners LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“**OpCo**”), of all of the outstanding interests in Tumbleweed Royalty IV, LLC (“**TWR IV**”) and TWR IV SellCo, LLC (“**TWR IV SellCo**”) pursuant to that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated September 11, 2024 (the “**Acquisition Agreement**”), by and among the Company, OpCo, TWR IV and TWR IV SellCo Parent, LLC (such transaction, the “**Tumbleweed Acquisition**”). On September 3, 2024, OpCo closed the acquisition of all of the outstanding interests in MC TWR Royalties, LP, MC TWR Intermediate, LLC and Tumbleweed-Q Royalties, LLC (collectively with TWR IV and TWR IV SellCo, “**Tumbleweed**”).

Reference is made herein to the Company’s acquisition of certain assets (the “**GRP Assets**”) pursuant to that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated September 4, 2023, by and among Royalty Asset Holdings, LP, Royalty Asset Holdings II, LP, Saxum Asset Holdings, LP (collectively, the “**GRP Sellers**,” and affiliates of Warwick Capital Partners and GRP Energy Capital), the Company and OpCo. Any reference to the Company herein shall be deemed to also, where applicable, refer to Viper Energy Partners LP, the Company’s predecessor, for all periods prior to November 13, 2023.

1. Representations and Warranties.

(i) *Representations, Warranties and Agreements of the Company*. The Company represents, warrants and agrees that:

(a) A registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-282039), including a related prospectus or prospectuses, relating to the Stock has (i) been prepared by the Company in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) thereunder; (ii) been filed with the Commission under the Securities Act; and (iii) become effective under the Securities Act. Copies of such registration statement and any amendment thereto have been delivered by the Company to you as the Representative of the Underwriters. As used in this Agreement:

(i) “**Applicable Time**” means 6:40 p.m. (New York City time) on September 11, 2024;

(ii) “**Effective Date**” means the date and time as of which such registration statement, or the most recent post-effective amendment thereto, if any, became effective by the Commission;

(iii) “**Issuer Free Writing Prospectus**” means each “issuer free writing prospectus” (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act);

(iv) “**Preliminary Prospectus**” means any preliminary prospectus (including any preliminary prospectus supplement) relating to the Stock included in such registration statement or filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act;

(v) “**Pricing Disclosure Package**” means, as of the Applicable Time, the most recent Preliminary Prospectus, together with the information included in Schedule II hereto;

(vi) “**Prospectus**” means the final prospectus (including any prospectus supplement) relating to the Stock, as filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act;

(vii) “**Prospectus Delivery Period**” means such period of time after the first date of the public offering of the Stock as in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters a prospectus relating to the Stock is required by law to be delivered (or required to be delivered but for Rule 172 under the Securities Act) in connection with sales of the Stock by any Underwriter or dealer;

(viii) “**Registration Statement**” means such registration statement, as amended as of the Effective Date, including any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, all exhibits to such registration statement and including the information deemed by virtue of Rule 430B under the Securities Act to be part of such registration statement as of the Effective Date;

(ix) “*Testing-the-Waters Communication*” means any oral or written communication with potential investors undertaken in reliance on Rule 163B under the Securities Act.

Any reference to any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Form S-3 under the Securities Act, which were filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”), as of the date of such Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be. Any reference to the “*most recent Preliminary Prospectus*” shall be deemed to refer to the latest Preliminary Prospectus included in the Registration Statement or filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act prior to or on the date hereof. Any reference to any amendment or supplement to any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any document filed under the Exchange Act after the date of such Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be, and before the date of such amendment or supplement and incorporated by reference in such Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be; and any reference to any amendment to the Registration Statement shall be deemed to include any document filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the Effective Date and before the date of such amendment that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement. Any reference herein to the term “Registration Statement” shall be deemed to include any abbreviated registration statement to register additional Common Stock under Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act (the “*Rule 462(b) Registration Statement*”). The Commission has not issued any order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, and no proceeding or examination for such purpose, or pursuant to any Section 8A proceedings under the Securities Act, has been instituted or threatened by the Commission. The Commission has not notified the Company of any objection to the use of the form of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto.

(b) (i) The Company was at the time of filing the Registration Statement, at the time of the most recent amendment thereto for the purposes of complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act (whether such amendment was by post-effective amendment, incorporated report filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or form of prospectus), and at the time the Company or any person acting on its behalf (within the meaning, for this clause only, of Rule 163(c) under the Securities Act) made any offer relating to the Stock in reliance on the exemption of Rule 163 under the Act, a “well-known seasoned issuer” as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act; and (ii) the Company was not at the time of initial filing of the Registration Statement and at the earliest time thereafter that the Company or another offering participant made a *bona fide* offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) under the Securities Act) of the Stock, is not on the date hereof and will not be on each Delivery Date (as defined below), an “ineligible issuer” (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act).

(c) The Registration Statement conformed and will conform in all material respects on the Effective Date and on each Delivery Date, and any amendment to the Registration Statement filed after the date hereof will conform in all material respects when filed, to the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. The most recent Preliminary Prospectus conformed, and the Prospectus will conform, in all material

respects when filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act and on each Delivery Date to the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. The documents incorporated by reference in any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus conformed, and any further documents so incorporated will conform, when filed with the Commission, in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as applicable, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

(d) The Registration Statement did not, as of the Effective Date, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; *provided* that no representation or warranty is made as to information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company through the Representative by or on behalf of any Underwriter specifically for inclusion therein, which information is specified in Section 8(f).

(e) The Prospectus will not, as of its date or as of each Delivery Date, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; *provided* that no representation or warranty is made as to information contained in or omitted from the Prospectus in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company through the Representative by or on behalf of any Underwriter specifically for inclusion therein, which information is specified in Section 8(f).

(f) The documents incorporated by reference in any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus did not, and any further documents filed and incorporated by reference therein will not, when filed with the Commission, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(g) The Pricing Disclosure Package did not, as of the Applicable Time, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; *provided* that no representation or warranty is made as to information contained in or omitted from the Pricing Disclosure Package in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company through the Representative by or on behalf of any Underwriter specifically for inclusion therein, which information is specified in Section 8(f).

(h) Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus listed in Schedule III hereto, when taken together with the Pricing Disclosure Package, did not, as of the Applicable Time, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; *provided* that no representation or warranty is made as to information contained in or omitted from such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus listed in Schedule III hereto in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company through the Representative by or on behalf any Underwriter specifically for inclusion therein, which information is specified in Section 8(f).

(i) Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conformed or will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder on the date of first use, and the Company has complied with all prospectus delivery and any filing requirements applicable to such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus pursuant to the Securities Act and rules and regulations thereunder. The Company has not made any offer relating to the Stock that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus without the prior written consent of the Representative. The Company has retained in accordance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder all Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses that were not required to be filed pursuant to the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. The Company has taken all actions necessary so that any “road show” (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) in connection with the offering of Stock will not be required to be filed pursuant to the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

(j) The Company (i) has not alone engaged in any Testing-the-Waters Communications and (ii) has not authorized anyone other than Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, BofA Securities, Inc. and Truist Securities, Inc. to engage in Testing-the-Waters Communications. The Company reconfirms that Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, BofA Securities, Inc. and Truist Securities, Inc. have been authorized to act on its behalf in undertaking Testing-the-Waters Communications by virtue of a writing substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto. The Company has not distributed or approved for distribution any Written Testing-the-Waters Communications other than those listed on Schedule V hereto. “Written Testing-the-Waters Communication” means any Testing-the-Waters Communication that is a written communication within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act. Any individual Written Testing-the-Waters Communication does not conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Pricing Disclosure Package, complied in all material respects with the Securities Act, and when taken together with the Pricing Disclosure Package as of the Applicable Time, did not, and as of the Delivery Date and as of the Option Stock Delivery Date, as the case may be, will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(k) Each of the statements made by the Company in the Registration Statement and the Pricing Disclosure Package and to be made in the Prospectus (and any supplements thereto) within the coverage of Rule 175(b) under the Securities Act was made or will be made with a reasonable basis and in good faith.

(l) The Company and each of its subsidiaries has been duly organized, is validly existing and in good standing as a corporation or limited liability company, as applicable, under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization with power and authority to own and/or lease its properties and conduct its business as described in the Pricing Disclosure Package; and each of the Company and its subsidiaries is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation or limited liability company, as applicable, in good standing in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify or to be in good standing in such other jurisdictions would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, (i) result in a material adverse effect on the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects

of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole (a “**Material Adverse Effect**”), or (ii) materially impair the ability of any of the Company and its subsidiaries to consummate the offering of the Stock or any other transactions provided for in this Agreement.

(m) The Company has an authorized capitalization as set forth in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the heading “Capitalization,” and the capital stock of the Company conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. Except, in each case, as described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (i) all the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and non-assessable and are not subject to any pre-emptive or similar rights and (ii) there are no outstanding rights (including, without limitation, pre-emptive rights), warrants or options to acquire, or instruments convertible into or exchangeable for, any shares of capital stock or other equity interest in the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or any contract, commitment, agreement, understanding or arrangement of any kind relating to the issuance of any capital stock of the Company or any such subsidiary, any such convertible or exchangeable securities or any such rights, warrants or options.

(n) OpCo is the Company’s only “significant” subsidiary, as defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X. Diamondback Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Sponsor**”), owns directly and indirectly 85,431,453 units representing limited liability company interests in OpCo (the “**OpCo Units**”), and the Company owns 91,447,008 OpCo Units. All of the limited liability company interests in OpCo have been duly authorized and validly issued in accordance with the Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of OpCo (as it may be amended from time to time, the “**OpCo LLC Agreement**”), and the Sponsor and the Company have no obligation to make further payments for the purchase of such membership interest except as may be otherwise provided under the OpCo LLC Agreement; and the Sponsor and the Company own such membership interest in OpCo free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, security interests, equities, charges or claims (“**Liens**”); except for (i) those arising under the Company’s Amended and Restated Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of July 20, 2018, as may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, (ii) restrictions on transferability contained in the OpCo LLC Agreement or (iii) as described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, if any.

(o) The Sponsor owns 85,431,453 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.000001 per share (the “**Sponsor Stock**”); the Sponsor Stock has been duly authorized and is validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable; and the Sponsor owns all of the Sponsor Stock free and clear of all Liens, except or as described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(p) [Intentionally omitted.]

(q) The Stock to be issued and sold by the Company to the Underwriters hereunder has been duly and validly authorized and, when issued and delivered against payment therefor as provided herein, will be duly and validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable and

will conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement and the Pricing Disclosure Package and to be contained in the Prospectus.

(r) Except as described in the Registration Statement and the most recent Preliminary Prospectus, there are no profits interests, options, warrants, preemptive rights, rights of first refusal or other rights to subscribe for or to purchase, nor any restriction upon the voting or transfer of, any equity securities of any of the Company pursuant to any agreement or other instrument to which the Company is a party or by which the Company may be bound. Except for such rights that have been waived or as described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, neither the filing of the Registration Statement nor the offering or sale of the Stock as contemplated by this Agreement gives rise to any rights for or relating to the registration of any Common Stock or other securities of the Company.

(s) The Company has all requisite power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement. At each Delivery Date, all corporate action required to be taken by the Company or any of its shareholders for the consummation of any transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall have been validly taken.

(t) This Agreement has been duly and validly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(u) The statements in the Registration Statement and Pricing Disclosure Package under the captions “Description of Capital Stock,” “Dividend Policy,” and “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences for Non-U.S. Holders” insofar as they purport to summarize the provisions of the legal matters and documents referred to therein, are accurate summaries in all material respects. There are no contracts or other documents required to be described in the Registration Statement or the most recent Preliminary Prospectus or filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement, that are not described and filed as required. The statements made in the most recent Preliminary Prospectus, insofar as they purport to constitute summaries of the terms of the contracts and other documents described and filed, constitute accurate summaries of the terms of such contracts and documents in all material respects.

(v) [Intentionally omitted.]

(w) The Company has not distributed and, prior to the later to occur of each Delivery Date and completion of the distribution of the Stock, will not distribute any offering material in connection with the offering and sale of the Stock other than any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to which the Representative has consented in accordance with Section 5(a)(vi) and any press release or other announcement permitted by Rule 134 or Rule 135 under the Securities Act.

(x) No consent, approval, authorization, or order of, or filing or registration with any governmental agency or body or any court having jurisdiction over any of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their properties or assets is required to be obtained or made by the Company for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except such as (i) have been obtained or made, (ii) may be required under state securities laws, the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, by the Nasdaq Global Select Market or by the Financial

Industry Regulatory Authority (“*FINRA*”) and (iii) the absence or omission of which would not reasonably be expected to materially impair the ability of the Company to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(y) Except as disclosed in the Pricing Disclosure Package, each of the Company and its subsidiaries has (i) good and defensible title to all of the interests in oil and gas properties underlying its estimates of its net proved reserves contained or incorporated by reference in the Pricing Disclosure Package and (ii) good and marketable title to all other real and personal property reflected in the Pricing Disclosure Package as assets owned by it, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and defects, except such as (x) are described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or (y) do not materially affect the value of the properties of the Company or its subsidiaries and do not interfere in any material respect with the use made or proposed to be made of such properties by the Company or its subsidiaries.

(z) Each of the Company and its subsidiaries has such consents, easements, rights-of-way or licenses from any person (collectively, “*rights-of-way*”) as are necessary to enable it to conduct its business in the manner described in the Pricing Disclosure Package, subject to qualifications as may be set forth in the Pricing Disclosure Package, except where failure to have such rights-of-way would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(aa) (i) Ryder Scott Company, L.P. (“*Ryder Scott*”), a reserve engineer that audited reserve reports on estimated net proved oil and natural gas reserves with respect to the mineral interests held by OpCo, as of December 31, 2023, December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 was, as of the date of the audit of such reserve reports, and is, as of the date hereof, an independent petroleum engineer with respect to the Company, (ii) Cawley Gillespie & Associates, Inc. (“*CGA*”), the petroleum consultants that evaluated reserve reports on estimated net proved oil and natural gas reserves of Tumbleweed as of December 31, 2023, were, as of the date of the evaluation of such reserve reports, and are, as of the date hereof, independent petroleum consultants with respect to Tumbleweed and (iii) DeGolyer & MacNaughton (“*D&M*”), a reserve engineer that prepared reserve reports on estimated net proved oil and natural gas reserves of the GRP Assets as of April 1, 2023 was, as of the date of preparation of such reserve reports, and is, as of the date hereof, an independent petroleum engineer with respect to GRP Energy Capital.

(bb) The information contained or incorporated by reference in the Pricing Disclosure Package regarding estimated proved reserves is based upon the reserve reports audited or prepared by Ryder Scott, CGA and D&M. The information provided to Ryder Scott by the Company and its subsidiaries, and, to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, the information provided to CGA by Tumbleweed and to D&M by the GRP Sellers, including, without limitation, information as to production, costs of operation and development, current prices for production, agreements relating to current and future operations and sales of production, was true and correct in all material respects on the dates that such reports were made. Such information was provided to Ryder Scott, and, to the knowledge of the Company and its

subsidiaries, such information was provided to each of CGA and D&M, in accordance with all customary industry practices.

(cc) The reserve reports audited by Ryder Scott contained or incorporated by reference in the Pricing Disclosure Package (the “**RS Reserve Reports**”) setting forth the estimated proved reserves with respect to the mineral interests held by OpCo accurately reflect in all material respects the ownership interests of OpCo in the properties therein. To the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, the reserve reports evaluated by CGA contained or incorporated by reference in the Pricing Disclosure Package (the “**CGA Reserve Reports**”) setting forth the estimated net proved oil and gas reserves of Tumbleweed accurately reflect in all material respects the ownership interests of Tumbleweed in the properties therein. To the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, the reserve reports prepared by D&M contained or incorporated by reference in the Pricing Disclosure Package (the “**D&M Reserve Reports**”) and, together with the RS Reserve Reports and the CGA Reserve Reports, the “**Reserve Reports**”) setting forth the estimated net proved oil and gas reserves of the GRP Assets accurately reflect in all material respects the ownership interests of the GRP Sellers in the properties therein. Other than normal production of reserves, intervening market commodity price fluctuations, fluctuations in demand for such products, adverse weather conditions, unavailability or increased costs of rigs, equipment, supplies or personnel, the timing of third party operations and other facts, in each case in the ordinary course of business, and except as disclosed in the Pricing Disclosure Package, none of the Company or its subsidiaries is aware of any facts or circumstances that would result in a material adverse change in the aggregate net reserves, or the present value of future net cash flows therefrom, as described or incorporated by reference in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Reserve Reports; and estimates of such reserves and present values as described or incorporated by reference in the Pricing Disclosure Package and reflected in the Reserve Reports comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of Regulation S-X and Subpart 1200 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

(dd) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by the Company will not result in a breach or violation of any of the terms and provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company and its subsidiaries pursuant to (i) its charter and by-laws, (ii) any statute, rule, regulation or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company and its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties, or (iii) any agreement or instrument to which any of the Company or its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company and its subsidiaries are bound or to which any of the properties of the Company and its subsidiaries is subject, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii), for any breaches, violations, defaults, liens, charges or encumbrances, which, individually or in the aggregate, would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(ee) None of the Company or its subsidiaries (i) is in violation of its respective charter, limited liability company agreement or similar organizational documents, (ii) is in default (or with the giving of notice or lapse of time would be in default) under any existing obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any indenture, loan agreement, mortgage, lease or other agreement or instrument to which any of them is a party or by which any of them is bound or to which any of the properties of any of them is subject or (iii) is in

violation of any statute or any order, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over it or its property or assets, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii), to the extent any such violation or default would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(ff) The Company and its subsidiaries possess all adequate certificates, authorizations, franchises, licenses and permits issued by appropriate federal, state, local or foreign regulatory bodies (collectively, “*Licenses*”) necessary or material to the conduct of the business now conducted or proposed in the Pricing Disclosure Package to be conducted by them, except where the failure to have obtained the same would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Company and its subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms and conditions of all such Licenses, except where the failure to so comply would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, and have not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Licenses that, if determined adversely to the Company and its subsidiaries, would reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(gg) Except as disclosed in the Pricing Disclosure Package, (a)(i) none of the Company or its subsidiaries is in violation of, and none of the Company or its subsidiaries has any liability under, any federal, state, local or non-U.S. statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, other requirement or rule of law (including common law), or decision or order of any domestic or foreign governmental agency, governmental body or court, relating to pollution, to the generation, use, handling, transportation, treatment, storage, discharge, disposal or release of Hazardous Substances (as defined below), to the protection or restoration of the environment or natural resources, to health and safety including as such relates to exposure to Hazardous Substances, and to natural resource damages (collectively, “*Environmental Laws*”), (ii) to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, none of the Company and its subsidiaries owns, occupies, operates or uses any real property contaminated with Hazardous Substances, (iii) none of the Company or its subsidiaries is conducting or funding any investigation, remediation, remedial action or monitoring of actual or suspected Hazardous Substances in the environment, (iv) to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, none of the Company and its subsidiaries is liable or allegedly liable for any release or threatened release of Hazardous Substances, including at any off-site treatment, storage or disposal site, (v) none of the Company or its subsidiaries is subject to any pending, or to the Company and its subsidiaries’ knowledge threatened, claim by any governmental agency or governmental body or person arising under Environmental Laws or relating to Hazardous Substances, and (vi) the Company and its subsidiaries have received and are in compliance with all, and have no liability under any, permits, licenses, authorizations, identification numbers or other approvals required under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their business, except in each case covered by clauses (i) – (vi) such as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect; (b) to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, there are no facts or circumstances that would reasonably be expected to result in a violation of, liability under, or claim pursuant to any Environmental Law that would result in a Material Adverse Effect; and (c) in the ordinary course of its business, the Company and its subsidiaries periodically evaluate the effect, including associated costs and liabilities, of Environmental Laws on the business, properties, results of operations and financial condition of the Company, and, on the basis of such evaluation, the

Company and its subsidiaries have reasonably concluded that such Environmental Laws will not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect. For purposes of this subsection, “**Hazardous Substances**” means (A) petroleum and petroleum products, by-products or breakdown products, radioactive materials, asbestos-containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and mold, and (B) any other chemical, material or substance defined or regulated as toxic or hazardous or as a pollutant, contaminant or waste under Environmental Laws.

(hh) None of the Company or its subsidiaries has taken, directly or indirectly, any action that is designed to or that has constituted or that would reasonably be expected to cause or result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Stock.

(ii) The Company has not sold or issued any securities that would be integrated with the offering of the Stock contemplated by this Agreement pursuant to the Securities Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or the interpretations thereof by the Commission.

(jj) Except as disclosed in the Pricing Disclosure Package, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person that would give rise to a valid claim against the Company or the Underwriters for a brokerage commission, finder’s fee or other like payment in connection with the offering and sale of the Stock.

(kk) Any third-party statistical and market-related data included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, Prospectus or Pricing Disclosure Package are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate in all material respects.

(ll) The Company and its subsidiaries and the Board of Directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) are in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the Exchange Act and the rules of the Nasdaq Global Select Market (the “**Nasdaq Rules**”). The Company maintains a system of internal controls, including, but not limited to, disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over accounting matters and financial reporting (collectively, “**Internal Controls**”) that comply with the applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder and the Nasdaq Rules and are sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management’s general or specific authorizations, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“**GAAP**”) and to maintain accountability for assets, (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management’s general or specific authorization, (iv) the recorded accounting for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences, and (v) interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Pricing Disclosure Package fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and is prepared in accordance with the Commission’s rules and guidelines applicable thereto. The Internal Controls are overseen by the Audit Committee of the

Board (the “*Audit Committee*”) in accordance with Exchange Rules. The Company has not publicly disclosed or reported to the Audit Committee or the Board, and within the next 135 days the Company does not reasonably expect to publicly disclose or report to the Audit Committee or the Board, a significant deficiency, material weakness or fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in Internal Controls, any violation of, or failure to comply with, the applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder and the Nasdaq Rules, or any matter which, if determined adversely, would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(mm) Except as disclosed in the Pricing Disclosure Package, there are no pending actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) against or affecting the Company and its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, any of their respective properties that, if determined adversely to the Company and its subsidiaries, would reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, or would materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement, or which are otherwise material in the context of the sale of the Stock; and no such actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) are, to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, threatened or contemplated.

(nn) The historical financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Pricing Disclosure Package present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Company at the dates and for the periods indicated, and such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GAAP, applied on a consistent basis. Grant Thornton LLP has certified the audited financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company as required by the Securities Act and the applicable rules and guidance from the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). The other financial and statistical data of the Company and its subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly, in all material respects, the information shown therein and such data has been compiled on a basis consistent with the financial statements presented therein and the books and records of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Company and its subsidiaries do not have any material liabilities or obligations, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations or any “variable interest entities” within the meaning of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46), not disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. Grant Thornton LLP has audited the historical financial statements of Tumbleweed included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and, to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, such financial statements and the related notes thereto present fairly in all material respects the financial position of Tumbleweed for the periods shown. Grant Thornton LLP has audited the historical financial statements of the GRP Assets included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and, to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, such financial

statements and the related notes thereto present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the GRP Assets for the periods shown. The unaudited pro forma financial information and the related notes thereto included in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidance with respect to pro forma financial information, and the assumptions underlying such pro forma financial information are reasonable and are set forth in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. There are no financial statements that are required to be included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus that are not included or incorporated by reference as required. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and is prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

(oo) Except as disclosed in the Pricing Disclosure Package, since the end of the period covered by the latest audited financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Pricing Disclosure Package, (i) there has been no change, nor any development or event involving a prospective change, in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, that is material and adverse, (ii) there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company on any Common Stock, (iii) there has been no material adverse change in the Common Stock, short-term indebtedness, long-term indebtedness, net current assets or net assets of the Company and its subsidiaries, (iv) there has been no material transaction entered into and there is no material transaction that is probable of being entered into by the Company or its subsidiaries other than transactions in the ordinary course of business and (v) there has been no obligation, direct or contingent, that is material to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, incurred by the Company and its subsidiaries, except obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business.

(pp) None of the Company or its subsidiaries is, and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Stock and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Pricing Disclosure Package, will be an "investment company" as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "*Investment Company Act*").

(qq) The Company and its subsidiaries are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as the Company reasonably believes are adequate for the conduct of their business. All such policies of insurance insuring the Company and its subsidiaries are in full force and effect. The Company and its subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms of such policies and instruments in all material respects; and there are no material claims by the Company and its subsidiaries under any such policy or instrument as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause. None of the Company or its subsidiaries has any reason to believe that any of them will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to

continue its business at a cost that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the Pricing Disclosure Package.

(rr) The Company and its subsidiaries have filed all federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax returns that are required to be filed or have requested extensions thereof (except in any case in which the failure so to file would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect); and, except as set forth in the Pricing Disclosure Package, the Company and its subsidiaries have paid all taxes (including any assessments, fines or penalties) required to be paid by them, except for any such taxes, assessments, fines or penalties currently being contested in good faith or as would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(ss) No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among any of the Company and its subsidiaries on the one hand, and the directors, officers, shareholders, customers or suppliers of the Company and its subsidiaries on the other hand, which is required to be described in the Pricing Disclosure Package which is not so described therein. The Prospectus will contain the same description of the matters set forth in the preceding sentence contained in the Pricing Disclosure Package.

(tt) None of the Company or its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, any director, officer, agent, employee or other person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company and its subsidiaries has (i) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expense relating to political activity; (ii) made any direct or indirect unlawful payment or otherwise unlawfully provided anything of value to any foreign or domestic government official or employee, political party or official thereof, any candidate for political office and/or any other person while knowing that all or a portion of the payment will be offered, given or promised to any of the foregoing persons from corporate funds; (iii) violated or is in violation of any provision of U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 or other applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption laws or regulations; or (iv) made any bribe, unlawful rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment to any domestic government official or any foreign official or other foreign government employee. The Company and its subsidiaries have instituted, maintain and enforce policies and procedures designed to promote and ensure compliance with all applicable anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws or regulations.

(uu) The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended by Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act), the anti-money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the “**Anti-Money Laundering Laws**”) and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving any of the Company and its subsidiaries with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, threatened.

(vv) None of the Company and its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or other person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company and its subsidiaries is currently subject to or the target of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. government (including, without limitation, sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the U.S. Department of State and including, without limitation, persons included on the “Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List”), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, His Majesty’s Treasury, the Swiss Secretariat of Economic Affairs, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Monetary Authority of Singapore or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, “**Sanctions**”), nor are the Company and its subsidiaries located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject or target of Sanctions, including, without limitation, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, the Crimea, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions of Ukraine, the so-called Donetsk People’s Republic and the so-called Luhansk People’s Republic or any other covered region of Ukraine identified pursuant to Executive Order 14065 (each a “**Sanctioned Territory**”); and the Company and its subsidiaries will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, knowingly contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity (i) for the purpose of financing or facilitating the activities or business of any person that, at the time of such financing or facilitation, is the subject or target of Sanctions, (ii) to fund or facilitate any activities of or business in any Sanctioned Territory or (iii) in any other manner that will result in a violation by any person (including any person participating in the transaction, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise) of Sanctions. The Company and its subsidiaries have not knowingly engaged in for the past ten years, are not now knowingly engaged in, and will not engage in, any dealings or transactions with any individual or entity, or in any country or territory, that at the time of the dealing or transaction, is or was the subject or target of Sanctions or with any Sanctioned Territory.

(ww) OpCo is not prohibited, directly or indirectly, from paying any distributions to the Company, from making any other distribution on such subsidiary’s equity interests, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of such subsidiary’s property or assets to the Company or any other subsidiary of the Company.

(xx) The Company and its subsidiaries' information technology assets and equipment, computers, systems, networks, hardware, software, websites, applications, and databases (collectively, "**IT Systems**") are adequate for, and operate and perform in all material respects as required in connection with, the operation of the Company and its subsidiaries as currently conducted, free and clear of all material bugs, errors, defects, Trojan horses, time bombs, malware and other corruptants. The Company and its subsidiaries have implemented and maintained commercially reasonable controls, policies, procedures, and safeguards to maintain and protect its material confidential information and the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of all IT Systems and data (including all personal, personally identifiable, sensitive, confidential or regulated data ("**Personal Data**")) used in connection with its business, and there have been no breaches, violations, outages or unauthorized uses of or accesses to the same, except for those that (i) have been remedied without material cost or liability or the duty to notify any other person and (ii) those that will not individually or in the aggregate result in a Material Adverse Effect, nor any incidents under internal review or investigations relating to the same. The Company and its subsidiaries are presently in material compliance with all applicable laws or statutes and all judgments, orders, rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, internal policies and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Personal Data and to the protection of such IT Systems and Personal Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification.

(yy) Except as disclosed in the Pricing Disclosure Package, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Act with respect to any securities of the Company owned or to be owned by such person or to require the Company to include such securities in the securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement or in any securities being registered pursuant to any other registration statement filed by the Company under the Act (collectively, "**Registration Rights**"), and any person to whom the Company has granted Registration Rights has agreed not to exercise such rights until after the expiration of the Lock-Up Period referred to in Section 5(a)(x) hereof.

(zz) The Company and its subsidiaries maintain an effective system of "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) that is designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, including controls and procedures designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company and its subsidiaries have carried out evaluations of the effectiveness of their disclosure controls and procedures as required by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act.

(aaa) The Acquisition Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by, and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery thereof by the other parties thereto, is a valid and binding agreement of, the Company, enforceable in accordance with its terms. The Company has not received any notice of termination of the Acquisition Agreement from Tumbleweed, and has not received notice from Tumbleweed that

Tumbleweed's conditions to the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Acquisition Agreement will not be satisfied within the timeframe contemplated therein.

Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company and delivered to the Representative or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Stock shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company, as to matters covered thereby, to each Underwriter.

2. Purchase of the Stock by the Underwriters. On the basis of the representations, warranties and covenants contained in, and subject to the terms and conditions of, this Agreement, the Company agrees to issue and sell 10,000,000 shares of Firm Stock to the several Underwriters, as set forth on Schedule I, and each of the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Company the number of shares of Firm Stock set forth opposite that Underwriter's name in Schedule I hereto. The respective purchase obligations of the Underwriters with respect to the Firm Stock shall be rounded among the Underwriters to avoid fractional Common Stock, as the Representative may determine.

In addition, the Company grants to the Underwriters an option to purchase up to 1,500,000 additional shares of Option Stock, as set forth on Schedule I. Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company the number of shares of Option Stock (subject to such adjustments to eliminate fractional Common Stock as the Representative may determine) that bears the same proportion to the total number of shares of Option Stock to be sold on such Delivery Date as the number of shares of Firm Stock set forth in Schedule I hereto opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the total number of shares of Firm Stock.

The purchase price payable by the Underwriters for the Firm Stock and any Option Stock is \$41.4375 per share of Stock (the "**Purchase Price**").

The Company is not obligated to deliver any of the Firm Stock or Option Stock, as applicable, to be delivered on the applicable Delivery Date, except upon payment for all such Stock to be purchased on such Delivery Date as provided herein.

3. Offering of Stock by the Underwriters. Upon authorization by the Underwriters of the release of the Firm Stock, the Underwriters propose to offer the Firm Stock for sale upon the terms and conditions to be set forth in the Prospectus.

4. Delivery of and Payment for the Stock. Delivery of and payment for the Firm Stock shall be made at 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on September 13, 2024 or at such other date or place as shall be determined by agreement between the Representative and the Company. This date and time are sometimes referred to as the "**Initial Delivery Date**." Delivery of the Firm Stock shall be made to the Representative for the account of each Underwriter against payment by the several Underwriters through the Representative of the respective aggregate purchase prices of the Firm Stock being sold by the Company to or upon the order of the Company by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the Company. Time shall be of the essence, and delivery at the time and place specified pursuant to this Agreement is a further condition of the obligation of each Underwriter hereunder. The

Company shall deliver the Firm Stock through the facilities of DTC unless the Representative shall otherwise instruct.

The option granted in Section 2 will expire 30 days after the date of this Agreement and may be exercised in whole or from time to time in part by written notice being given to the Company by the Representative; *provided* that if such date falls on a day that is not a business day, the option granted in Section 2 will expire on the next succeeding business day. Such notice shall set forth the aggregate number of Option Stock as to which the option is being exercised, the names in which the Option Stock are to be registered, the denominations in which the Option Stock are to be issued and the date and time, as determined by the Representative, when the Option Stock are to be delivered; *provided, however*, that this date and time shall not be earlier than the Initial Delivery Date nor earlier than the first business day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised nor later than the fifth business day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised. Each date and time any Option Stock are delivered is sometimes referred to as an “**Option Stock Delivery Date**,” and the Initial Delivery Date and any Option Stock Delivery Date are sometimes each referred to as a “**Delivery Date**.”

Delivery of the Option Stock by the Company and payment for the Option Stock by the several Underwriters through the Representative shall be made at 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the date specified in the corresponding notice described in the preceding paragraph or at such other date or place as shall be determined by agreement between the Representative and the Company. On each Option Stock Delivery Date, the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered the Option Stock to the Representative for the account of each Underwriter against payment by the several Underwriters through the Representative of the aggregate purchase price of the Option Stock being sold by the Company to or upon the order of the Company by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the Company. Time shall be of the essence, and delivery at the time and place specified pursuant to this Agreement is a further condition of the obligation of each Underwriter hereunder. The Company shall deliver the Option Stock through the facilities of DTC unless the Representative shall otherwise instruct.

5. Further Agreements.

(a) *Further Agreements of the Company.* The Company covenants and agrees with the Underwriters:

(i) To prepare the Prospectus in a form approved by the Representative and to file such Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act prior to the earlier of the Initial Delivery Date and the Commission’s close of business on the second business day following the execution and delivery of this Agreement; to make no further amendment or any supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus prior to each Delivery Date except as provided herein; to advise the Representative, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the time when any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus has been filed and to furnish the Representative with copies thereof; to advise the Representative, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order or of any order preventing or suspending the use of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Issuer Free

Writing Prospectus, or any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication of the suspension of the qualification of the Stock for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, of the initiation or threatening of any proceeding or examination for any such purpose, no Section 8A proceedings under the Securities Act, or of any request by the Commission for the amending or supplementing of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication or for additional information; and, in the event of the issuance of any stop order or of any order preventing or suspending the use of the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication or suspending any such qualification, to use promptly their best efforts to obtain its withdrawal.

(ii) To furnish promptly to the Representative and to counsel for the Underwriters a signed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed with the Commission, and each amendment thereto filed with the Commission, including all consents and exhibits filed therewith.

(iii) To deliver promptly to the Representative such number of the following documents as the Representative shall reasonably request: (A) conformed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed with the Commission and each amendment thereto (in each case excluding exhibits other than this Agreement), (B) each Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus and any amended or supplemented Prospectus, (C) each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, (D) any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication, and (E) any document incorporated by reference in any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus; and, if the delivery of a prospectus is required in connection with the offering or sale of the Stock or any other securities relating thereto and if at such time any event shall have occurred within the Prospectus Delivery Period as a result of which the Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package, Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or Written Testing-the-Waters Communication as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made when such Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package, Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or Written Testing-the-Waters Communication is delivered, not misleading, or, if for any other reason it shall be necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package, Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or Written Testing-the-Waters Communication in order to comply with the Securities Act, to notify the Representative and, upon request, to file such document and to prepare and furnish without charge to each Underwriter and to any dealer in securities as many copies as the Representative may from time to time reasonably request of an amended or supplemented Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package, Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or Written Testing-the-Waters Communication that will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance.

(iv) To file promptly with the Commission any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus that may, in the judgment of the Company or the Representative, be required by the Securities Act or requested by the Commission.

(v) Prior to filing with the Commission any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any document incorporated by reference in the Prospectus or any amendment to any document incorporated by reference in the Prospectus, to furnish a copy thereof to the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters and obtain the consent of the Representative to the filing.

(vi) Not to make any offer relating to the Stock that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or Written Testing-the-Waters Communication without the prior written consent of the Representative.

(vii) To comply with all applicable requirements of Rule 433 under the Securities Act with respect to any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus. If at any time after the date hereof any event shall have occurred as a result of which any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as then amended or supplemented, would conflict with the information in the Registration Statement, the most recent Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or, if for any other reason it shall be necessary to amend or supplement any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, to notify the Representative and, upon request, to file such document and to prepare and furnish without charge to each Underwriter as many copies as the Representative may from time to time reasonably request of an amended or supplemented Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that will correct such conflict, statement or omission or effect such compliance.

(viii) As soon as practicable after the Effective Date (it being understood that the Company shall have until at least 405 days or, if the fourth quarter following the fiscal quarter that includes the Effective Date is the last fiscal quarter of the Company's fiscal year, 440 days after the end of the Company's current fiscal quarter), to make generally available to the Company's security holders and to deliver to the Representative an earnings statement of the Company (which need not be audited) complying with Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder (including, at the option of the Company, Rule 158).

(ix) Promptly from time to time to take such action as the Representative may reasonably request to qualify the Stock for offering and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions as the Representative may request and to comply with such laws so as to permit the continuance of sales and dealings therein in such jurisdictions for as long as may be necessary to complete the distribution of the Stock; *provided* that in connection therewith the Company shall not be required to (i) qualify as a foreign entity in any jurisdiction in which it would not otherwise be required to so qualify, (ii) file a general consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction, or (iii) subject itself to taxation in any jurisdiction in which it would not otherwise be subject.

(x) For a period commencing on the date hereof and ending on the 45th day after the date of the Prospectus (the "**Lock-Up Period**"), not to, directly or indirectly, (A) other than in connection with the Offering and the transactions contemplated by the

Acquisition Agreement, offer for sale, sell, pledge, lend, or otherwise dispose of (or enter into any transaction or device that is designed to, or could be expected to, result in the disposition by any person at any time in the future of) (the foregoing, collectively, to “Sell”) any Common Stock or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock (other than the Stock or Common Stock issued pursuant to employee benefit plans, qualified option plans or other employee compensation plans existing on the date hereof and any exchange or redemption at any time or from time to time by the Sponsor of any and all Class B Stock and OpCo Units held by the Sponsor for Common Stock), (B) enter into any swap or other derivatives transaction that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic benefits or risks of ownership of such Common Stock, whether any such transaction described in clause (A) or (B) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise, (C) file or cause to be filed a registration statement, including any amendments or supplements thereto, with respect to the registration of any Common Stock or securities convertible, exercisable or exchangeable into Common Stock or any other securities of the Company (other than the Registration Statement, the registration statement contemplated by the Acquisition Agreement (the “**Resale Registration Statement**”), provided no sales shall be made under the Resale Registration Statement during the Lock-Up Period, and any registration statement on Form S-8), (D) provide any waiver or amendment under the Acquisition Agreement to permit, or otherwise permit, Tumbleweed to Sell any of the Common Stock issued to it pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement, or (E) publicly disclose the intention to do any of the foregoing (other than any disclosure related to the Offering), in each case without the prior written consent of the Representative, on behalf of the Underwriters, and to cause each officer and director of the Company set forth on Schedule III hereto to furnish to the Representative, on behalf of the Underwriters, prior to the Initial Delivery Date, a letter or letters, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto (the “**Lock-Up Agreements**”).

(xi) To cause the Stock, subject to notice of issuance, to be listed on The Nasdaq Global Select Market.

(xii) To use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Stock pursuant to this Agreement in the manner specified in the Preliminary Prospectus under the caption “Use of Proceeds”.

(xiii) If the Company elects to rely upon Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, the Company shall file a Rule 462(b) Registration Statement with the Commission in compliance with Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act by 10:00 P.M., Washington, D.C. time, on the date of this Agreement, and the Company shall at the time of filing pay the Commission the filing fee for the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement.

(xiv) If required by Rule 430B(h) under the Securities Act, to prepare a form of prospectus in a form approved by the Representative and to file such form of prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act not later than may be required by Rule 424(b) under the Act; and to make no further amendment or supplement to such form of

prospectus which shall be disapproved by the Representative promptly after reasonable notice thereof;

(xv) To pay the required Commission filing fees relating to the Stock within the time required by Rule 456(b)(1) under the Securities Act without regard to the proviso therein and otherwise in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act;

(xvi) The Company and its affiliates will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that has constituted or that reasonably would be expected to cause or result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company in connection with the offering of the Stock.

(xvii) The Company will do and perform all things required or necessary to be done and performed under this Agreement by it prior to each Delivery Date, and to satisfy all conditions precedent to the Underwriters' obligations hereunder to purchase the Stock.

(b) Each Underwriter agrees that it shall not include any "issuer information" (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) in any "free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) used or referred to by such Underwriter without the prior consent of the Company (any such issuer information with respect to whose use the Company has given its consent, "**Permitted Issuer Information**"); *provided* that (i) no such consent shall be required with respect to any such issuer information contained in any document filed by the Company with the Commission prior to the use of such free writing prospectus, and (ii) "issuer information," as used in this Section 5(b), shall not be deemed to include information prepared by or on behalf of such Underwriter on the basis of or derived from issuer information.

6. Expenses. The Company agrees, whether or not the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, to pay all expenses, costs, fees and taxes incident to and in connection with (a) the sale and delivery of the Stock and any stamp duties or other taxes payable in that connection, and the preparation and printing of certificates for the Stock; (b) the preparation, printing and filing under the Securities Act of the Registration Statement (including any exhibits thereto), any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and any amendment or supplement thereto; (c) the distribution of the Registration Statement (including any exhibits thereto), any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and any amendment or supplement thereto, or any document incorporated by reference therein, all as provided in this Agreement; (d) the production and distribution of this Agreement, and any supplementary agreement, and any other related documents in connection with the offering, purchase, sale and delivery of the Stock; (e) any required review by FINRA of the terms of sale of the Stock (including related fees and expenses of counsel to the Underwriters in an amount that is not greater than \$20,000); (f) the inclusion of the Stock on The Nasdaq Global Select Market; (g) the qualification of the Stock under the securities laws of the several jurisdictions as provided in Section 5(a)(ix) and the preparation, printing and distribution of a Blue Sky Memorandum

(including related fees and expenses of counsel to the Underwriters); (h) the preparation, printing and distribution of one or more versions of the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus for distribution in Canada (including related fees and expenses of Canadian counsel to the Underwriters); (i) the investor presentations on any “road show,” undertaken in connection with the marketing of the Stock, including, without limitation, expenses associated with any electronic road show, travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Company; and (j) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Company under this Agreement; *provided* that, except as provided in this Section 6 and in Section 11, the Underwriters shall pay their own costs and expenses, including the costs and expenses of their counsel, any transfer taxes on the Stock which they may sell, the expenses of advertising any offering of the Stock made by the Underwriters and the transportation and other expenses incurred by the Underwriters on their own behalf in connection with presentations to prospective purchasers of the Stock.

7. Conditions of Underwriters’ Obligations. The obligations of the Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy, when made and on the date hereof, of the representations and warranties of the Company and its subsidiaries contained herein, to the performance by the Company and its subsidiaries of their respective obligations hereunder, and to each of the following additional terms and conditions:

(a) The Prospectus shall have been timely filed with the Commission in accordance with Section 5(a)(i). The Company shall have complied with all filing requirements applicable to any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus used or referred to after the date hereof; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or preventing or suspending the use of the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall have been issued, no Section 8A proceedings under the Exchange Act, and no proceeding or examination for such purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission; and any request of the Commission for inclusion of additional information in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or otherwise shall have been complied with. If the Company has elected to rely upon Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement shall have become effective by 10:00 p.m., Washington, D.C. time, on the date of this Agreement.

(b) The Underwriters shall not have discovered and disclosed to the Company on or prior to each Delivery Date that the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the Pricing Disclosure Package, or any amendment or supplement thereto, contains an untrue statement of a fact which, in the opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, is material or omits to state a fact which, in the opinion of such counsel, is material and is required to be stated therein or is necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

(c) All proceedings and other legal matters incident to the authorization, form and validity of this Agreement, the Stock, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and all other legal matters relating to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be reasonably satisfactory in all material respects to counsel for the Underwriters, and the Company shall have furnished to such

counsel all documents and information that they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters.

(d) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP shall have furnished to the Representative its written opinion, as counsel to the Company, addressed to the Underwriters and dated the applicable Delivery Date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative.

(e) P. Matt Zmigrosky shall have furnished to the Representative his written opinion, as general counsel to the Company, addressed to the Representative and dated the applicable Delivery Date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative.

(f) [Intentionally omitted.]

(g) The Representative shall have received from Latham & Watkins LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, such opinion or opinions, dated the applicable Delivery Date, with respect to the issuance and sale of the Stock, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Pricing Disclosure Package and other related matters as the Representative may reasonably require, and the Company and its subsidiaries shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they reasonably request for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.

(h) At the time of execution of this Agreement, the Representative shall have received from Grant Thornton LLP letters, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, addressed to the Underwriters and dated the date hereof (i) confirming that they are independent public accountants within the meaning of the Securities Act and are in compliance with the applicable requirements relating to the qualification of accountants under Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X of the Commission, and (ii) stating, as of the date hereof (or, with respect to matters involving changes or developments since the respective dates as of which specified financial information is included or incorporated by reference in the most recent Preliminary Prospectus, as of a date not more than three days prior to the date hereof), the conclusions and findings of such firm with respect to the financial information and other matters ordinarily covered by accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters in connection with registered public offerings.

(i) With respect to the letters of Grant Thornton LLP referred to in the preceding paragraph and delivered to the Representative concurrently with the execution of this Agreement (the "*initial letters*"), the Company shall have furnished to the Representative letters (the "*bring-down letters*") of such accountants, addressed to the Underwriters and dated the applicable Delivery Date (i) confirming that they are independent public accountants within the meaning of the Securities Act and are in compliance with the applicable requirements relating to the qualification of accountants under Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X of the Commission, (ii) stating, as of the date of the bring-down letters (or, with respect to matters involving changes or developments since the respective dates as of which specified financial information is included or

incorporated by reference in the Prospectus, as of a date not more than three days prior to the date of the bring-down letters), the conclusions and findings of such firm with respect to the financial information and other matters covered by its initial letters, and (iii) confirming in all material respects the conclusions and findings set forth in its initial letters.

(j) The Representative shall have received from each of Ryder Scott, CGA and D&M a letter, addressed to the Underwriters dated as of the date hereof and the applicable Delivery Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, confirming that, as of the date of its reserve report, it was an independent petroleum engineer with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries, Tumbleweed or GRP Energy Capital, as applicable, and as of the date of such letter, no information had come to its attention that could reasonably have been expected to cause it to withdraw its reserve report.

(k) The Company shall have furnished to the Representative a certificate, dated the applicable Delivery Date, of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company as to such matters as the Representative may reasonably request, including, without limitation, a statement that:

(i) The representations, warranties and agreements of the Company in Section 1(i) are true and correct on and as of each Delivery Date, and the Company has complied with all its agreements contained herein and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to each Delivery Date;

(ii) No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued; and no proceedings or examination for that purpose have been instituted or, to the knowledge of such officers, threatened; and the Commission shall not have notified the Company of any objection to the use of the form of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto; and

(iii) They have examined the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Pricing Disclosure Package, and, in their opinion, (A) (1) the Registration Statement, as of the Effective Date, (2) the Prospectus, as of its date and on the applicable Delivery Date, and (3) the Pricing Disclosure Package, as of the Applicable Time, did not and do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact and did not and do not omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (except in the case of the Registration Statement, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading, and (B) since the Effective Date, no event has occurred that should have been set forth in a supplement or amendment to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that has not been so set forth.

(l) The Common Stock shall have been duly listed on The Nasdaq Global Select Market.

(m) Except as described in the most recent Preliminary Prospectus, (i) none of the Company and its subsidiaries shall have sustained, since the date of the latest audited financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the most recent Preliminary Prospectus, any loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, or (ii) since such date there shall not have been any change in the equity interest or long-term debt of any of the Company and its subsidiaries or any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, partners' or members' equity, properties, management, business or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, the effect of which, in any such case described in clause (i) or (ii), is, individually or in the aggregate, in the judgment of the Representative, so material and adverse as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Stock being delivered on each Delivery Date on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus.

(n) Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, to the extent applicable, (i) no downgrading shall have occurred in the rating accorded the Company's debt securities by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined by the Commission in Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act), and (ii) no such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, with possible negative implications, its rating of any of the Company's debt securities.

(o) Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement there shall not have occurred any of the following: (i) (A) trading in securities generally on any securities exchange that has registered with the Commission under Section 6 of the Exchange Act (including the New York Stock Exchange, The Nasdaq Global Select Market, The Nasdaq Global Market or The Nasdaq Capital Market), or (B) trading in any securities of the Company on any exchange or in the over-the-counter market, shall have been suspended or materially limited or the settlement of such trading generally shall have been materially disrupted or minimum prices shall have been established on any such exchange or such market by the Commission, by such exchange or by any other regulatory body or governmental authority having jurisdiction, (ii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities shall have been declared by federal or state authorities, (iii) the United States shall have become engaged in hostilities, there shall have been an escalation in hostilities involving the United States or there shall have been a declaration of a national emergency or war by the United States, or (iv) there shall have occurred such a material adverse change in general economic, political or financial conditions, including, without limitation, as a result of terrorist activities after the date hereof (or the effect of international conditions on the financial markets in the United States shall be such) or any other calamity or crisis either within or outside the United States, as to make it, in the judgment of the Representative, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the

public offering or delivery of the Stock being delivered on each Delivery Date on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus.

(p) The Lock-Up Agreements between the Representative and the officers and directors of the Company set forth on Schedule IV, delivered to the Representative on or before the date of this Agreement, shall be in full force and effect on such Delivery Date.

(q) The Representative shall have received, on the date hereof and on the applicable Delivery Date, a certificate or certificates of an officer or officers of the Company with respect to the pro forma financial and operational information included in the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Representative.

(r) On or prior to each Delivery Date, the Company and its subsidiaries shall have furnished to the Underwriters such further certificates and documents as the Representative may reasonably request.

All opinions, letters, evidence and certificates mentioned above or elsewhere in this Agreement shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions hereof only if they are in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters.

8. Indemnification and Contribution.

(a) The Company hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its affiliates, directors, officers and employees and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, from and against any loss, claim, damage or liability, joint or several, or any action in respect thereof (including, but not limited to, any loss, claim, damage, liability or action relating to purchases and sales of Stock), to which that Underwriter, affiliate, director, officer, employee or controlling person may become subject, under the Securities Act or otherwise, insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or action arises out of, or is based upon, (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in (A) any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto, (B) any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto, (C) any Permitted Issuer Information used or referred to in any “free writing prospectus” (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) used or referred to by any Underwriter, (D) any materials or information provided to investors by, or with the approval of, the Company in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Stock, including any “road show” (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) not constituting an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (“**Marketing Materials**”), (E) any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication, or (F) any Blue Sky application or other document prepared or executed by the Company (or based upon any written information furnished by the Company for use therein) specifically for the purpose of qualifying any or all of the Stock under the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction (any such application, document or information being hereinafter called a “**Blue Sky Application**”) or (ii) the omission or

alleged omission to state in any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any Permitted Issuer Information, any Marketing Materials or any Blue Sky Application, any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and shall reimburse each Underwriter and each such affiliate, director, officer, employee or controlling person promptly upon demand for any and all expenses (including legal or other expenses) reasonably incurred by that Underwriter, affiliate, director, officer, employee or controlling person in connection with investigating or defending or preparing to defend against any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action as such expenses are incurred; *provided, however*, that none of the Company or its subsidiaries shall be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action arises out of, or is based upon, any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication or in any such amendment or supplement thereto or in any Permitted Issuer Information, any Marketing Materials or any Blue Sky Application, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information concerning such Underwriter furnished to the Company through the Representative by or on behalf of any Underwriter specifically for inclusion therein, which information consists solely of the information specified in Section 8(f). The foregoing indemnity agreement is in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have to any Underwriter or to any affiliate, director, officer, employee or controlling person of that Underwriter.

(b) [Intentionally omitted.]

(c) Each Underwriter, severally, not jointly, shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, officers and employees, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, from and against any loss, claim, damage or liability, joint or several, or any action in respect thereof, to which the Company or any such director, officer, employee or controlling person may become subject, under the Securities Act or otherwise, insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or action arises out of, or is based upon, (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any Marketing Materials or Blue Sky Application, or (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state in any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any Marketing Materials or Blue Sky Application, any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, but in each case only to the extent that the untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information concerning such Underwriter furnished to the Company through the Representative by or on behalf of that Underwriter specifically for inclusion therein,

which information is limited to the information set forth in Section 8(f). The foregoing indemnity agreement is in addition to any liability that any Underwriter may otherwise have to the Company or any such director, officer, employee or controlling person.

(d) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 8 of notice of any claim or the commencement of any action, the indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section 8, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the claim or the commencement of that action; *provided, however*, that the failure to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have under this Section 8 except to the extent it has been materially prejudiced (through the forfeiture of substantive rights and defenses) by such failure and, *provided, further*, that the failure to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have to an indemnified party otherwise than under this Section 8. If any such claim or action shall be brought against an indemnified party, and it shall notify the indemnifying party thereof, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it wishes, jointly with any other similarly notified indemnifying party, to assume the defense thereof with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party. After notice from the indemnifying party to the indemnified party of its election to assume the defense of such claim or action, the indemnifying party shall not be liable to the indemnified party under this Section 8 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by the indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation; *provided, however*, that the indemnified party shall have the right to employ counsel to represent jointly the indemnified party and those other indemnified parties and their respective directors, officers, employees and controlling persons who may be subject to liability arising out of any claim in respect of which indemnity may be sought under this Section 8 if (i) the indemnified party and the indemnifying party shall have so mutually agreed; (ii) the indemnifying party has failed within a reasonable time to retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party; (iii) the indemnified party and its directors, officers, employees and controlling persons shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to them that are different from or in addition to those available to the indemnifying party; or (iv) the named parties in any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnified parties or their respective directors, officers, employees or controlling persons, on the one hand, and the indemnifying party, on the other hand, and representation of both sets of parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them, and in any such event the fees and expenses of such separate counsel shall be paid by the indemnifying party. No indemnifying party shall (x) without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any pending or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties to such claim or action) unless such settlement, compromise or consent includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such claim, action, suit or proceeding and does not include a statement as to, or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any

indemnified party, or (y) be liable for any settlement of any such action effected without its written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), but if settled with the consent of the indemnifying party or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff in any such action, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless any indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by Section 8(a) or (b) hereof, the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 30 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request and (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request or disputed in good faith the indemnified party's entitlement to such reimbursement prior to the date of such settlement.

(e) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 8 shall for any reason be unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under Section 8(a), 8(b) or 8(c) in respect of any loss, claim, damage or liability, or any action in respect thereof, referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party, contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability, or action in respect thereof, (i) in such proportion as shall be appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, from the offering of the Stock, or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, with respect to the statements or omissions that resulted in such loss, claim, damage or liability, or action in respect thereof, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, with respect to such offering shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Stock purchased under this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company, as set forth in the table on the cover page of the Prospectus, on the one hand, and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters with respect to the Stock purchased under this Agreement, as set forth in the table on the cover page of the Prospectus, on the other hand. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or the Underwriters, the intent of the parties and their relative knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contributions pursuant to this Section 8(e) were to be determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take into account the equitable considerations referred to herein. The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the loss, claim, damage or liability, or action in respect thereof, referred to above in this Section 8(e) shall be deemed to include, for purposes of this Section 8(e),

any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8(e), in no event shall an Underwriter be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by such Underwriter with respect to the offering of the Stock exceeds the amount of any damages that such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations to contribute pursuant to this paragraph are several in proportion to their respective purchase obligations hereunder and not joint.

(f) The Underwriters confirm and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the information appearing in the first sentence of the fourth paragraph, the second sentence of the eleventh paragraph and information relating to stabilization by the Underwriters appearing in the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth paragraphs under the caption "Underwriting" in the most recent Preliminary Prospectus are correct and constitute the only information concerning such Underwriters furnished in writing to the Company by or on behalf of the Underwriters specifically for inclusion in any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any Marketing Materials.

9. Defaulting Underwriters.

(a) If, on any Delivery Date, any Underwriter defaults in its obligations to purchase the Stock that it has agreed to purchase under this Agreement, the remaining non-defaulting Underwriters may in their discretion arrange for the purchase of such Stock by the non-defaulting Underwriters or other persons satisfactory to the Company on the terms contained in this Agreement. If, within 36 hours after any such default by any Underwriter, the non-defaulting Underwriters do not arrange for the purchase of such Stock, then the Company shall be entitled to a further period of 36 hours within which to procure other persons satisfactory to the non-defaulting Underwriters to purchase such Stock on such terms. In the event that within the respective prescribed periods, the non-defaulting Underwriters notify the Company that they have so arranged for the purchase of such Stock, or the Company notifies the non-defaulting Underwriters that it has so arranged for the purchase of such Stock, either the non-defaulting Underwriters or the Company may postpone such Delivery Date for up to seven full business days in order to effect any changes that in the opinion of counsel for the Company or counsel for the Underwriters may be necessary in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or in any other document or arrangement, and the Company agrees to promptly prepare any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or in any such other document or arrangement that effects any such changes. As used in this Agreement, the term "Underwriter" includes, for all purposes of this Agreement unless the context requires otherwise, any party not listed in Schedule I hereto that, pursuant to

this Section 9, purchases Stock that a defaulting Underwriter agreed but failed to purchase.

(b) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Stock of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by the non-defaulting Underwriters and the Company as provided in paragraph (a) above, the total number of the Stock that remains unpurchased does not exceed one-eleventh of the total number of all the Stock, then the Company shall have the right to require each non-defaulting Underwriter to purchase the total number of Stock that such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder plus such Underwriters' pro rata share (based on the total number of Stock that such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder) of the Stock of such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters for which such arrangements have not been made; *provided* that the non-defaulting Underwriters shall not be obligated to purchase more than 110% of the total number of Stock that it agreed to purchase on such Delivery Date pursuant to the terms of Section 2.

(c) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Stock of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by the non-defaulting Underwriters and the Company as provided in paragraph (a) above, the total number of Stock that remains unpurchased exceeds one-eleventh of the total number of all the Stock, or if the Company shall not exercise the right described in paragraph (b) above, then this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of the non-defaulting Underwriters. Any termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 9 shall be without liability on the part of the Company, except that the Company will continue to be liable for the payment of expenses as set forth in Sections 6 and 11 and except that the provisions of Section 8 shall not terminate and shall remain in effect.

(d) Nothing contained herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter of any liability it may have to the Company or any non-defaulting Underwriter for damages caused by its default.

10. Termination. The Underwriters may terminate their obligations hereunder by notice given to and received by the Company prior to delivery of and payment for the Firm Stock if, prior to that time, any of the events described in Sections 7(m), 7(n) and 7(o) shall have occurred or if the Underwriters shall decline to purchase the Stock for any reason permitted under this Agreement.

11. Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses. If (a) the Company shall fail to tender the Stock for delivery to the Underwriters for any reason other than by reason of a default by any of the Underwriters, or (b) the Underwriters shall decline to purchase the Stock for any reason permitted under this Agreement (other than Section 7(o)(i)(A), (o)(ii), (o)(iii) or (o)(iv)), the Company will reimburse the Underwriters for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters) incurred by the Underwriters in connection with this Agreement and the proposed purchase of the Stock, and upon demand the Company shall pay the full amount thereof to the Representative. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 9 by reason of the default of one or more Underwriters, the

Company shall not be obligated to reimburse any defaulting Underwriter on account of those expenses.

12. Research Analyst Independence. The Company acknowledges that the Underwriters' research analysts and research departments are required to be independent from the investment banking division and are subject to certain regulations and internal policies, and that the Underwriters' research analysts may hold views and make statements or investment recommendations and/or publish research reports with respect to the Company and/or the offering that differ from the views of their respective investment banking divisions. The Company hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company may have against the Underwriters with respect to any conflict of interest that may arise from the fact that the views expressed by their independent research analysts and research departments may be different from or inconsistent with the views or advice communicated to the Company by the Underwriters' investment banking divisions. The Company acknowledges that each of the Underwriters is a full service securities firm and as such from time to time, subject to applicable securities laws, may effect transactions for its own account or the account of its customers and hold long or short positions in debt or equity securities of the companies that may be the subject of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

13. No Fiduciary Duty. The Company acknowledges and agrees that in connection with this offering, sale of the Stock or any other services the Underwriters may be deemed to be providing hereunder, notwithstanding any preexisting relationship, advisory or otherwise, between the parties or any oral representations or assurances previously or subsequently made by the Underwriters: (a) no fiduciary or agency relationship between the Company and any other person, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, exists; (b) the Underwriters are not acting as advisors, expert or otherwise, to any of the Company, including, without limitation, with respect to the determination of the public offering price of the Stock, and such relationship between the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, is entirely and solely commercial, based on arms-length negotiations; (c) any duties and obligations that the Underwriters may have to the Company shall be limited to those duties and obligations specifically stated herein; and (d) the Underwriters and their affiliates may have interests that differ from those of the Company. The Company hereby waives any claims that the Company may have against the Underwriters with respect to any breach of fiduciary duty in connection with this offering. Moreover, the Company acknowledges and agrees that, although the Representative may be required or choose to provide the Company with certain Regulation Best Interest and Form CRS disclosures in connection with the offering, the Representative and the other Underwriters are not making a recommendation to the Company to participate in the offering, enter into a "lock-up" agreement, or sell any Stock at the price determined in the offering, and nothing set forth in such disclosures is intended to suggest that the Representative or any Underwriter is making such a recommendation.

14. Notices, etc. All statements, requests, notices and agreements hereunder shall be in writing, and:

(a) if to the Underwriters, shall be delivered or sent by mail or facsimile transmission to the Representative c/o Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, 200

West Street, New York, New York 10282-2198, Attention: Registration Department; and

(b) if to the Company, shall be delivered or sent by mail or facsimile transmission to the address of the Company set forth in the Registration Statement, Attention: P. Matt Zmigrosky.

Any such statements, requests, notices or agreements shall take effect at the time of receipt thereof. The Company shall be entitled to act and rely upon any request, consent, notice or agreement given or made by the Representative on behalf of the Underwriters.

15. Persons Entitled to Benefit of Agreement. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Underwriters, the Company and their respective successors. This Agreement and the terms and provisions hereof are for the sole benefit of only those persons, except that (a) the representations, warranties, indemnities and agreements of the Company contained in this Agreement shall also be deemed to be for the benefit of the directors, officers, employees and affiliates of the Underwriters and each person or persons, if any, who control any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act, and (b) the indemnity agreement of the Underwriters contained in Section 8(c) of this Agreement shall be deemed to be for the benefit of the directors of the Company, the officers of the Company who have signed the Registration Statement and any person controlling the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, other than the persons referred to in this Section 15, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision contained herein.

16. Survival. The respective indemnities, representations, warranties and agreements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the Underwriters contained in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of them, respectively, pursuant to this Agreement, shall survive the delivery of and payment for the Stock and shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any of them or any director, officer, employee, affiliate or controlling person of any of them.

17. Definition of the Terms “Business Day,” “Affiliate” and “Subsidiary.” For purposes of this Agreement, (a) “*business day*” means each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that is not a day on which banking institutions in New York are generally authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close, and (b) “*affiliate*” and “*subsidiary*” have the meanings set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

18. Governing Law. **This Agreement, and any claim, controversy or dispute arising under or related to this Agreement, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without regard to conflict of laws principles (other than Section 5-1401 of the General Obligations Law).**

19. Waiver of Jury Trial. The Company and the Underwriters hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by

jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

20. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts and, if executed in more than one counterpart, the executed counterparts shall each be deemed to be an original but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. Counterparts may be delivered via facsimile, electronic mail (including any electronic signature covered by the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, the Electronic Signatures and Records Act or other applicable law, e.g., www.docuSign.com) or other transmission method and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered and be valid and effective for all purposes.

21. Patriot Act. In accordance with the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), the Underwriters are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies their respective clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of their respective clients, as well as other information that will allow the Underwriters to properly identify their respective clients.

22. Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes.

(a) In the event that any Underwriter becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer from such Underwriter of this Agreement, and any interest and obligation in or under this Agreement, will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement, and any such interest and obligation, were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

(b) In the event that an Underwriter is a Covered Entity, or a BHC Act Affiliate of an Underwriter becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under this Agreement that may be exercised against such Underwriter are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

For the purposes of this Section 22, a “BHC Act Affiliate” has the meaning assigned to the term “affiliate” in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k). “Covered Entity” means any of the following: (i) a “covered entity” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b); (ii) a “covered bank” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or (iii) a “covered FSI” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b). “Default Right” has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable. “U.S. Special Resolution Regime” means each of (i) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

23. Headings. The headings herein are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be part of, or to affect the meaning or interpretation of, this Agreement.

[Signature pages follow]

If the foregoing correctly sets forth the agreement among the Company and the Underwriters, please indicate your acceptance in the space provided for that purpose below.

Very truly yours,

VIPER ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ P. Matt Zmigrosky

Name: P. Matt Zmigrosky

Title: Executive Vice President, Secretary
and General Counsel

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

Accepted:

GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC

For itself and as Representative of the
several Underwriters named in
Schedule I hereto

By: /s/ Daniel Parisi

Name: Daniel Parisi

Title: Managing Director

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

SCHEDULE I

Underwriter	Number of Shares of Firm Stock
Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC	3,400,000
BofA Securities, Inc.	1,850,000
Truist Securities, Inc.	1,850,000
Barclays Capital Inc.	700,000
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	700,000
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.	700,000
Capital One Securities, Inc.	100,000
Comerica Securities, Inc.	100,000
PEP Advisory LLC	100,000
Piper Sandler & Co.	100,000
PNC Capital Markets LLC	100,000
Roth Capital Partners, LLC	100,000
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.	100,000
Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. Securities, LLC	100,000
Total.....	<u>10,000,000</u>

SCHEDULE II

ORALLY CONVEYED PRICING INFORMATION

1. *Public offering price:* \$42.50 per share of Common Stock
2. *Number of shares offered:* 10,000,000 shares of Firm Stock or, if the Underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional Stock granted in Section 2 hereof, 11,500,000 shares of Stock

SCHEDULE III

ISSUER FREE WRITING PROSPECTUSES

None.

SCHEDULE IV

PERSONS DELIVERING LOCK-UP AGREEMENTS

Directors

Steven E. West

Travis D. Stice

Laurie H. Argo

Spencer D. Armour, III

Frank C. Hu

W. Wesley Perry

James L. Rubin

Officers

Teresa L. Dick

Albert Barkmann

P. Matt Zmigrosky

Kaes Van't Hof (director and executive officer)

SCHEDULE V

WRITTEN TESTING-THE-WATERS COMMUNICATIONS

None

LOCK-UP LETTER AGREEMENT

GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC

As Representative of the several
Underwriters named in Schedule I
to the Underwriting Agreement
referred to below

c/o Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC
200 West Street
New York, New York 10282

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned understands that you and certain other firms (the “*Underwriters*”) propose to enter into an Underwriting Agreement (the “*Underwriting Agreement*”) providing for the purchase by the Underwriters of shares (the “*Stock*”) of Class A common stock, par value \$0.000001 per share (the “*Common Stock*”), of Viper Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “*Company*”), and that the Underwriters propose to reoffer the Stock to the public (the “*Offering*”). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Underwriting Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of the Underwriting Agreement by the Underwriters, and for other good and valuable consideration, the undersigned hereby irrevocably agrees that, without the prior written consent of Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, on behalf of the Underwriters, the undersigned will not, directly or indirectly, (1) offer for sale, sell, pledge, lend, or otherwise dispose of (or enter into any transaction or device that is designed to, or could be expected to, result in the disposition by any person at any time in the future of) any Common Stock (including, without limitation, Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the undersigned in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and Common Stock that may be issued upon exercise of any options or warrants) or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock (other than in connection with the Offering), (2) enter into any swap or other derivatives transaction that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic benefits or risks of ownership of Common Stock whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock, or other securities, in cash or otherwise, (3) make any demand for or exercise any right or cause to be filed a registration statement, including any amendments thereto, with respect to the registration of any Common Stock or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or any

other securities of the Company, or (4) publicly disclose the intention to do any of the foregoing for a period commencing on the date hereof and ending on the 45th day after the date of the Prospectus relating to the Offering (such 45-day period, the “**Lock-Up Period**”) (other than any disclosure related to the Offering).

The foregoing paragraph shall not apply to (a) transactions relating to Common Stock or other securities acquired in the open market after the completion of the Offering, (b) bona fide gifts, sales or other dispositions of any class of the Company’s stock, in each case that are made exclusively between and among the undersigned or members of the undersigned’s family, or affiliates of the undersigned, including its partners (if a partnership) or members (if a limited liability company); *provided* that it shall be a condition to any transfer pursuant to this clause (b) that (i) the transferee/donee agrees to be bound by the terms of this Lock-Up Letter Agreement (including, without limitation, the restrictions set forth in the preceding sentence) to the same extent as if the transferee/donee were a party hereto, (ii) each party (donor, donee, transferor or transferee) shall not be required by law (including without limitation the disclosure requirements of the Securities Act, and the Exchange Act) to make, and shall agree to not voluntarily make, any filing or public announcement of the transfer or disposition prior to the expiration of the Lock-Up Period, and (iii) the undersigned notifies the Representative at least two business days prior to the proposed transfer or disposition, (c) the exercise of warrants or the exercise of options granted pursuant to the Company’s option/incentive plans or otherwise outstanding on the date hereof that are disclosed in the Pricing Disclosure Package and Prospectus; *provided*, that the restrictions shall apply to Common Stock issued upon such exercise or conversion, (d) any demands or requests for, exercise any right with respect to, or take any action in preparation of, the registration by the Company under the Securities Act of the undersigned’s Common Stock, provided that no transfer of the undersigned’s Common Stock registered pursuant to the exercise of any such right and no registration statement shall be filed or submitted under the Securities Act with respect to any of the undersigned’s Common Stock during the Lock-Up Period and (e) assignments, transfers or other dispositions by any of the directors of the Company or an affiliate thereof of any class of the Company’s Stock or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock issued pursuant to employee benefit plans, qualified option plans or other employee compensation plans existing on the date hereof and that are disclosed in the Pricing Disclosure Package and Prospectus; provided that it shall be a condition to any transfer pursuant to this clause (e) that: (x) the transferee/assignee/donee agrees in writing to be bound by the terms of this Lock-Up Letter Agreement (including, without limitation, the restrictions set forth in the preceding sentence) to the same extent as if the transferee/assignee/donee were a party hereto but only with respect to the Stock or securities so transferred/assigned/donated and (y) such transfer/assignment/donation shall not involve any Form 4 filing or public announcement by any party (donor, donee, transferor or transferee) under the Exchange Act or otherwise unless such filing or announcement prominently discloses that the transfer/assignment/donation is a related party transfer and that the transferee/assignee/

donee will be bound by the terms of the Lock-Up Letter Agreement with respect to the Stock or securities so transferred/assigned/donated as provided for in clause (x).

In furtherance of the foregoing, the Company and its transfer agent are hereby authorized to decline to make any transfer of securities if such transfer would constitute a violation or breach of this Lock-Up Letter Agreement.

It is understood that, if the Company notifies the Underwriters that it does not intend to proceed with the Offering, if the Underwriting Agreement does not become effective, or if the Underwriting Agreement (other than the provisions thereof which survive termination) shall terminate or be terminated prior to payment for and delivery of the Stock, the undersigned will be released from its obligations under this Lock-Up Letter Agreement.

The undersigned understands that the Company and the Underwriters will proceed with the Offering in reliance on this Lock-Up Letter Agreement.

Whether or not the Offering actually occurs depends on a number of factors, including market conditions. Any Offering will only be made pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement, the terms of which are subject to negotiation between the Company and the Underwriters.

This Lock-Up Letter Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the termination of the Underwriting Agreement before the sale of any Stock to the Underwriters.

This Lock-Up Letter Agreement and any claim, controversy or dispute arising under or related to this Lock-Up Letter Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

The undersigned further acknowledges and agrees that, although the Representative may be required or choose to provide certain Regulation Best Interest and Form CRS disclosures to you in connection with the Offering, the Representative and the other Underwriters are not making a recommendation to you to enter into this Lock-Up Letter Agreement, and nothing set forth in such disclosures is intended to suggest that the Representative or any Underwriter is making such a recommendation.

[Signature page follows]

The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that the undersigned has full power and authority to enter into this Lock-Up Letter Agreement and that, upon request, the undersigned will execute any additional documents necessary in connection with the enforcement hereof. Any obligations of the undersigned shall be binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Dated: _____

WRITTEN TESTING-THE-WATERS COMMUNICATION

September 10, 2024

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC
BofA Securities, Inc.
Truist Securities, Inc.

c/o Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC
200 West Street
New York, New York 10282

c/o BofA Securities, Inc.

c/o Truist Securities, Inc.

RE: "Testing the Waters" Authorization

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In reliance on Rule 163B under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), Viper Energy, Inc. (the "Issuer") hereby authorizes Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC ("Goldman Sachs"), BofA Securities, Inc. ("BofA") and Truist Securities, Inc. ("Truist"), and their affiliates and their respective employees to engage on behalf of the Issuer in oral and written communications with potential investors that are reasonably believed to be "qualified institutional buyers", as defined in Rule 144A under the Act, or institutions that are "accredited investors", within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9), (a)(12) or (a)(13) under the Act, to determine whether such investors might have an interest in the Issuer's contemplated public offering ("Testing-the-Waters Communications").

A "Written Testing-the Waters Communication" means any Testing-the-Waters Communication that is a written communication within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Act. Goldman Sachs, BofA and Truist agree that they shall not distribute any Written Testing the Waters Communication that has not been approved by the Issuer.

If at any time following the distribution of any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication there occurs an event or development as a result of which such Written Testing-the-Waters Communication included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Issuer will promptly notify Goldman Sachs, BofA and Truist, and will promptly amend or supplement, at its own expense, such Written Testing-the-Waters Communication to eliminate or correct such untrue statement or omission.

Nothing in this authorization is intended to limit or otherwise affect the ability of Goldman Sachs, BofA and Truist, and their affiliates and their respective employees to engage in communications in which they could otherwise lawfully engage in the absence of this authorization, including, without limitation, any written communication containing only one or more of the statements specified under Rule 134(a) under the Act. This authorization shall remain in effect until the Issuer has provided to Goldman Sachs, BofA and Truist a written notice revoking this authorization. All notices as described herein shall be sent by email to the attention of c/o Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Matt Leavitt at Matt.Leavitt@gs.com

and Gabe Gelman at Gabriel.Gelman@ny.ibd.emal.gs.com; c/o BofA Securities, Inc., So Young Lee at soyoung.lee@bofa.com; and c/o Truist Securities, Inc., Randhir Patil at Randhir.Patil@Truist.com.

Sincerely,

VIPER ENERGY, INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

September 13, 2024

Viper Energy, Inc.
500 West Texas, Suite 100
Midland, Texas 79701

Re: Viper Energy, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-3/ASR File No. 333-232039

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Viper Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), in connection with the registration, pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3/ASR (File No. 333-232039) (the “**Registration Statement**”), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Act**”), of the offering and sale by the Company of 11,500,000 shares (including 1,500,000 shares subject to the Underwriters’ (as defined below) option to purchase additional shares, which was exercised in full on September 12, 2024) (the “**Shares**”) of the Company’s Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.000001 per share (“**Class A Common Stock**”), pursuant to the terms of an underwriting agreement (the “**Underwriting Agreement**”), dated September 11, 2024, by and between the Company and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, as representative of the several underwriters named therein (the “**Underwriters**”). This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Act.

We have examined originals or certified copies of (i) the Underwriting Agreement and (ii) such corporate records of the Company and other certificates and documents of officials of the Company and public officials and others as we have deemed appropriate for purposes of this letter. We have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to authentic original documents of all copies submitted to us as conformed, certified or reproduced copies. We have also assumed that the Shares are uncertificated and, upon sale and delivery, valid book-entry notations for the issuance of the Shares in uncertificated form will have been duly made in the share register of the Company. We have also assumed the existence and entity power of each party to any document referred to herein other than the Company. As to various questions of fact relevant to this letter, we have relied, without independent investigation, upon certificates of public officials and certificates of officers of the Company, all of which we assume to be true, correct and complete.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, exceptions, qualifications and limitations set forth herein, we are of the opinion that, when the Shares have been issued and delivered in accordance with the Underwriting Agreement against payment in full of the consideration payable therefor as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company or a duly authorized committee thereof and as contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement, the Shares

will have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company and validly issued and will be fully paid and non-assessable.

The opinion and other matters in this letter are qualified in their entirety and subject to the following:

- A. We express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the Delaware General Corporation Law.
- B. This letter is limited to the matters expressly stated herein and no opinion is to be inferred or implied beyond the opinion expressly set forth herein. We undertake no, and hereby disclaim any, obligation to make any inquiry after the date hereof or to advise you of any changes in any matter set forth herein, whether based on a change in the law, a change in any fact relating to the Company or any other person or entity or any other circumstance.
- C. The matters expressed in this letter are subject to and qualified and limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer and conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting creditors' rights and remedies generally; (ii) general principles of equity, including without limitation, concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing and the possible unavailability of specific performance or injunctive relief (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law); and (iii) securities laws and public policy underlying such laws with respect to rights to indemnification and contribution.

We hereby consent to the filing of this letter as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company with the Commission on or about the date hereof, to the incorporation by reference of this letter into the Registration Statement and to the use of our name in the Prospectus dated September 11, 2024, Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated September 11, 2024 and the Final Prospectus Supplement dated September 11, 2024, forming a part of the Registration Statement under the caption "Legal Matters." In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP

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VIPER ENERGY ANNOUNCES PRICING OF UPSIZED CLASS A COMMON STOCK OFFERING

MIDLAND, Texas, September 11, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Viper Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: VNOM) (“Viper”) announced today the pricing of an underwritten public offering of 10,000,000 shares of its Class A common stock at a price to the public of \$42.50 per share (the “Primary Offering”). Viper’s offering of 10,000,000 shares of Class A common stock represents a 1,500,000 share upside to the originally proposed 8,500,000 share offering. The underwriters have a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 1,500,000 shares of Class A common stock from Viper at the public offering price (less the underwriting discount).

Net proceeds to Viper from the sale of the 10,000,000 shares of its Class A common stock, after the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses, will be approximately \$413.7 million (or \$475.9 million, if the underwriters exercise their option in full).

Viper intends to use the net proceeds from the Primary Offering, together with cash on hand and borrowings under its revolving credit facility, to fund a portion of the cash consideration for its previously announced pending acquisition of certain mineral and royalty-interest owning subsidiaries of Tumbleweed Royalty IV, LLC (the “Pending Acquisition”).

The Primary Offering is expected to close on September 13, 2024, subject to customary closing conditions.

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, BofA Securities and Truist Securities are acting as joint book-running managers for the Primary Offering. Copies of the written base prospectus and prospectus supplement for the Primary Offering may be obtained on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission, www.sec.gov or, when available, may be obtained from Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, 200 West Street, New York, NY 10282, Attention: Prospectus Department, by telephone at (866) 471-2526 or by emailing prospectus-ny@ny.email.gs.com, BofA Securities, NC1-022-02-25, 201 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28255-0001, Attn: Prospectus Department, or by emailing dg.prospectus_requests@bofa.com; and Truist Securities, Inc., Attention: Equity Capital Markets, 3333 Peachtree Road NE, 9th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30326, by telephone at (800) 685-4786, or by emailing truistsecurities.prospectus@truist.com.

The Class A common stock will be issued and sold pursuant to an effective automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3ASR previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Registration Statement”).

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy these securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such state or jurisdiction. The Primary Offering may only be made by means of a prospectus supplement and related base prospectus.

About Viper Energy, Inc.

Viper is a publicly traded Delaware corporation that owns and acquires mineral and royalty interests in oil and natural gas properties primarily in the Permian Basin.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

The information in this press release includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements, other than statements of historical fact included in this press release, regarding the completion of the Primary Offering, Viper’s strategy, future operations, financial position, estimated revenues and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. When used in this press release, the words “could,” “may,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “estimate,” “expect,” “project,” “goal,” “plan,” “target” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. These forward-looking statements are based on management’s current expectations and assumptions about future events and are based on currently available information as to the outcome and timing of future events. Be cautioned that these forward-looking statements are subject to all of the risk and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond Viper’s control, incident to the development, production, gathering and sale of oil and natural gas. These risks include, but are not limited to, commodity price volatility, inflation, lack of availability of drilling and production equipment and services, risks relating to the Pending Acquisition, including its consummation or the realization of the anticipated benefits and synergies therefrom. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including, but not limited to, those set forth in Viper’s filings with the SEC, including the prospectus and prospectus supplement relating to the Primary Offering, the Registration Statement, its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, under the caption “Risk Factors,” as may be updated from time to time in Viper’s periodic filings with the SEC. Any forward-looking statement in this press release speaks only as of the date of this release. Viper undertakes no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as may be required by any applicable securities laws.

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