## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

In re:

VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES, INC.,

Debtor.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-50804 Judge C. Kathryn Preston Hearing: May 24, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. ET Objection Deadline: May 22, 2022

# APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF DUNDON ADVISERS LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE <u>OF UNSECURED CREDITORS EFFECTIVE AS OF THE APRIL 6, 2022</u>

The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "<u>Committee</u>") appointed in the abovecaptioned case (this "<u>Chapter 11 Case</u>"), hereby submits this application (this "<u>Application</u>"), pursuant to sections 328(a) and 1103 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy</u> <u>Code</u>"), Rules 2014 and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy</u> <u>Rules</u>"), and Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio (the "<u>Local Rules</u>"), for entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "<u>Proposed Order</u>"), authorizing the Committee to retain and employ Dundon Advisers LLC ("<u>Dundon</u>") as the Committee's financial advisor effective as of April 6, 2022. In making this Application, the Committee relies upon the Declaration of Matthew Dundon in Support of the Application (the "<u>Dundon Declaration</u>"), attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>, and respectfully states as follows:

# JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio (the "*Court*")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The last four digits of the Debtor's federal tax identification are (2693), and the address of the Debtor's corporate headquarters is 790 Windmiller Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147.

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has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference entered in this District. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

2. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 328(a) and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2014 and 2016, Local Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1, and *General Order No. 30-4* (the "<u>General Order</u>"), entered by the Court on February 24, 2021, which implemented and made effective the *Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases* (the "<u>Complex</u>") attached thereto.

#### BACKGROUND

On March 25, 2022 (the "<u>*Petition Date*</u>"), the Debtor commenced this Chapter 11
Case by filing a petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

5. The Debtor is a supplier of retail electricity and natural gas to various commercial, industrial, and residential customers across Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky. The Debtor currently has approximately 212,000 customers that consume approximately 25 billion cubic feet of annualized gas and approximately 500,000 megawatt hours of annualized power. The Debtor is continuing to operate this business and manage its property as a debtor in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108.

6. No trustee, or examiner has been appointed in this Chapter 11 Case. On April 1, 2022, the United States Trustee (the "*U.S. Trustee*") appointed the Committee. The following unsecured creditors were appointed to the Committee: Sequent Energy Management LLC, Eco-Energy Natural Gas, LLC, Snyder Brothers, Trebel LLC, and Adam N. Girard f/k/a EGC Ltd. [Dkt. No. 83] (collectively, the "*Committee Members*").

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7. Heather Paxton of Eco-Energy Natural Gas, LLC, has been identified as the

chairperson for the Committee.

8. Pursuant to section 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Committee is empowered to

do, among other things, the following:

- a. consult with the trustee or debtor in possession concerning the administration of the case;
- b. investigate the acts, conduct, assets, liabilities and financial condition of the debtor, the operation of the debtor's business and the desirability of the continuance of such business, and any other matter relevant to the case or to the formulation of a plan;
- c. participate in the formulation of a plan, advise those represented by such committee of such committee's determination as to any plan formulated and collect and file with the court acceptances or rejections of a plan;
- d. request the appointment of a trustee or examiner under section 1104 of the Bankruptcy Code; and
- e. perform such other services as are in the interest of those represented.

11 U.S.C. § 1103(c).

# **RELIEF REQUESTED**

9. The Committee seeks entry of the Proposed Order authorizing the Committee to (a) retain and employ Dundon as its financial advisor in this Chapter 11 Case, effective as of April 6, 2022 and (b) granting certain related relief.

# STANDARD FOR RETENTION

10. The Committee seeks approval of the engagement pursuant to sections 328(a) and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code. Section 1103(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that an official creditors' committee "may select and authorize the employment by such committee of one or more attorneys, accountants, or other agents, to represent or perform services for such committee." 11 U.S.C. § 1103(a).

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11. Bankruptcy Rule 2014 and Local Bankruptcy Rule 2014-1 set forth the

requirements for an application seeking authority to employ a professional under Bankruptcy Code

section 328(a). In any such application, the applicant must:

- a. show that the employment is necessary and describe the reasons for selecting the professional, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014(a);
- b. describe the professional services to be rendered, *id*.;
- c. describe the proposed arrangement for compensation of the professional, *id.*;
- d. disclose any connections of the professional to the debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee, or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee, *id*.;
- e. disclose the professional's customary and proposed hourly rates, LBR 2014-1(b)(1);
- f. disclose the amount, date paid, and source of any fees paid to the professional from a period of one (1) year prior to the filing of the petition through the time of the application, LBR 2014-1(b)(2)
- g. disclose the amount, date paid, and source of any retainer sought or received by the professional within such period, LBR 2014-1(b)(3).
- 11. In addition to the above, the application must also be accompanied by a declaration,

affidavit, or verified statement of the person to be employed:

- a. setting forth the professional's connections with the debtor, the trustee, any creditors, any equity security holder of the debtor, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee, and any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014(a); LBR 2014-1(c)(1);
- b. establishing the lack of any adverse interest to the estate, LBR 2014-1(c)(2); and
- c. establishing that the proposed employment is not prohibited by or improper under Bankruptcy Rule 5002, LBR 2014-1(c)(3).

#### **BASIS FOR RETENTION**

12. In consideration of the size and complexity of the Debtor's business, as well as the exigencies of the circumstances, the Committee has determined that the services of an experienced financial advisor will substantially enhance its attempts to maximize the value of the Debtor's estate.

13. Dundon is a financial advisory firm whose professionals' experience with distressed assets and the bankruptcy process goes back to the 1990s. Dundon presently acts or recently acted as financial adviser to: Official Committees of Unsecured Creditors of 1 Global (SD FL), Agera Energy (SDNY), Alamo Drafthouse (Delaware), All American Oil and Gas (WD TX), Alpha Entertainment (Delaware), Alpha Media (ED VA), Aralez Pharmaceuticals (SDNY), Aztec Shaeffer (WD TX), BeavEx (Delaware), Celadon (Delaware), Comcar (Delaware), Franks' Theatres (New Jersey), Fuse Media (Delaware), Glostation USA (CD CA), Gold's Gym (ND TX), Goodrich Quality Theaters (WD MI), Impresa Aerospace (Delaware), In-Shape (Delaware), iPic (Delaware), Jagged Peak/Trade Global (Nevada), Juno USA (Delaware), K&W Cafeterias (MD NC), Kwok Ho Wan (CT), LaSalle Group (ND TX), LBI Media (Delaware), Loot Crate (Delaware), Maines Paper & Food (Delaware), Mallinckrodt (Delaware), McClatchy (this Court), NG Purvis Farms (ED VA), Open Road Films (Delaware), Pipeline Foods (Delaware), Platinum Corral (ED NC), Proteus Heath (Delaware), Remnant Oil Company (WD Texas), Renovate America (Delaware), SIW Holdings (Delaware), Slidebelts (ED CA), Studio Movie Grill (ND TX), Sunergy (ED CA), Sungard (SD TX), Valmiera Glass (ND GA), Vector Launch (Delaware), Video Corporation of America (D NJ), Volunteer Energy (SD OH), Wave Technologies (ND CA), YogaWorks (ND TX), and YouFit (Delaware), and the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group in the Woodbridge Group of Companies (Delaware), the Ad Hoc Group of Consumer and Worker Litigation Claimants in Hertz (Delaware), the Official Committee of Tort Claimants in PG&E (ND

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CA), the Ad Hoc Group of Individual Victims in Purdue (SDNY), the Official Committee of Unsecured Commercial Creditors of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans (ED LA), and the Ad Hoc Group of Equity Security Holders in RAIT (Delaware). All of the foregoing are highly complex Chapter 11 cases. In addition to its service as a financial adviser to Committees, Dundon Advisers' clients have been appointed to scores of Official Committees of Unsecured Creditors in many Districts since April, 2016, and Dundon Advisers has taken an active role in the activities of many of those Committees. Dundon Advisers also provides financial advisory and investment management services in other bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy contexts.

14. Dundon team members have extensive additional and relevant energy industry experience. Firm founder and principal Matthew Dundon has extensive prior energy industry investment and restructuring experience going back to the early 2000s, perhaps most notably in his leadership of a critical ad hoc investor group in the Energy Future Holdings bankruptcy case. More recently, Eric Reubel played a primary role in Dundon's engagement as financial advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the *In re Agera Energy LLC, et. al.* chapter 11 bankruptcy case in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Firm Managing Director Alex Mazier has been an energy analyst and investor for over two decades and, co-led the *In re Agera Energy LLC* bankruptcy Chapter 11s and out-of-court restructuring processes.

15. The Committee requires the services of Dundon to provide financial advisory and bankruptcy consulting services, as further detailed below. The Committee is familiar with the professional standing and reputation of Dundon. The Committee understands and recognizes that Dundon has a wealth of experience in providing financial advisory services in restructurings and

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reorganizations across the Untied States and has exemplary qualifications to perform the services required by the Committee in this Chapter 11 Case.

## **RELIEF REQUESTED**

16. Pursuant to this Application, Bankruptcy Code Section 1103(a), and Bankruptcy Rule 2014, the Committee requests entry of the proposed order attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, approving the employment and retention of Dundon Advisers as its financial advisor, effective as of April 6, 2022, in connection with the Debtor's chapter 11 case.

## A. Services to be Provided

17. The Committee requests that this Court approve the employment of Dundon Advisers to perform advisory services consistent with the mandate of the Committee to provide for fair and lawful treatment of all unsecured creditors.

18. Dundon Advisers' scope will necessarily involve sub-tasks and related tasks, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Assisting in the analysis, review, and monitoring of the restructuring process, including but not limited to an assessment of the unsecured claims pool and potential recoveries for unsecured creditors;
- b. Developing a complete understanding of the Debtor's business and its valuations;
- c. Becoming familiar with and analyzing the Debtor's DIP budget, weekly cash flow performance, assets and liabilities, and overall financial condition;
- d. Reviewing financial and operational information furnished by the Debtor to the Committee;
- e. Scrutinizing the economic terms of various agreements, including, but not limited to, the Debtor's first day motions and various professional retentions;
- f. Analyzing the Debtor's proposed business plans and developing alternative scenarios, if necessary;

- g. Assessing the Debtor's various pleadings and proposed treatment of unsecured creditor claims therefrom;
- h. Preparing, or reviewing as applicable, avoidance action and claim analyses;
- i. Assisting the Committee in reviewing the Debtor's financial reports, including, but not limited to, SOFAs, schedules, cash budgets, and Monthly Operating Reports;
- j. Advising the Committee on the current state of this Chapter 11 case;
- k. Representing the Committee in negotiations with the Debtor and third parties, as necessary;
- 1. If necessary, participating as a witness in hearings before the Bankruptcy Court with respect to matters upon which Dundon has provided advice;
- m. Providing appropriate and non-duplicative support to any investment banker retained by the Committee in the execution of its scope of work pertaining to asset valuation, asset sales, and financing matters;
- n. Assisting the Committee in identifying, valuing and pursing estate causes of action, including but not limited to relating to pre-petition transactions, control person liability and lender liability;
- o. Reviewing and providing analysis of any proposed disclosure statement and Chapter 11 plan, and if appropriate, assist the Committee in developing an alternative Plan of Reorganization and disclosure statement therefor; and
- p. Any other activities as are approved by the Committee, the Committee's counsel, and as agreed to by Dundon.

### **B.** Compensation

19. Bankruptcy Code Section 328(a) provides, in relevant part, that a committee appointed under Bankruptcy Code Section 1102 "with the court's approval, may employ or authorize the employment of a professional person under section 327 or 1103 of this title... on any reasonable terms and conditions of employment, including on a retainer, on an hourly basis, on a fixed or percentage fee basis, or on a contingent fee basis." 11 U.S.C. § 328(a).

20. Subject to the Court's approval, and in accordance with Bankruptcy Code Section 328(a), Dundon proposed to render its services on an hourly fee basis according to its customary

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hourly rates in effect when the services are rendered. Dundon's professionals will be bill at their respective standard hourly rates as set forth below:

Professional	Standard Hourly Rate
Mathew Dundon	\$790
Eric Reubel	\$730
Alex Mazier	\$730
April Kimm	\$550
Michael Whalen	\$350

Eric Reubel is presently assigned to manage the engagement for the Committee and will render a significant portion of billable services as such. Dundon may add or substitute professionals to the above list, at rates set forth in paragraph 29, as the Committee's requirements dictate.

21. Dundon's rate schedule is revised each twelve months with the next such revisions scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2022.

22. Dundon will be reimbursed for its reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket expenses, which shall be charged at cost, incurred in connection with this engagement, such as travel, lodging, duplicating, research, messenger and telephone charges. Dundon will charge for these expenses at rates consistent with or discounted to charges made to other Dundon clients, and subject to the guidelines of the United States Trustee.

23. Dundon will maintain detailed records of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the rendering of the financial advisory services described above, in accordance with applicable rules and guidelines.

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24. In light of the foregoing, the Committee believes that Dundon's fee structure is reasonable, market-based, and designed to fairly compensate Dundon for its work in this chapter 11 case.

#### **DUNDON'S DISINTERESTEDNESS; LACK OF ADVERSE INTEREST**

25. To the best of the Committee's knowledge, and based on the Dundon Declaration, the Committee submits that Dundon is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in Bankruptcy Code Section 101(14). The Committee submits that Dundon currently neither holds nor represents any interest adverse to the Debtor's estate or the Committee, except as set forth in the Dundon Declaration.

26. Further, as set forth in the Dundon Declaration, Dundon is not related to or connected with any judge of this Court, any judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, or the United States Trustee for the region serving this District, such that the Committee's employment of Dundon would be improper under Bankruptcy Rule 5002.

27. Accordingly, the Committee believes that Dundon is a "disinterested person" as such term is defined in Bankruptcy Code section 101(14), and that such employment is otherwise proper under Bankruptcy Code section 328(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 5002.

28. Dundon will conduct an ongoing review of its files to ensure that no conflicts or other disqualifying circumstances exist or arise. If any new material facts or relationships are discovered or arise, then Dundon will supplement its disclosure to the Court

29. Dundon has agreed not to share with any person or firm the compensation to be paid for professional services rendered in connection with this Chapter 11 Case.

#### **TERMS OF RETENTION**

12. Dundon is not owed any amounts with respect to prepetition fees and expenses. The Committee understands that Dundon intends to apply to the Court for allowances of compensation

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and reimbursement of expenses for financial advisory support services in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, orders of this Court, and the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation Filed Under* 11 U.S.C. § 330 in (1) Larger Chapter 11 Cases by Those Seeking Compensation who are not Attorneys, (2) All Chapter 11 Cases Below the Larger Case Thresholds, and (3) Cases Under Other Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code. The customary hourly rates, subject to periodic adjustments, charged by Dundon professionals anticipated to be assigned to this matter are as follows:

<b>Professional Level</b>	Per Hour (USD)
Principal	\$790
Managing Director	\$730
Senior Director	\$650
Director	\$550
Associate Director	\$500
Senior Associate	\$450
Associate	\$350

30. The hourly rate schedule took effect July1, 2021 and as set forth above is scheduled for annual adjustment with effect July 1, 2022. Dundon bills non-working travel time, if any, at 50% of the otherwise applicable rate, but as an accommodation to the Committee and other stakeholders in this case will waive any non-working travel billing for travel between its offices in New York and Ohio. Dundon intends to provide notice to the Debtor, the Committee and the U.S. Trustee before implementing any increases in Dundon's rates for professionals working on this Chapter 11 Case. In addition, Dundon will bill for all out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by Dundon in service to the Committee.

31. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the Complex 11 Procedures will govern the payment and application process for the professional fees and expenses that Dundon will incur

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during this Chapter 11 Case. Subject to the terms and requirements set forth in the Complex 11 Procedures, Dundon will be paid, on a provisional basis, ninety percent (90%) of its undisputed fees, and one hundred percent (100%) of its undisputed expenses, which will be identified on each Monthly Statement (as such term is defined in the Complex 11 Procedures), prior to entry of an interim or final order allowing or awarding Dundon such fees and expenses. Dundon will also file timely applications to the Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the Complex 11 Procedures and any orders of the Court, and all such applications will comply with the requirements of the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, orders of this Court, and the guidelines established by the United States Trustee.

### I. <u>Approval of Retention Terms</u>

32. Bankruptcy Code section 328(a) and 1103 provide, in pertinent part, that an official creditors' committee "may select and authorize the employment of such committee of one or more attorneys, accountants, or other agents, to represent or perform services for such committee." 11 U.S.C. § 1103(a).

33. Section 328 of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, that an official creditors' committee, "with the court's approval, may employ or authorize the employment of a professional person under section 327 . . . on any reasonable terms and conditions of employment, including on a retainer, on an hourly basis, on a fixed or percentage fee basis, or on a contingent fee basis." 11 U.S.C. § 328(a). Dundon shall be compensated for its services and reimbursed for any related expenses in accordance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and any other applicable Bankruptcy Rules, Local Bankruptcy Rules, the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, and any other applicable orders or procedures of this Court.

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34. Accordingly, the Committee submits that the relief requested in this Application is in the best interests of the Debtor's estate, its creditors and all parties-in-interest in this Chapter 11 Case and the Court should approve the retention and employment of Dundon as applied for hereunder.

## **MOTION PRACTICE**

35. This Application includes citations to the applicable rules and statutory authorities upon which the relief requested herein is predicated and a discussion of their application to this Application. Accordingly, the Committee submits that this Application satisfies Local Rule 9013-1(a).

#### **NOTICE**

36. The Committee will provide notice of the Application to: (a) the United States Trustee; (b) the Debtor; (c) the Internal Revenue Service and all other relevant taxing authorities; (d) the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio; (e) counsel to PNC; (f) the offices of the attorneys general for the states in which the Debtor operates; (g) the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and similar state agencies for states in which the Debtor operates; and (h) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Committee submits that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice is required.

### **NO PRIOR REQUEST**

37. No prior motion or application for the relief requested herein has been made in this or any other court.

WHEREFORE, the Committee respectfully requests that the Court enter the Proposed Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Dated: May 6, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Heather Paxton

Chairperson of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.

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# <u>Exhibit A</u>

**Proposed Order** 

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Upon the application [Doc. 265] (the "<u>Application</u>")<sup>2</sup> of the Committee for entry of an

order (this "Order"), pursuant to sections 328(a) and 1103 of title 11 of the United States Code

(the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rules 2014 and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the

"Bankruptcy Rules"), and Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules of the United

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

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States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio (the "*Local Rules*"), authorizing the Committee to employ and retain Dundon Advisers, LLC ("*Dundon*") as the Committee's financial advisor, effective as of April 6, 2022, all as more fully described in the Application; and upon consideration of the Dundon Declaration in support of the Application; and the Court being satisfied that Dundon is a "disinterested person" as such term is defined in Bankruptcy Code section 101(14); and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference entered in this District; and the matter being a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and venue of this proceeding and the Application being proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and adequate notice of the Application having been given; and it appearing that no other or further notice is necessary; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, creditors, and other parties in interest; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor; it is hereby

### **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:**

1. The Application is GRANTED as set forth herein.

2. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 328(a) and 1103, the Committee is hereby authorized to retain Dundon as its financial advisor in this Chapter 11 Case effective as of April 6, 2022 on the terms and conditions set forth in the Application, which is hereby approved in all respects.

3. Dundon shall make timely applications for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the *Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases* (the "<u>Complex 11 Procedures</u>") implemented and made effective by *General Order No. 30-4* entered by the Court on February 24, 2021 and any orders of the Court, and all such applications will

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comply with the requirements of the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of this Court.

4. The Complex 11 Procedures shall govern the payment and application process for the professional fees and expenses billed by Dundon. Subject to the terms and requirements set forth in the Complex 11 Procedures, Dundon shall be entitled to the provisional payment of ninety (90%) of the undisputed fees and one hundred percent (100%) of the undisputed expenses identified on each Monthly Statement (as such term is defined in the Complex 11 Procedures), prior to entry of an interim or final order allowing or awarding Dundon such fees and expenses.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, all parties in interest shall have the right to object to Dundon's interim and final applications for compensation and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses based on the reasonableness standard set forth in Bankruptcy Code section 330.

6. The Committee and Dundon are authorized to take all actions they deem necessary and appropriate to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.

7. The Committee shall serve this Order in accordance with the Complex 11 Procedures and the Case Management Procedures attached as Exhibit 1 to the Order (I) Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management, and Administrative Procedures and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 15].

8. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Application, this Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation or interpretation of this Order.

### SO ORDERED.

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# <u>Exhibit A</u>

# **Dundon Declaration**

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# DECLARATION OF MATTHEW J. DUNDON IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF DUNDON ADVISERS LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED <u>CREDITORS EFFECTIVE AS OF APRIL 6, 2022</u>

I, Matthew J. Dundon, hereby declare, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the following is true and correct:

1. I am more than 21 years of age and am competent and authorized to make this

declaration.

2. I am a principal of Dundon Advisers LLC ("<u>Dundon</u>"), which is a financial advisory firm with its principal office located at Ten Bank Street, Suite 1100, White Plains NY 10606 USA. I submit this declaration (this "<u>Declaration</u>") on behalf of Dundon in support of the Application for an Order Authorizing the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to Retain and Employee Dundon Advisers LLC as Financial Advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured

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*Creditors Effective as of April 6, 2022* (the "<u>Application</u>")<sup>2</sup>. Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein<sup>3</sup>.

### **DISINTERESTEDNESS AND ELIGIBILITY**

3. Dundon's vertical and horizontal corporate structure, including its parent entities, affiliates, and subsidiaries is as follows: Matthew Dundon directly owns 99.75% of the issued and outstanding equity of Dundon, and directly owns 99.75% of the authorized voting equity of Dundon. Peter Hurwitz holds 0.25% of such issued, outstanding and voting equity and an option to acquire an additional non-voting minority equity position in Dundon. Dundon has entered into a binding term sheet with a financial institution with no connection or interest in this Chapter 11 case to issue such institution warrants to purchase a minority equity position. The warrants to be issued do not provide any voting rights, nor any right to receive any confidential client information or participate in any way in Dundon's services to the Committee or any other clients. The shares to be issued upon exercise of such warrants are voting, but similarly bear no right to receive any confidential client information or participate in any way in Dundon's services to the Committee or any other clients. The identity of the financial institution is confidential pursuant to the terms of the binding term sheet. Upon information and belief, the financial institution has no connection with this Chapter 11 Case. Dundon and Island Capital Advisor LLC ("Island Capital") each own 50% of IslandDundon Real Estate, a joint venture established February 1, 2021 to seek a realestate focused restructuring advisory business ("IslandDundon"). Island Capital's indirect controlling owner is Andrew Farkas. None of Island Capital nor any of its affiliates other than IslandDundon is an affiliate of Dundon. IslandDundon has no interest in or connected to this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not expressly defined herein shall have the meaning given in the Application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Certain of the disclosures herein relate to matters within the personal knowledge of other professionals at Dundon and are based on information provided to me by them

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Chapter 11 Case. Island Capital and its affiliates other than IslandDundon may have interests in this Chapter 11 Case, but none of Dundon or its officers, directors, members, or affiliates, including IslandDundon, has any knowledge of the same nor any beneficial or detrimental exposure to such hypothetical interests of Island Capital and/or its affiliates other than IslandDundon. IslandDundon is Dundon's only affiliate.

4. Dundon was established in February 2016 with an investment advisory practice and continues to operate such practice. This practice is not presently required to be registered with the SEC or any state securities regulator and is not registered. Dundon may and shall seek registration with, or otherwise submit to regulation by, any such agency if and as it determines the same to proper or required. Dundon in this practice solely advises professional and institutional clients and primarily advises them with respect to illiquid and complex assets. Dundon through this practice does not custody client assets, nor seek or accept trading discretion for client securities holdings. Dundon through this practice does not presently act as the general partner or equivalent primary investment advisor to any mutual fund, hedge fund or other commingled investment vehicle, but may at any time seek or accept such a role.

5. In June 2016, Dundon established a transactional advisory practice, excluding services which would require registration as a securities broker-dealer, and continues to operate such practice.

6. In February 2018, Dundon established a restructuring practice, and continues to operate such practice.

7. Each of the foregoing practices is carried out through a single legal entity (Dundon) with common personnel. As a matter of policy, only one of the foregoing practices will be engaged by client(s) with respect to any single or group of affiliated debtors, issuers or other objects of our

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services, and the other practices will be considered conflicted from seeking or accepting client engagement in relation to the same issuer, debtor or group of issuers or debtors. (For example, when acting as a financial advisor to an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Dundon would not provide investment advice concerning any obligation or equity of the debtor or transactional advice to institutions interested in the assets or liabilities of such debtor, and *vice versa*.)

8. Dundon has approximately 30 professional personnel including full-time employees, part-time employees, and part-time independent contractors. Dundon contemplates the involvement in the Committee engagement only of certain of its full-time employees.

9. Dundon professionals' experience with distressed assets and the bankruptcy process goes back to the 1990s. Dundon presently acts or recently acted as financial adviser to: Official Committees of Unsecured Creditors of 1 Global (SD FL), Agera Energy (SDNY), Alamo Drafthouse (Delaware), All American Oil and Gas (WD TX), Alpha Entertainment (Delaware), Alpha Media (ED VA), Aralez Pharmaceuticals (SDNY), Aztec Shaeffer (WD TX), BeavEx (Delaware), Celadon (Delaware), Comcar (Delaware), Franks' Theatres (New Jersey), Fuse Media (Delaware), Glostation USA (CD CA), Gold's Gym (ND TX), Goodrich Quality Theaters (WD MI), Impresa Aerospace (Delaware), In-Shape (Delaware), iPic (Delaware), Jagged Peak/Trade Global (Nevada), Juno USA (Delaware), Loot Crate (Delaware), Kwok Ho Wan (CT), LaSalle Group (ND TX), LBI Media (Delaware), Loot Crate (Delaware), Maines Paper & Food (Delaware), Mallinckrodt (Delaware), McClatchy (this Court), NG Purvis Farms (ED VA), Open Road Films (Delaware), Pipeline Foods (Delaware), Platinum Corral (ED NC), Proteus Heath (Delaware), Remnant Oil Company (WD Texas), Renovate America (Delaware), SIW Holdings (Delaware), Slidebelts (ED CA), Studio Movie Grill (ND TX), Sunergy (ED CA), Sungard (SD

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TX), Valmiera Glass (ND GA), Vector Launch (Delaware), Video Corporation of America (D NJ), Volunteer Energy (SD OH), Wave Technologies (ND CA), YogaWorks (ND TX), and YouFit (Delaware), and the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group in the Woodbridge Group of Companies (Delaware), the Ad Hoc Group of Consumer and Worker Litigation Claimants in Hertz (Delaware), the Official Committee of Tort Claimants in PG&E (ND CA), the Ad Hoc Group of Individual Victims in Purdue (SDNY), the Official Committee of Unsecured Commercial Creditors of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans (ED LA), and the Ad Hoc Group of Equity Security Holders in RAIT (Delaware). All of the foregoing are highly complex Chapter 11 cases. In addition to its service as a financial adviser to Committees, Dundon's clients have been appointed to scores of Official Committees of Unsecured Creditors in this and other Districts since April 2016, and Dundon has taken an active role in the activities of many of those Committees. As noted above, Dundon also provides financial advisory and investment management services in other bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy contexts.

10. Dundon team members have extensive additional and relevant energy industry experience. I have extensive prior energy industry investment and restructuring experience going back to the early 2000s, perhaps most notably in my leadership of a critical ad hoc investor group in the *Energy Future Holdings* bankruptcy case. More recently, Eric Reubel played a primary role in Dundon's engagement as financial advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the *In re Agera Energy LLC*, et. al. chapter 11 bankruptcy case in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Firm Managing Director Alex Mazier has been an energy analyst and investor for over two decades and, co-led the *In re Agera Energy LLC* bankruptcy engagement, as well as firm engagements for creditors of numerous other energy bankruptcy Chapter 11s and out-of-court restructuring processes.

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11. As a part of Dundon's financial advisory practice, Dundon's clientele includes debtors, creditors and other statutory committees, institutional creditors, asset purchasers, venture capitalists, secured parties, lessors, contract parties, equity holders, directors and officers, court-appointed fiduciaries, plan sponsors, indenture trustees, and other interested parties. The Debtor has numerous creditors and other parties-in-interest. Dundon may have in the past advised, and may presently or in the future advise, represent or be deemed adverse to, in matters unrelated to this Chapter 11 Case, creditors or parties-in-interest in this Chapter 11 Case. Dundon believes that its representation of such creditors or other parties in such other matters has not affected and will not affect its representation of the Committee in these proceedings.

12. None of Dundon, I, or any other employee, affiliate or associated person (within the meanings of the securities laws) of Dundon, insofar as I have been able to ascertain having made due inquiry<sup>4</sup>, holds any claim against or is otherwise a creditor or equity security holder of the Debtor, or has any connection with any of the interested parties identified in the list provided to Dundon by the Debtor and reproduced as Schedule 1 hereto, or any other person known by me to be a Debtor or to be an officer, director, creditor, or equity security holder, except as follows, none of which individually or in the aggregate presents any conflict of interest or otherwise impedes Dundon from carrying out its duties to the Committee:

a. Eric Reubel, Harry Tucker (a Dundon employee not expected to be employed in this engagement) and I each were employed by Miller Tabak Roberts Securities, LLC, a predecessor of StoneX Group's North American institutional fixed income business.

b. Dundon receives securities data services from an affiliate of Ice US OTC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> I have reviewed the list of parties in question, and the list was circulated for review to all employees of Dundon, with a request for responses to me.

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Commodity Markets and ICE Intercontinental Exchange in the ordinary course of its and Dundon's businesses.

13. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, neither I, nor other employee, affiliate or associated person of Dundon, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, is related to the bankruptcy judge assigned to this Chapter 11 Case.

14. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, neither I, nor any principal, associate or staff member of Dundon, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, has a connection to the United States Trustee or any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee.

15. Despite the substantial efforts described above to identify and disclose potential conflicts and connections with parties-in-interest in these cases, neither I nor Dundon is able to identify conclusively all potential relationships or state with absolute certainty that every client engagement or other connection of Dundon has been disclosed. To the extent Dundon discovers any facts or additional information during the period of Dundon's retention that requires disclosure, Dundon will supplement this Declaration to disclose such information.

16. To the best of my knowledge, Dundon is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, considering the foregoing and that Dundon:

(a) is not a creditor, an equity security holder, or an insider of the Debtor

(b is not and was not, within two years before the date of the filing of the petition, a director, officer or employee of the Debtor; and

(c) does not have an interest materially adverse to the interest of the estate or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the debtor, or for any other reason.

16. In addition, to the best of my knowledge and based upon the results of the

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relationship search described above and disclosed herein, Dundon neither holds nor represents an interest adverse to the Committee within the meaning of section 328 of the Bankruptcy Code.

### **PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION**

17. Subject to the Court's approval, and in accordance with Bankruptcy Code Section 328(a), Dundon proposed to render its services on an hourly fee basis according to its customary hourly rates in effect when the services are rendered. Dundon's professionals will be bill at their respective standard hourly rates as set forth below:

Professional	Standard Hourly Rate
Mathew Dundon	\$790
Eric Reubel	\$730
Alex Mazier	\$730
April Kimm	\$550
Michael Whalen	\$350

Eric Reubel is presently assigned to manage the engagement for the Committee and will render a significant portion of billable services as such. Dundon may add or substitute professionals to the above list, at rates set forth in paragraph 20, as the Committee's requirements dictate.

17. Dundon's rate schedule is revised each twelve months with the next such revisions scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2022.

18. Dundon will be reimbursed for its reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket expenses, which shall be charged at cost, incurred in connection with this engagement, such as travel, lodging, duplicating, research, messenger and telephone charges. Dundon will charge for these expenses at rates consistent with or discounted to charges made to other Dundon clients, and subject to the guidelines of the United States Trustee.

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19. Dundon Advisers will maintain detailed records of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the rendering of the financial advisory services described above, in accordance with applicable rules and guidelines.

20. The Committee understands that Dundon intends to apply to the Court for allowances of compensation and reimbursement of expenses for financial advisory support services in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, orders of this Court and the U.S. Trustee Guidelines. The customary hourly rates, subject to periodic adjustments, charged by Dundon professionals anticipated to be assigned to this matter are as follows:

<b>Professional Level</b>	Per Hour (USD)
Principal	\$790
Managing Director	\$730
Senior Director	\$650
Director	\$550
Associate Director	\$500
Senior Associate	\$450
Associate	\$350

21. The hourly rate schedule took effect July1, 2021 and is scheduled for annual adjustment with effect July 1, 2022. Dundon bills non-working travel time, if any, at 50% of the otherwise applicable rate, but as an accommodation to the Committee and other stakeholders in this case will waive any non-working travel billing for travel between its offices in New York and Ohio. Dundon intends to provide ten (10) business days' notice to the Debtor, the Committee and the U.S. Trustee before implementing any increases in Dundon's rates for professionals working on this Chapter 11 Case. In addition, Dundon will bill for all out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by Dundon in service to the Committee.

22. Dundon will maintain detailed records of fees and expenses incurred in connection

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with the rendering of the services described above, in accordance with the applicable rules and guidelines, and will seek payment of such fees and expenses by the Debtor's estate to the extent permitted by such rules and guidelines.

23. To the best of my knowledge, (a) no commitments have been made or received by Dundon with respect to compensation or payment in connection with this Chapter 11 Case other than in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, and (b) Dundon has no agreement with any other entity to share any compensation received by Dundon in connection with this Chapter 11 Case.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: May 6, 2022

/s/ Matthew J. Dundon Matthew J. Dundon Managing Director, Dundon Advisers, LLC

# Schedule 1

# **List of Interested Parties**

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# Schedule 1(a)

Debtor

Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.

# Schedule 1(b)

# **Debtor's Equity Security Holder**

Richard A. Curnutte, Sr.

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## Schedule 1(c)

## **Bankruptcy Judges and Staff**

Chief Judge John E. Hoffman, Jr. Judge Jeffery P. Hopkins Judge C. Kathryn Preston Judge Guy R. Humphrey Judge Beth A. Buchanan Judge Mina Nami Khorami Kristie Vickers Brian Gifford Susan Thompson Karli Fisher Laura Atack Benedict Wiesner Tom Kisor Konrad Starostka Neil Berman Elizabeth Rogers A. Ryan Cunningham Colleen Militello Heather Gilliam Rebecca Hess Kristin Wehrmann Susie Cioffi

### Schedule 1(d)

### **Bankruptcy and Other Professionals**

AEG Affiliated Energy Group B. Riley Financial, Inc. Blank Rome LLP Boehm Kurtz & Lowry Carlile Patchen & Murphy LLP Clark Schaeffer Hackett Dentons Cohen & Grigsby PC Epiq Corporate Restructuring LLC Gallagher Law Ice Miller LLP Isaac Wiles & Burkholder, LLC The Keystone Group McDermott Will & Emery LLP McDonald Hopkins LLC McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC Sidley Austin LLP Standley Law Group LLP Tidwell Group Wilke & Associates LLP

# Schedule 1(e)

### **Banks and Lenders**

PNC Bank, National Association PNC Capital Markets LLC

# Schedule 1(f)

### **Current and Former Directors and Officers**

Richard A. Curnutte John L. Einstein David Warner Anthony Digioia, Jr. Richard A. Curnutte, Jr. Jeffrey M. Horsley Marc C. Runck

#### Schedule 1(g)

### **Energy – Utility/LDC Counterparties**

**AEP Ohio Power AES** Corporation American Electric Columbia Gas of Kentucky Columbia Gas of Ohio Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania Consumers Energy Co Dominion Energy - Ohio DPL - Dayton Power & Light Company DTE Gas Company Duke Energy First Energy MGU - Michigan Gas Utilities Ohio Power Co - Distribution Peoples Natural Gas Co Semco Central The East Ohio Gas Company Vectren aka Centerpoint Energy WE Energies

# Schedule 1(h)

# **Energy – Hedges**

Bank of America Nextera Energy Marketing LLC StoneX Group (FC Stone) Interactive Brokers Ice US OTC Commodity Markets LLC

### Schedule 1(i)

### **Energy – Supplier**

Arm Energy BP CarbonBetter LLC DTE Energy Trading Inc ECO-Energy ICE - Intercontinental Exchange Sequent Energy Management Shell Energy North America (US) LP Snyder Brothers Texla Energy Management Inc

### Schedule 1(j)

### **Energy – Pipeline/Transmission**

ANR Pipeline Company Columbia Gas Transmission Corp. Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc. aka Eastern Gas Transmission Nexus Gas Transmission LLCX (US) Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Rockies Express Pipeline Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company Texas Eastern Transmission LP Trunkline Gas Company LLC Transco Gas PipeLine

# Schedule 1(k)

Energy – ISO

PJM Settlement Inc.

# Schedule 1(l)

# **Energy – Utility/LDC Other**

American Electric Power Dominion East Ohio Gas Ohio Edison Company The Illuminating Company Toledo Edison Company

# Schedule 1(m)

**Energy** – **RECs** 

Spectron Energy Inc. ICAP 3Degrees Group Inc.

#### Schedule 1(n)

#### **Energy – Supplier (Local)**

American Energy Services B & E Resources LLC Beardmore Producing Co Big Sand Drilling Company Inc Blessing Acres Properties LLC Bruce Maendel C&D Oil and Gas LLC Cambrian Hunter, Inc. Cedar Valley Don Bandy G & O Resources, LTD Gress Oil & Gas JD Gas & Oil Inc John Campton Oil Field Service, Inc OOGA - Ohio Oil & Gas Association Ohio Oil & Gas Energy Education Program - OOGEEP Pete & Violet Schoeni Red Hill Development Co S & S Energy Corporation T & F Exploration Triple B, LLC Zoran Oil & Gas

# Schedule 1(o)

### **Energy – Surety Bond**

Capital Indemnity Cincinnati Insurance Great American Insurance Trimble Insurance Agency USI insurance

#### Schedule 1(p)

#### **Broker/Channel Partners**

ABA Energy Partners Inc. Abba Enterprises Unlimited LLC Ablahad Salmo Academy Utility Consultants Action Business Services LLC Adam N Girard **AES** - Huck Hayes Alternate Energy Suppliers Alternative Gas & Electric Solutions, LLC Alternative Utility Services, Inc. (AUS) Amerex AMPO Inc. AMT Telecom Amy Avery Andrew Skedo Antoinette Weathers Aspen Energy Asset Energy LLC Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Baroda Group LLC BHP Energy LLC GEM Energy Blue Flame Blue Hook Systems LLC Blue Print Energy Group **Bradley Lewis** Broker Online Exchange Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc. Burton Energy Group Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce CCAOSC Energy Solutions, LLC. **CEH Consulting LLC** Chamber Energy Solutions, LLC. Chase Tek Corporation Cherrydale Cherrydale dba Commercial Services **Brokers** Choice Energy Services Retail City of Gallipolis City of Pickerington - Reinvestment City of Reynoldsburg City of St Clairsville Clifford Walker III

Commercial & Industrail Energy Commercial Service Broker Community Energy Advisers **Compass Enterprises** Consumer Energy Solutions Inc. **Consumers Energy Options** Curago Energy LLC CVC Co LLC Dan Gheesling Dave Erich David Donahue **David Printup** David Tomlin Daybreak Energy Dena Leginski Dennis Giancola **Derrick Parker Diversified Energy** Dyna Flow LLC ECOVA Tharaldson Group Electric & Gas Savings LLC Elizabeth Young Emuna Energy Enel X North America, Inc. EnerCom Inc Enerconnex LLC Energen Inc. Energy Alliances, Inc. Energy Auction Exchange LLC Energy Choice LLC **Energy Cost Savers Energy Edge Strategic Solutions Energy Impact Energy Profeesionals Energy Revenue** Enstar Energy LLC **ERC Services LLC Executive Assistant Service** FirstEnergy Solutions Dba The E Group Five Gems Fred Holmes **Global Deregulation Services Inc** 

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Good Energy L.P. Green Power Source Greenlight Marketing LLC Growers Energy Solutions, LLC. **GSA** Group Habes LLC HealthTrust Purchasing Group Heartland Energy HPS LLC Huck Hayes Ice Solutions Inc Independent Energy Consultants Inc Industrial and Commercial Energy Cons. Insight Sourcing Group Integrity Energy Irish Energy JAC Technologies Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce Jamie Warner JARSCO LLC Jeff Brandt Jieun Yoon JME Leadership Committee LLC Joel Heron John C. Costa John R Wiles John Urmetz Jon Dunbar Jon Jurhs Jonathan Firetage **KBK** Group Kristine Mahan Lakepoint Energy LLC Landmark Real Estate Larry Hughes Lawrence Popiel LCI Networking LTD Lights Out Energy Logan-Hocking Chamber of Commerce Logical Communication Services, LLC Lyons Consulting LLC M&S SpeedForce, LLC. Madison Blair and Co. Magic Diamond Tools, Inc. Marc Sosnowski Mark Brickley

Mark Coffey Mark Gahn Matthews Marketing Michael Capuano Michigan 4 Energy LLC Michigan Retailers Association Midwest Energy Inc. Midwest Utility Consultants, Inc. Mike Kennedy Monumental Energy LLC MSI Utilities Inc **Muirfield Energy** Natalie Girard National Energy Experts, Inc National Sales Systems, LLC. Nelsonville Area Chamber New American Power New River Group, LLC. Nick Barlow Nicolas Andreasson North Shore Energy Consulting **OGW Energy Resources** OHIO EIC Ohio Energy Management LLC **Ohio Industrials On-Demand Energy**, LP One Source Onyx Power & Gas Consulting **Open Energy LLC Options Consulting Services** Palmer Energy Company, Inc. Patricia Hancz Paul Pickell Performance Group of America LLC Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce Power Bid Pure Energy Source RD Energy Inc. **Regor Energy Corporation** Revenue Group Salesloft Division Rick Ebaugh S J Cobb & Associates **SCEW** Schneider Electric fka Summit Energy Ser. SCioto Energy Shamie Development, Inc

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Sheree Hill Simple Energy South East Energy Consultants LLC Southern Energy Alliance & Holding Steve Mintz Strategic Energy Service Sun Heating & Cooling Inc Supernova Partners, LLC Svetlana Newberry Tacuma Swanson Taylor Energy Partners LLC Taylor Marketing Group **TEF Energy Solutions Telecom Consulting TES Energy Services** The Eagles Nest Worldwide The Pragma Company LLC Thomas Haefner Tiffany Maholm Tim O'Brien Timothy C. Hall Jr Tom Kozak **TPI Efficiency** Trajectory Services, LLC

Trane Energy Choice Trebel LLC Triple S Energy Management LLC Triumph Purchasing Network Inc Ty Branscum URC Energy USave Utilities LLC **Utilities Group** Utility Choice International Utility Research Inc Utility Savings Assn VERB Energy LLC Vibrant Energy Company Vikron Energy Village of Albany Village of Barnesville Village of Bethesda Village of Bridgeport Village Of Cadiz-Village of Fredericktown Village of Warsaw WMS Inc. Worthington Energy Consultants

# Schedule 1(q)

# Payroll & Benefits

Ameriflex Business Solutions Guardian Insurance Paylocity Transamerica Retirement Services Crest Retirement

#### Schedule 1(r)

#### SG&A

Aetna Westfield Insurance Call Insurance Agency, Inc. Ohio BWC CompManagement Health Systems, Inc. - Sedgwick Everest Indemnity Insurance Company Cobbs Allen Capital, LLC dba CAC Specialty Astute Technology Management AT&T U-verse Cognitive Energy LLC. Computer Voice Systems EC Infosystems, Inc Ice US OTC Commodity Markets LLC Key Internet Systems Quadient Leasing Volli Communications **Hopkins Printing** Portfolio Creative, LLC. **Touchpoint Strategies US** Postmaster American Express Buckeye Culligan **Canon Financial Services Cintas Corporation** Continental Message Solutions Inc Crest Retirement Local Waste Services LLC Public Storage **Staples Business Credit** Columbia Gas of Ohio **Guardian Protection Services** Local Waste Services South Central Power LJC Real Estate Holdings, LLC Ohio State Tax Department PA UC Fund

### Schedule 1(s)

#### Customers

Adams Township Berlin Township Bethel Township Board of Commissioners Stark Co Board of Erie County Commissioners Brown Township Cambridge Township Canfield Township City of Ashland City of Bellefontaine City of Bowling Green City of Canfield City of Celina City of Clyde City of Columbiana City of Findlay City of Fremont City of Gallipolis City of Greenville City of Marion City of North Canton City of Ontario City of Pickerington City of Reynoldsburg City of Salem City of Shelby City of Sidney City of St. Clairsville City of St. Marys City of Uhrichsville City of Washington Court House City of Willard City of Wilmington City of Xenia Clay Township Cross Creek Township Delaware Township Etna Township Franklin Township (Coshocton Co) Franklin Township (Tuscarawasa Co) Franklin Township (Warren County) Genoa Township

German Township Green Township Greenville Township Hamilton Township Harlem Township Harrison Township Jackson Township Jefferson Township Lawrence Township Liberty Township (Hancock Co) Mad River Township Madison Township (Clark Co) Madison Township (Franklin County) Marion Township Medina County Mill Township Monroe Township Morgan Township Orange Township Pease Township Perrysburg Township Pierce Township Pike Township Prairie Township **Richland Township** Salem Township Saline Township Sandy Township (Stark County) Sandy Township (Tuscarawas County) Scioto Township Springfield Township Steubenville Township Sugar Creek Township (Tuscarawas County) **Troy Township** Tuscarawas Township Viillage of Shawnee Hills Village of Albany Village of Ansonia Village of Ashville Village of Barnesville Village of Bellville

Village of Bethesda Village of Bradford Village of Bradner Village of Brewster Village of Bridgeport Village of Cadiz Village of Corwin Village of Covington Village of Elmore Village of Fort Loramie Village of Fredericktown Village of Grafton Village of Greenfield Village of Jeffersonville Village of Killbuck Village of Magnolia Village of McConnelsville Village of Milan Village of Navarre Village of New Waterford Village of Pomeroy Village of Russia Village of Silverton Village of Sunbury Village of Warsaw Village of West Lafayette Village of West Milton Warren Township Washington Township (Richland Co) Wayne County East Union Twp Wayne Township (Jefferson County) Wayne Township (Warren County) **Ballville** Township **Blooming Grove Township** Butler Township (Richland Co) City of Campbell City of Girard City of Marietta City of Uhrichsville Concord Township Cross Creek Township Green Creek Township Green Township Harrison Township Jackson Township Jefferson Township (Richland Co)

Lawrence Township Madison Township (Franklin Co) Mill Township Mingo Junction Montgomery Township Orange Township Prairie Township Sandusky Township Springfield Township Steubenville Township Sugarcreek Township (Stark Co) Townsend Township Union Township (Licking Co) Village of Cadiz Village of Elida Village of Minerva Village of Polk Village of Rayland Village of Sunbury Village of St. Henry Village of Tiltonsville Village of Wintersville Village of Yorkville Washington Township (Richland Co) Washington Township (Sandusky Co) Weller Township York Township 2727 Brice Road LLC aka Lindsay A and K Enterprises, Inc. Atrium Real Estate II, LLC Big Lots Stores, Inc. -1 Big Lots Stores, Inc. -1 Big Lots Stores, Inc. -2 Big Lots Stores, Inc. -2 Broad-Third Partners, Inc. Bryce Hill, Inc. (Build-A-Bear) Build-A-Bear Central Ohio Farmers Co-Op, Inc. Central Ohio Farmers Co-Op, Inc.

Central Ohio Farmers Co-Op, Inc. Central Ohio Farmers Co-Op, Inc. Central Ohio Farmers Co-Op, Inc. Central Ohio Farmers Co-Op, Inc. Central Ohio Farmers Co-Op, Inc. Champaign Family YMCA **Columbus International Aircenter Columbus International Aircenter** County Line Co-Op Inc. County Line Co-Op Inc. C.O.W. Industries CSX Transportation, Inc. Det Norske Veritas DRIV Automotive, Inc./Tenneco Automotive Operating Co. Galion YMCA IBC Inc. Industrial Nut Corporation Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority The Mango Tree, Inc. Marion YMCA Marion YMCA Morral Companies, LLC Morral Companies, LLC Morral Companies, LLC Morral Companies, LLC

Sandusky County YMCA Scioto Country Club Shelby YMCA Sigma Tube Co. Toledo Gaming Ventures, LLC dba Hollywood Casino Tumbleweed Restaurant's, Inc. Uni-Grip, Inc. United Fiberglass of America, Inc. United Fiberglass of America, Inc. US Tsubaki Power Transmission US Tsubaki Power Transmission Walgreen Co. YMCA of Ross County The Zimmerman Companies, LLC Ascension of Our Lord Church David Lassalle/Colonial Hall Apartments Great Lakes Cold Logistics Argonne Residence Inn LLC Unarco Material Handling fka Clymer Enterprises **Cleveland Heights Recreation Ctr** Energy Cooperative of Ohio Formall Rubber Company Parker Hannifin Corp. Sunrise Cooperative Inc Village of Oakwood, Ohio

#### Schedule 1(t)

#### **Taxing Authorities**

Adams County Treasurer Office Allegheny County Treasurer Office Allen County Treasurer Office Ashland County Treasurer Office Ashtabula County Treasurer Office Athens County Treasurer Office Auglaize County Treasurer Office Belmont County Treasurer Office Brown County Treasurer Office Butler County Treasurer Office Carrol County Treasurer Office Champaign County Treasurer Office Clark County Treasurer Office **Clermont County Treasurer Office** Clinton County Treasurer Office City of Pickerington Columbiana County Treasurer Office Coshocton County Treasurer Office Crawford County Treasurer Office Cuyahoga County Treasurer Office Defiance County Treasurer Office Delaware County Treasurer Office Drake County Treasurer Office Erie County Treasurer Office Fairfield County Treasurer Office Fayette County Treasurer Office Franklin County Treasurer Office Fulton County Treasurer Office Gallia County Treasurer Office Geauga County Treasurer Office Greene County Treasurer Office Guernsey County Treasurer Office Hamilton County Treasurer Office Hancock County Treasurer Office Hardin County Treasurer Office Harrison County Assessor Harrison County Treasurer Office Henry County Treasurer Office Highland County Treasurer Office Hocking County Treasurer Office Holmes County Treasurer Office Huron County Treasurer Office

Internal Revenue Service Jackson County Assessor's Office Jackson County Treasurer Office Jefferson County Treasurer Office Kanawha County Office of the Assessor Knox County Treasurer Office Lake County Treasurer Office Lawrence County Treasurer Office Licking County Treasurer Office Logan County Treasurer Office Lorain County Auditor Office Lucas County Treasurer Office Madison County Treasurer Office Mahoning County Treasurer Office Marion County Treasurer Office Marshall County Assessor's Office Medina County Treasurer Office Meigs County Treasurer Office Mercer County Treasurer Office Miami County Treasurer Office Monroe County Treasurer Office Montgomery County Treasurer Office Morgan County Treasurer Office Morrow County Treasurer Office Muskingum County Treasurer Office Noble County Treasurer Office Ohio Department of Taxation Ohio State Tax Department Ottawa County Treasurer Office Paulding County Treasurer Office Pennsylvania Department of Revenue Perry County Treasurer Office Pickaway County Treasurer Office Pike County Auditor Office Pocahontas County Assessor's Office Portage County Treasurer Office Preble County Auditor Office Preston County Assessor Putnam County Assessor Putman County Treasurer Office Randolph County Assessor's Office **Richland County Treasurer Office** 

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Ross County Treasurer Office Sandusky County Treasurer Office Scoito County Treasurer Office Seneca County Treasurer Office Shelby County Treasurer Office Stark County Treasurer Office Summit County Fiscal Office Trumbull County Treasurer Office Tuscarawas County Treasurer Office Union County Treasurer Office Van Wert County Treasurer Office Vinton County Treasurer Office Warren County Treasurer Office Washington County Treasurer Office Wayne County Treasurer Office Wetzel County Assessor Williams County Treasurer Office Wirt County Assessor's Office Wood County Assessor Wood County Treasurer Office Wyandot County Treasurer Office

### Schedule 1(u)

### **Regulatory Authorities**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Kentucky Public Service Commission Michigan Public Service Commission Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission Public Utilities Commission of Ohio U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# Schedule 1(v)

#### Insurance

Everest Indemnity Insurance Company Westfield Insurance Company Aetna Westfield Insurance Call Insurance Agency, Inc.

# Schedule 1(w)

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# **Potential Buyers**

NRG Energy, Inc.