

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended

June 30, 2023

OR

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

For the transition period from

to

Commission File Number

Registrant; State of Incorporation; Address and
Telephone Number

IRS Employer Identification No.

001-38126

38-3980194



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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Yes ☒ No ☐

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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. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

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

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	ATUS	NYSE

Number of shares of common stock outstanding as of July 28, 2023 454,729,330

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Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This Form 10-Q contains statements that constitute forward-looking information within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended. In this Form 10-Q there are statements concerning our future operating results and future financial performance. Words such as "expects", "anticipates", "believes", "estimates", "may", "will", "should", "could", "potential", "continue", "intends", "plans" and similar words and terms used in the discussion of future operating results, future financial performance and future events identify forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned that such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, results or events and involve risks and uncertainties and that actual results or developments may differ materially from the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors.

We operate in a highly competitive, consumer and technology driven and rapidly changing business that is affected by government regulation and economic, strategic, technological, political and social conditions. Various factors could adversely affect our operations, business or financial results in the future and cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. In addition, important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those in our forward-looking statements include:

- competition for broadband, video and telephony customers from existing competitors (such as broadband communications companies, direct broadcast satellite providers, wireless data and telephony providers, and Internet-based providers) and new fiber-based competitors entering our footprint;
- changes in consumer preferences, laws and regulations or technology that may cause us to change our operational strategies;
- increased difficulty negotiating programming agreements on favorable terms, if at all, resulting in increased costs to us and/or the loss of popular programming;
- increasing programming costs and delivery expenses related to our products and services;
- our ability to achieve anticipated customer and revenue growth, to successfully introduce new products and services and to implement our growth strategy;
- our ability to complete our capital investment plans on time and on budget, including our plan to build a parallel fiber-to-the-home ("FTTH") network;
- our ability to develop mobile voice and data services and our ability to attract customers to these services;
- the effects of economic conditions or other factors which may negatively affect our customers' demand for our current and future products and services;
- the effects of industry conditions;
- demand for digital and linear advertising products and services;
- our substantial indebtedness and debt service obligations;
- adverse changes in the credit market;
- changes as a result of any tax reforms that may affect our business;
- financial community and rating agency perceptions of our business, operations, financial condition and the industries in which we operate;
- the restrictions contained in our financing agreements;
- our ability to generate sufficient cash flow to meet our debt service obligations;
- fluctuations in interest rates which may cause our interest expense to vary from quarter to quarter;
- technical failures, equipment defects, physical or electronic break-ins to our services, computer viruses and similar problems;

- cybersecurity incidents as a result of hacking, phishing, denial of service attacks, dissemination of computer viruses, ransomware and other malicious software, misappropriation of data, and other malicious attempts;
- disruptions to our networks, infrastructure and facilities as a result of natural disasters, power outages, accidents, maintenance failures, telecommunications failures, degradation of plant assets, terrorist attacks and similar events;
- labor shortages and supply chain disruptions;
- our ability to obtain necessary hardware, software, communications equipment and services and other items from our vendors at reasonable costs;
- our ability to effectively integrate acquisitions and to maximize expected operating efficiencies from our acquisitions or as a result of the transactions, if any;
- significant unanticipated increases in the use of bandwidth-intensive Internet-based services;
- the outcome of litigation, government investigations and other proceedings; and
- other risks and uncertainties inherent in our cable and broadband communications businesses and our other businesses, including those listed under the caption "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on February 22, 2023 (the "Annual Report").

These factors are not necessarily all of the important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any of our forward-looking statements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any of our forward-looking statements.

Given these uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are made only as of the date of this Quarterly Report. Except to the extent required by law, we do not undertake, and specifically decline any obligation, to update any forward-looking statements or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any of such statements to reflect future events or developments. Comparisons of results for current and any prior periods are not intended to express any future trends or indications of future performance, unless expressed as such, and should only be viewed as historical data.

You should read this Quarterly Report with the understanding that our actual future results, levels of activity, performance and events and circumstances may be materially different from what we expect. We qualify all forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

Certain numerical figures included in this Quarterly Report have been subject to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, such numerical figures shown as totals in various tables may not be arithmetic aggregations of the figures that precede them.

Item 1. Financial Statements

ALTICE USA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands)

	June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2022
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 219,128	\$ 305,484
Restricted cash	273	267
Accounts receivable, trade (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$24,883 and \$20,767, respectively)	332,657	365,992
Prepaid expenses and other current assets (\$299 and \$572 due from affiliates, respectively)	184,263	130,684
Derivative contracts	—	263,873
Investment securities pledged as collateral	—	1,502,145
Total current assets	736,321	2,568,445
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$7,999,028 and \$7,785,397, respectively	7,963,047	7,500,780
Right-of-use operating lease assets	261,630	250,601
Other assets	270,208	259,681
Amortizable intangibles, net of accumulated amortization of \$ 5,758,653 and \$5,549,674, respectively	1,451,370	1,660,331
Indefinite-lived cable television franchises	13,216,355	13,216,355
Goodwill	8,208,773	8,208,773
Total assets	\$ 32,107,704	\$ 33,664,966
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIENCY		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 979,288	\$ 1,213,806
Interest payable	279,085	252,351
Accrued employee related costs	135,505	139,328
Deferred revenue	87,506	80,559
Debt	1,111,144	2,075,077
Other current liabilities (\$51,797 and \$20,857 due to affiliates, respectively)	414,848	278,580
Total current liabilities	3,007,376	4,039,701
Other liabilities	231,463	274,623
Deferred tax liability	4,970,285	5,081,661
Right-of-use operating lease liability	276,142	260,237
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	24,003,953	24,512,656
Total liabilities	32,489,219	34,168,878
Commitments and contingencies (Note 14)		
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	21,618	—
Stockholders' Deficiency:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Class A common stock: \$0.01 par value, 4,000,000,000 shares authorized, 270,400,901 shares issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2023 and 271,851,984 shares issued and 271,833,063 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2022	2,704	2,719
Class B common stock: \$0.01 par value, 1,000,000,000 shares authorized, 490,086,674 issued, 184,328,429 shares outstanding as of June 30, 2023 and 184,329,229 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2022	1,843	1,843
Class C common stock: \$0.01 par value, 4,000,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Paid-in capital	168,933	182,701
Accumulated deficit	(550,108)	(654,273)
	(376,628)	(467,010)
Treasury stock, at cost (18,921 Class A common shares at December 31, 2022)	—	—
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,245)	(8,201)
Total Altice USA stockholders' deficiency	(378,873)	(475,211)
Noncontrolling interests	(24,260)	(28,701)
Total stockholders' deficiency	(403,133)	(503,912)
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficiency	\$ 32,107,704	\$ 33,664,966

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

ALTICE USA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenue (including revenue from affiliates of \$604, \$478, \$682, and \$1,116, respectively) (See Note 13)	\$ 2,324,274	\$ 2,463,014	\$ 4,618,252	\$ 4,884,911
Operating expenses:				
Programming and other direct costs (including charges from affiliates of \$3,080, \$2,715, \$5,722, and \$7,333, respectively) (See Note 13)	762,280	819,011	1,533,999	1,647,804
Other operating expenses (including charges from affiliates of \$5,119, \$3,037, \$9,795, and \$6,132, respectively) (See Note 13)	656,128	673,464	1,307,373	1,315,370
Restructuring expense and other operating items	5,178	2,673	34,850	6,051
Depreciation and amortization (including impairments)	418,705	446,125	834,917	881,474
	1,842,291	1,941,273	3,711,139	3,850,699
Operating income	481,983	521,741	907,113	1,034,212
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense, net	(406,709)	(310,213)	(795,987)	(613,575)
Gain (loss) on investments, net	—	(325,601)	192,010	(476,374)
Gain (loss) on derivative contracts, net	—	219,114	(166,489)	320,188
Gain on interest rate swap contracts, net	61,165	39,868	46,736	163,015
Gain on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing costs	—	—	4,393	—
Other income (loss), net	(1,570)	2,521	8,635	4,951
	(347,114)	(374,311)	(710,702)	(601,795)
Income before income taxes	134,869	147,430	196,411	432,417
Income tax expense	(48,725)	(33,890)	(79,097)	(116,736)
Net income	86,144	113,540	117,314	315,681
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(7,844)	(7,366)	(13,149)	(12,956)
Net income attributable to Altice USA, Inc. stockholders	\$ 78,300	\$ 106,174	\$ 104,165	\$ 302,725
Income per share:				
Basic income per share	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.67
Basic weighted average common shares (in thousands)	454,688	453,230	454,687	453,230
Diluted income per share	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.67
Diluted weighted average common shares (in thousands)	454,688	453,230	455,139	453,230
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

ALTICE USA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net income	\$ 86,144	\$ 113,540	\$ 117,314	\$ 315,681
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Defined benefit pension plans	5,954	(4,559)	7,408	(2,055)
Applicable income taxes	(1,611)	1,204	(2,004)	543
Defined benefit pension plans, net of income taxes	4,343	(3,355)	5,404	(1,512)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	740	61	552	(109)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	5,083	(3,294)	5,956	(1,621)
Comprehensive income	91,227	110,246	123,270	314,060
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(7,844)	(7,366)	(13,149)	(12,956)
Comprehensive income attributable to Altice USA, Inc. stockholders	\$ 83,383	\$ 102,880	\$ 110,121	\$ 301,104

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

ALTICE USA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIENCY
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Altice USA Stockholders' Deficiency	Non-controlling Interests	Total Deficiency
Balance at January 1, 2023	\$ 2,719	\$ 1,843	\$ 182,701	\$ (654,273)	\$ —	\$ (8,201)	\$ (475,211)	\$ (28,701)	\$ (503,912)
Net income attributable to stockholders	—	—	—	25,865	—	—	25,865	—	25,865
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,305	5,305
Pension liability adjustments, net of income taxes	—	—	—	—	—	1,061	1,061	—	1,061
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	(188)	(188)	(2)	(190)
Share-based compensation expense (benefit)- equity classified	—	—	(8,718)	—	—	—	(8,718)	—	(8,718)
Change in noncontrolling interest	—	—	(14,166)	—	—	—	(14,166)	(8,027)	(22,193)
Other, net	(15)	—	(67)	—	—	—	(82)	—	(82)
Balance at March 31, 2023	<u>2,704</u>	<u>1,843</u>	<u>159,750</u>	<u>(628,408)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(7,328)</u>	<u>(471,439)</u>	<u>(31,425)</u>	<u>(502,864)</u>
Net income attributable to stockholders	—	—	—	78,300	—	—	78,300	—	78,300
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,844	7,844
Pension liability adjustments, net of income taxes	—	—	—	—	—	4,343	4,343	—	4,343
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	740	740	(2)	738
Share-based compensation expense (equity classified)	—	—	9,091	—	—	—	9,091	—	9,091
Change in noncontrolling interest	—	—	175	—	—	—	175	400	575
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,077)	(1,077)
Other, net	—	—	(83)	—	—	—	(83)	—	(83)
Balance at June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 2,704</u>	<u>\$ 1,843</u>	<u>\$ 168,933</u>	<u>\$ (550,108)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (2,245)</u>	<u>\$ (378,873)</u>	<u>\$ (24,260)</u>	<u>\$ (403,133)</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

ALTICE USA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIENCY (Continued)
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Altice USA Stockholders' Deficiency	Non- controlling Interests	Total Deficiency
Balance at January 1, 2022	\$ 2,703	\$ 1,843	\$ 18,005	\$ (848,836)	\$ —	\$ 6,497	\$ (819,788)	\$ (51,114)	\$ (870,902)
Net income attributable to stockholders	—	—	—	196,551	—	—	196,551	—	196,551
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,590	5,590
Pension liability adjustments, net of income taxes	—	—	—	—	—	1,843	1,843	—	1,843
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	(170)	(170)	—	(170)
Share-based compensation expense (equity classified)	—	—	40,512	—	—	—	40,512	—	40,512
Issuance of common shares pursuant to employee long term incentive plan	—	—	10	—	—	—	10	—	10
Balance at March 31, 2022	2,703	1,843	58,527	(652,285)	—	8,170	(581,042)	(45,524)	(626,566)
Net income attributable to stockholders	—	—	—	106,174	—	—	106,174	—	106,174
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,366	7,366
Pension liability adjustments, net of income taxes	—	—	—	—	—	(3,355)	(3,355)	—	(3,355)
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of income taxes	—	—	—	—	—	61	61	—	61
Share-based compensation expense (equity classified)	—	—	41,680	—	—	—	41,680	—	41,680
Issuance of common shares pursuant to employee long term incentive plan	—	—	6	—	—	—	6	—	6
Balance at June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 2,703</u>	<u>\$ 1,843</u>	<u>\$ 100,213</u>	<u>\$ (546,111)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 4,876</u>	<u>\$ (436,476)</u>	<u>\$ (38,158)</u>	<u>\$ (474,634)</u>

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ALTICE USA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 117,314	\$ 315,681
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization (including impairments)	834,917	881,474
Loss (gain) on investments	(192,010)	476,374
Loss (gain) on derivative contracts, net	166,489	(320,188)
Gain on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing costs	(4,393)	—
Amortization of deferred financing costs and discounts (premiums) on indebtedness	18,359	41,150
Share-based compensation	13,253	77,061
Deferred income taxes	(113,402)	(57,720)
Decrease in right-of-use assets	22,925	22,139
Provision for doubtful accounts	43,946	36,839
Other	9,188	(321)
Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and dispositions:		
Accounts receivable, trade	(10,611)	(790)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(58,842)	6,689
Amounts due from and due to affiliates	31,213	(6,057)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(22,816)	(1,527)
Deferred revenue	6,649	(1,906)
Interest rate swap contracts	(6,492)	(192,344)
Net cash provided by operating activities	855,687	1,276,554
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(1,056,342)	(877,497)
Other, net	(1,578)	(610)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,057,920)	(878,107)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from long-term debt	1,900,000	460,000
Repayment of debt	(1,739,493)	(758,861)
Proceeds from derivative contracts in connection with the settlement of collateralized debt	38,902	—
Principal payments on finance lease obligations	(76,100)	(62,221)
Other, net	(7,974)	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	115,335	(361,082)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(86,898)	37,365
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	548	(110)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(86,350)	37,255
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of year	305,751	195,975
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 219,401	\$ 233,230

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CSC HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands)

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Total current liabilities	3,007,377	4,039,701
Other liabilities	231,463	274,623
Deferred tax liability	4,978,917	5,090,294
Right-of-use operating lease liability	276,142	260,237
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	24,003,953	24,512,656
Total liabilities	32,497,852	34,177,511
Commitments and contingencies (Note 14)		
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	21,618	—
Member's deficiency (100 membership units issued and outstanding)	(385,268)	(475,650)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,245)	(8,201)
Total member's deficiency	(387,513)	(483,851)
Noncontrolling interests	(24,260)	(28,701)
Total deficiency	(411,773)	(512,552)
Total liabilities and member's deficiency	<u>\$ 32,107,697</u>	<u>\$ 33,664,959</u>

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CSC HOLDINGS LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenue (including revenue from affiliates of \$604, \$478, \$682, and \$1,116, respectively) (See Note 13)	\$ 2,324,274	\$ 2,463,014	\$ 4,618,252	\$ 4,884,911
Operating expenses:				
Programming and other direct costs (including charges from affiliates of \$3,080, \$2,715, \$5,722, and \$7,333, respectively) (See Note 13)	762,280	819,011	1,533,999	1,647,804
Other operating expenses (including charges from affiliates of \$5,119, \$3,037, \$9,795, and \$6,132, respectively) (See Note 13)	656,128	673,464	1,307,373	1,315,370
Restructuring expense and other operating items	5,178	2,673	34,850	6,051
Depreciation and amortization (including impairments)	418,705	446,125	834,917	881,474
	1,842,291	1,941,273	3,711,139	3,850,699
Operating income	481,983	521,741	907,113	1,034,212
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense, net	(406,709)	(310,213)	(795,987)	(613,575)
Gain (loss) on investments, net	—	(325,601)	192,010	(476,374)
Gain (loss) on derivative contracts, net	—	219,114	(166,489)	320,188
Gain on interest rate swap contracts, net	61,165	39,868	46,736	163,015
Gain on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing costs	—	—	4,393	—
Other income (loss), net	(1,570)	2,521	8,635	4,951
	(347,114)	(374,311)	(710,702)	(601,795)
Income before income taxes	134,869	147,430	196,411	432,417
Income tax expense	(48,725)	(33,890)	(79,097)	(116,736)
Net income	86,144	113,540	117,314	315,681
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(7,844)	(7,366)	(13,149)	(12,956)
Net income attributable to CSC Holdings, LLC sole member	\$ 78,300	\$ 106,174	\$ 104,165	\$ 302,725

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

CSC HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net income	\$ 86,144	\$ 113,540	\$ 117,314	\$ 315,681
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Defined benefit pension plans	5,954	(4,559)	7,408	(2,055)
Applicable income taxes	(1,611)	1,204	(2,004)	543
Defined benefit pension plans, net of income taxes	4,343	(3,355)	5,404	(1,512)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	740	61	552	(109)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	5,083	(3,294)	5,956	(1,621)
Comprehensive income	91,227	110,246	123,270	314,060
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(7,844)	(7,366)	(13,149)	(12,956)
Comprehensive income attributable to CSC Holdings, LLC's sole member	<u>\$ 83,383</u>	<u>\$ 102,880</u>	<u>\$ 110,121</u>	<u>\$ 301,104</u>

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CSC HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN TOTAL MEMBER'S DEFICIENCY
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Member's Deficiency	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Member's Deficiency	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Deficiency
Balance at January 1, 2023	\$ (475,650)	\$ (8,201)	\$ (483,851)	\$ (28,701)	\$ (512,552)
Net income attributable to CSC Holdings' sole member	25,865	—	25,865	—	25,865
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	5,305	5,305
Pension liability adjustments, net of income taxes	—	1,061	1,061	—	1,061
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	(188)	(188)	(2)	(190)
Share-based compensation expense (benefit)- equity classified	(8,718)	—	(8,718)	—	(8,718)
Change in noncontrolling interest	(14,166)	—	(14,166)	(8,027)	(22,193)
Other, net	(82)	—	(82)	—	(82)
Balance at March 31, 2023	<u>(472,751)</u>	<u>(7,328)</u>	<u>(480,079)</u>	<u>(31,425)</u>	<u>(511,504)</u>
Net income attributable to CSC Holdings' sole member	78,300	—	78,300	—	78,300
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	7,844	7,844
Pension liability adjustments, net of income taxes	—	4,343	4,343	—	4,343
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	740	740	(2)	738
Share-based compensation expense (benefit)- equity classified	9,091	—	9,091	—	9,091
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	(1,077)	(1,077)
Change in noncontrolling interest	175	—	175	400	575
Other, net	(83)	—	(83)	—	(83)
Balance at June 30, 2023	<u>\$ (385,268)</u>	<u>\$ (2,245)</u>	<u>\$ (387,513)</u>	<u>\$ (24,260)</u>	<u>\$ (411,773)</u>

	Member's Deficiency	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Member's Deficiency	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Deficiency
Balance at January 1, 2022	\$ (848,156)	\$ 6,497	\$ (841,659)	\$ (51,114)	\$ (892,773)
Net income attributable to CSC Holdings' sole member	196,551	—	196,551	—	196,551
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	5,590	5,590
Pension liability adjustments, net of income taxes	—	1,843	1,843	—	1,843
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	(170)	(170)	—	(170)
Share-based compensation expense (equity classified)	40,512	—	40,512	—	40,512
Non-cash contribution from parent	11	—	11	—	11
Balance at March 31, 2022	<u>(611,082)</u>	<u>8,170</u>	<u>(602,912)</u>	<u>(45,524)</u>	<u>(648,436)</u>
Net income attributable to CSC Holdings' sole member	106,174	—	106,174	—	106,174
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	7,366	7,366
Pension liability adjustments, net of income taxes	—	(3,355)	(3,355)	—	(3,355)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	61	61	—	61
Share-based compensation expense (equity classified)	41,680	—	41,680	—	41,680
Other	5	—	5	—	5
Balance at June 30, 2022	<u>\$ (463,223)</u>	<u>\$ 4,876</u>	<u>\$ (458,347)</u>	<u>\$ (38,158)</u>	<u>\$ (496,505)</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

CSC HOLDINGS LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 117,314	\$ 315,681
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization (including impairments)	834,917	881,474
Loss (gain) on investments	(192,010)	476,374
Loss (gain) on derivative contracts, net	166,489	(320,188)
Gain on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing costs	(4,393)	—
Amortization of deferred financing costs and discounts (premiums) on indebtedness	18,359	41,150
Share-based compensation	13,253	77,061
Deferred income taxes	(113,402)	(57,720)
Decrease in right-of-use assets	22,925	22,139
Provision for doubtful accounts	43,946	36,839
Other	9,188	(321)
Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and dispositions:		
Accounts receivable, trade	(10,611)	(790)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(58,842)	6,689
Amounts due from and due to affiliates	31,213	(6,057)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(22,816)	(1,527)
Deferred revenue	6,649	(1,906)
Interest rate swap contracts	(6,492)	(192,344)
Net cash provided by operating activities	855,687	1,276,554
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(1,056,342)	(877,497)
Other, net	(1,578)	(610)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,057,920)	(878,107)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from long-term debt	1,900,000	460,000
Repayment of debt	(1,739,493)	(758,861)
Proceeds from derivative contracts in connection with the settlement of collateralized debt	38,902	—
Principal payments on finance lease obligations	(76,100)	(62,221)
Other, net	(7,974)	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	115,335	(361,082)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(86,898)	37,365
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	548	(110)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(86,350)	37,255
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of year	305,744	193,418
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 219,394	\$ 230,673

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

ALTICE USA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
COMBINED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND RELATED MATTERS

The Company and Related Matters

Altice USA, Inc. ("Altice USA") was incorporated in Delaware on September 14, 2015. Altice USA is majority-owned by Patrick Drahi through Next Alt S.à r.l. ("Next Alt"). Patrick Drahi also controls Altice Group Lux S.à r.l, formerly Altice Europe N.V. ("Altice Europe") and its subsidiaries and other entities.

Altice USA, through CSC Holdings, LLC and its consolidated subsidiaries ("CSC Holdings," and collectively with Altice USA, the "Company"), principally provides broadband communications and video services in the United States. It markets its residential services under the Optimum brand and provides enterprise services under the brands Lightpath and Optimum Business. It delivers broadband, video, telephony services, proprietary content and advertising services to residential and business customers. In addition, the Company offers a full-service mobile offering to consumers across its footprint. As these brands are managed on a consolidated basis, the Company classifies its operations in one segment.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements ("consolidated financial statements") of Altice USA include the accounts of Altice USA and its majority-owned subsidiaries and the accompanying consolidated financial statements of CSC Holdings include the accounts of CSC Holdings and its majority-owned subsidiaries. Altice USA is a holding company and has no business operations independent of its CSC Holdings subsidiary, whose operating results and financial position are consolidated into Altice USA. The consolidated balance sheets and statements of operations of Altice USA are essentially identical to the consolidated balance sheets and statements of operations of CSC Holdings, with the following exceptions: Altice USA has additional cash and deferred taxes on its consolidated balance sheet.

The combined notes to the consolidated financial statements relate to the Company, which, except as noted, are essentially identical for Altice USA and CSC Holdings. All significant intercompany transactions and balances between Altice USA or CSC Holdings and their respective consolidated subsidiaries are eliminated in both sets of consolidated financial statements. Intercompany transactions between Altice USA and CSC Holdings are not eliminated in the CSC Holdings consolidated financial statements, but they are eliminated in the Altice USA consolidated financial statements.

The financial statements of CSC Holdings are included herein as supplemental information as CSC Holdings is not an SEC registrant.

NOTE 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X for interim financial information. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include all the information and notes required for complete annual financial statements.

The interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The financial statements presented in this report are unaudited; however, in the opinion of management, such financial statements include all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the periods presented.

The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that might be expected for future interim periods or for the full year ending December 31, 2023.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. See Note 10 for a discussion of fair value estimates.

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NOTE 3. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Accounting Standards Adopted in 2023

ASU No. 2022-04, *Liabilities—Supplier Finance Programs (Subtopic 405-50): Disclosure of Supplier Finance Program Obligations*

In September 2022, the FASB issued ASU 2022-04, *Liabilities—Supplier Finance Programs (Subtopic 405-50): Disclosure of Supplier Finance Program Obligations*, to enhance transparency about an entity's use of supplier finance programs. ASU 2022-04 requires the buyer in a supplier finance program to disclose (a) information about the key terms of the program, (b) the amount outstanding that remains unpaid by the buyer as of the end of the period, (c) a rollforward of such amounts during each annual period, and (d) a description of where in the financial statements outstanding amounts are being presented. The Company adopted ASU 2022-04 on January 1, 2023. See Note 8 for further information.

NOTE 4. REVENUE

The following table presents the composition of revenue:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Residential:				
Broadband	\$ 965,865	\$ 1,002,680	\$ 1,922,910	\$ 1,988,197
Video	775,138	841,549	1,545,739	1,683,436
Telephony	76,069	84,621	153,750	169,855
Mobile (a)	18,147	16,863	33,673	31,805
Residential revenue	1,835,219	1,945,713	3,656,072	3,873,293
Business services and wholesale (a)	364,704	371,613	728,345	739,243
News and advertising	113,465	133,250	212,202	247,925
Other (a)	10,886	12,438	21,633	24,450
Total revenue	\$ 2,324,274	\$ 2,463,014	\$ 4,618,252	\$ 4,884,911

(a) Beginning in the second quarter of 2023, mobile service revenue previously included in mobile revenue is now separately reported in residential revenue and business services revenue. In addition, mobile equipment revenue previously included in mobile revenue is now included in other revenue. Prior period amounts have been revised to conform with this presentation.

The Company is assessed non-income related taxes by governmental authorities, including franchising authorities (generally under multi-year agreements), and collects such taxes from its customers. In instances where the tax is being assessed directly on the Company, amounts paid to the governmental authorities are recorded as programming and other direct costs and amounts received from the customers are recorded as revenue. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the amount of franchise fees and certain other taxes and fees included as a component of revenue aggregated \$55,247 and \$111,702, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, the amount of franchise fees and certain other taxes and fees included as a component of revenue aggregated \$58,573 and \$117,661, respectively.

Customer Contract Costs

Deferred enterprise sales commission costs are included in other current and noncurrent assets in the consolidated balance sheets and totaled \$8,172 and \$17,511 as of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

A significant portion of our revenue is derived from residential and small and medium-sized business ("SMB") customer contracts which are month-to-month. As such, the amount of revenue related to unsatisfied performance obligations is not necessarily indicative of the future revenue to be recognized from our existing customer base. Contracts with enterprise customers generally range from three years to five years, and services may only be terminated in accordance with the contractual terms.

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Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company did not have a single customer that represented 10% or more of its consolidated revenues for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 or 10% or more of its consolidated net trade receivables at June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

NOTE 5. NET INCOME PER SHARE

Basic net income per common share attributable to Altice USA stockholders is computed by dividing net income attributable to Altice USA stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted income per common share attributable to Altice USA stockholders reflects the dilutive effects of stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, and deferred cash-denominated awards. For awards that are performance based, the dilutive effect is reflected upon the achievement of the performance criteria.

The following table presents a reconciliation of weighted average shares used in the calculations of the basic and diluted net income per share attributable to Altice USA stockholders:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	(in thousands)			
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	454,688	453,230	454,687	453,230
Effect of dilution:				
Restricted stock	—	—	122	—
Deferred cash-denominated awards (Note 12)	—	—	330	—
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	<u>454,688</u>	<u>453,230</u>	<u>455,139</u>	<u>453,230</u>
Weighted average shares excluded from diluted weighted average shares outstanding:				
Anti-dilutive shares	<u>43,740</u>	<u>57,921</u>	<u>47,121</u>	<u>58,160</u>
Share-based compensation awards whose performance metrics have not been achieved	<u>24,795</u>	<u>7,445</u>	<u>15,907</u>	<u>7,574</u>

Net income per membership unit for CSC Holdings is not presented since CSC Holdings is a limited liability company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Altice USA.

NOTE 6. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The Company's non-cash investing and financing activities and other supplemental data were as follows:

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
<u>Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities:</u>		
<i>Altice USA and CSC Holdings:</i>		
Property and equipment accrued but unpaid	\$ 343,903	\$ 341,313
Notes payable issued for the purchase of equipment and other assets	97,235	51,501
Right-of-use assets acquired in exchange for finance lease obligations	83,652	94,771
Other non-cash investing and financing transactions	516	—
<u>Supplemental Data:</u>		
<i>Altice USA and CSC Holdings:</i>		
Cash interest paid, net of capitalized interest	746,856	565,542
Income taxes paid, net	120,189	173,317

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NOTE 7. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The following table summarizes information relating to the Company's acquired amortizable intangible assets:

	As of June 30, 2023			As of December 31, 2022			Estimated Useful Lives
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	
Customer relationships	\$ 6,123,586	\$ (4,690,651)	\$ 1,432,935	\$ 6,123,586	\$ (4,484,286)	\$ 1,639,300	3 to 18 years
Trade names	1,024,300	(1,019,082)	5,218	1,024,300	(1,018,212)	6,088	4 to 10 years
Other amortizable intangibles	62,137	(48,920)	13,217	62,119	(47,176)	14,943	1 to 15 years
	<u>\$ 7,210,023</u>	<u>\$ (5,758,653)</u>	<u>\$ 1,451,370</u>	<u>\$ 7,210,005</u>	<u>\$ (5,549,674)</u>	<u>\$ 1,660,331</u>	

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Amortization expense related to amortizable intangible assets	<u>\$ 103,175</u>	<u>\$ 145,437</u>	<u>\$ 208,870</u>	<u>\$ 292,592</u>

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NOTE 8. DEBT

The following table provides details of the Company's outstanding debt:

	Date Issued	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	June 30, 2023		December 31, 2022	
				Principal Amount	Carrying Amount (a)	Principal Amount	Carrying Amount (a)
CSC Holdings Senior Notes:							
May 23, 2014	June 1, 2024	5.250 %	\$ 750,000	\$ 734,322	\$ 750,000	\$ 726,343	
October 18, 2018	April 1, 2028	7.500 %	4,118	4,114	4,118	4,113	
November 27, 2018	April 1, 2028	7.500 %	1,045,882	1,044,839	1,045,882	1,044,752	
July 10 and October 7, 2019	January 15, 2030	5.750 %	2,250,000	2,277,736	2,250,000	2,279,483	
June 16 and August 17, 2020	December 1, 2030	4.625 %	2,325,000	2,361,122	2,325,000	2,363,082	
May 13, 2021	November 15, 2031	5.000 %	500,000	498,449	500,000	498,375	
			6,875,000	6,920,582	6,875,000	6,916,148	
CSC Holdings Senior Guaranteed Notes:							
September 23, 2016	April 15, 2027	5.500 %	1,310,000	1,307,393	1,310,000	1,307,091	
January 29, 2018	February 1, 2028	5.375 %	1,000,000	995,500	1,000,000	995,078	
January 24, 2019	February 1, 2029	6.500 %	1,750,000	1,747,942	1,750,000	1,747,795	
June 16, 2020	December 1, 2030	4.125 %	1,100,000	1,096,284	1,100,000	1,096,077	
August 17, 2020	February 15, 2031	3.375 %	1,000,000	997,404	1,000,000	997,258	
May 13, 2021	November 15, 2031	4.500 %	1,500,000	1,495,367	1,500,000	1,495,144	
April 25, 2023	May 15, 2028	11.250 %	1,000,000	993,564	—	—	
			8,660,000	8,633,454	7,660,000	7,638,443	
CSC Holdings Restricted Group Credit Facility:							
Revolving Credit Facility (b) (c)		7.497 %	825,000	821,175	1,575,000	1,570,730	
Term Loan B (g)	July 17, 2025	7.443 %	1,528,162	1,525,580	1,535,842	1,532,644	
Incremental Term Loan B-3 (g)	January 15, 2026	7.443 %	524,379	523,439	527,014	525,883	
Incremental Term Loan B-5 (g)	April 15, 2027	7.693 %	2,902,500	2,889,499	2,917,500	2,902,921	
Incremental Term Loan B-6	January 15, 2028	9.647 %	1,996,937	1,954,538	2,001,942	1,955,839	
			7,776,978	7,714,231	8,557,298	8,488,017	
Lightpath Senior Notes:							
September 29, 2020	September 15, 2028	5.625 %	415,000	408,601	415,000	408,090	
Lightpath Senior Secured Notes:							
September 29, 2020	September 15, 2027	3.875 %	450,000	443,715	450,000	443,046	
Lightpath Term Loan:	November 30, 2027	8.443 %	585,000	573,671	588,000	575,478	
Lightpath Revolving Credit Facility		(e)	—	—	—	—	
			1,450,000	1,425,987	1,453,000	1,426,614	
Collateralized indebtedness (see Note 9) (f)							
			—	—	1,759,017	1,746,281	
Finance lease obligations							
			252,147	252,147	244,595	244,595	
Notes payable and supply chain financing (d)							
			168,696	168,696	127,635	127,635	
			25,182,821	25,115,097	26,676,545	26,587,733	
Less: current portion of credit facility debt			(76,648)	(76,648)	(71,643)	(71,643)	
Less: current portion of senior notes			(750,000)	(734,322)	—	—	
Less: current portion of collateralized indebtedness (f)			—	—	(1,759,017)	(1,746,281)	
Less: current portion of finance lease obligations			(131,478)	(131,478)	(129,657)	(129,657)	
Less: current portion of notes payable and supply chain financing			(168,696)	(168,696)	(127,496)	(127,496)	
			(1,126,822)	(1,111,144)	(2,087,813)	(2,075,077)	
Long-term debt			\$ 24,055,999	\$ 24,003,953	\$ 24,588,732	\$ 24,512,656	

(a) The carrying amount is net of the unamortized deferred financing costs and discounts/premiums and with respect to certain notes, a fair value adjustment resulting from the acquisitions of Cequel Corporation and Cablevision Systems Corporation.

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- (b) At June 30, 2023, \$139,436 of the revolving credit facility was restricted for certain letters of credit issued on behalf of the Company and \$1,510,564 of the facility was undrawn and available, subject to covenant limitations. The revolving credit facility is due on the earlier of (i) July 13, 2027 and (ii) April 17, 2025 if, as of such date, any Term Loan B borrowings are still outstanding, unless the Term Loan B maturity date has been extended to a date falling after July 13, 2027. The CSC Holdings' Incremental Term Loan B-6 that is due on the earlier of (i) January 15, 2028 and (ii) April 15, 2027 if, as of such date, any Incremental Term Loan B-5 borrowings are still outstanding, unless the Incremental Term Loan B-5 maturity date has been extended to a date falling after January 15, 2028.
- (c) The revolving credit facility provides for commitments in an aggregate principal amount of \$2,475,000 and is priced at Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") plus 2.25%.
- (d) Includes \$168,281 related to supply chain financing agreements that is required to be repaid within one year from the date of the respective agreement.
- (e) There were no borrowings outstanding under the Lightpath Revolving Credit Facility which provides for commitments in an aggregate principal amount of \$100,000.
- (f) The indebtedness was collateralized by shares of Comcast common stock. In January 2023, the Company settled this debt by delivering shares of Comcast common stock and the related equity derivative contracts. See Note 9.
- (g) Pursuant to the term loan agreement, the interest rate on outstanding borrowings subsequent to the phase-out of London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") as of June 30, 2023, is Synthetic USD LIBOR, calculated as Term SOFR plus the spread adjustment for the corresponding LIBOR setting, being 0.11448% (1 month), 0.26161% (3 month) and 0.42826% (6 month), until September 30, 2024.

For financing purposes, the Company has two debt silos: CSC Holdings and Lightpath. The CSC Holdings silo is structured as a restricted group (the "Restricted Group") and an unrestricted group, which includes certain designated subsidiaries and investments. The Restricted Group is comprised of CSC Holdings and substantially all of its wholly-owned operating subsidiaries excluding Cablevision Lightpath LLC ("Lightpath"), a 50.01% owned subsidiary of the Company, which became an unrestricted subsidiary in September 2020. These Restricted Group subsidiaries are subject to the covenants and restrictions of the credit facility and indentures governing the notes issued by CSC Holdings. The Lightpath silo includes all of its operating subsidiaries which are subject to the covenants and restrictions of the credit facility and indentures governing the notes issued by Lightpath.

Both CSC Holdings and Lightpath's credit facilities agreements contain certain customary representations and warranties, affirmative covenants and events of default (including, among others, an event of default upon a change of control). If an event of default occurs, the lenders under the credit facilities will be entitled to take various actions, including the acceleration of amounts due under the credit facilities and all actions permitted to be taken by a secured creditor.

Senior Guaranteed Notes

In April 2023, CSC Holdings issued \$1,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of senior guaranteed notes that bear interest at a rate of 1.250% and mature on May 15, 2028. The Company used the proceeds to repay outstanding borrowings drawn under the Revolving Credit Facility.

As of June 30, 2023, CSC Holdings and Lightpath were in compliance with applicable financial covenants under their respective credit facilities and with applicable financial covenants under each respective indenture by which the senior guaranteed notes, senior secured notes and senior notes were issued.

Lightpath Credit Facility

In June 2023, Lightpath entered into an amendment (the "First Amendment") under its existing credit facility agreement to replace LIBOR-based benchmark rates with SOFR-based benchmark rates. The First Amendment provides for interest on borrowings under its term loan and revolving credit facility to be calculated for any (i) SOFR loan, at a rate per annum equal to the Term SOFR (plus spread adjustments of 0.11448%, 0.26161% and 0.42826% for interest periods of one, three and six months, respectively) or (ii) the alternate base rate loan, at the alternative base rate as applicable, plus the applicable margin in each case, where the applicable margin is 2.25% per annum with respect to any alternate base rate loan and 3.25% per annum with respect to any SOFR loan.

Supply Chain Financing Arrangement

The Company has a supply chain financing arrangement with a financial institution with credit availability of \$75,000 that is used to finance certain of its property and equipment purchases. This arrangement extends the Company's repayment terms beyond a vendor's original invoice due dates (for up to one year) and as such are

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classified as debt on our consolidated balance sheets. Amounts outstanding under this arrangement amounted to \$168,281 and \$123,880 as of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

Summary of Debt Maturities

The future principal payments under the Company's various debt obligations outstanding as of June 30, 2023, including notes payable and supply chain financing, but excluding finance lease obligations, are as follows:

2023	\$ 118,277
2024	915,391
2025 (a)	2,391,414
2026	567,223
2027	5,141,519
Thereafter (b)	15,796,850

- (a) Includes \$825,000 principal amount related to the CSC Holdings' revolving credit facility that is due on the earlier of (i) July 13, 2027 and (ii) April 17, 2025 if, as of such date, any Term Loan B borrowings are still outstanding, unless the Term Loan B maturity date has been extended to a date falling after July 13, 2027.
- (b) Includes \$1,996,937 principal amount related to the CSC Holdings' Incremental Term Loan B-6 that is due on the earlier of (i) January 15, 2028 and (ii) April 15, 2027 if, as of such date, any Incremental Term Loan B-5 borrowings are still outstanding, unless the Incremental Term Loan B-5 maturity date has been extended to a date falling after January 15, 2028.

NOTE 9. DERIVATIVE CONTRACTS AND COLLATERALIZED INDEBTEDNESS

Prepaid Forward Contracts

Historically, the Company had entered into various transactions to limit the exposure against equity price risk on shares of Comcast Corporation ("Comcast") common stock it previously owned. The Company monetized all of its stock holdings in Comcast through the execution of prepaid forward contracts, collateralized by an equivalent amount of the respective underlying stock.

The Company received cash proceeds upon execution of the prepaid forward contracts which had been reflected as collateralized indebtedness in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2022. In addition, the Company separately accounted for the equity derivative component of the prepaid forward contracts. These equity derivatives were not designated as hedges for accounting purposes, therefore, the net fair values of the equity derivatives had been reflected in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as an asset at December 31, 2022, and the net increases or decreases in the fair value of the equity derivative component of the prepaid forward contracts were included in gain (loss) on derivative contracts in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

In January 2023, the Company settled its outstanding collateralized indebtedness by delivering the Comcast shares it held and the related equity derivative contracts. In connection with the settlement, the Company received net cash of approximately \$50,500 (including dividends of \$11,598) and recorded a gain on the extinguishment of debt of \$4,393.

As of June 30, 2023, the Company did not hold and has not issued equity derivative instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

Interest Rate Swap Contracts

To manage interest rate risk, we have from time to time entered into interest rate swap contracts to adjust the proportion of total debt that is subject to variable and fixed interest rates. Such contracts effectively fix the borrowing rates on floating rate debt to provide an economic hedge against the risk of rising rates and/or effectively convert fixed rate borrowings to variable rates to permit the Company to realize lower interest expense in a declining interest rate environment. We monitor the financial institutions that are counterparties to our interest rate swap contracts and we only enter into interest rate swap contracts with financial institutions that are rated investment grade. All such contracts are not designated as a hedges for accounting purposes and are carried at their fair market values on our consolidated balance sheets, with changes in fair value reflected in the consolidated statements of operations.

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The following represents the location of the assets and liabilities associated with the Company's derivative instruments within the consolidated balance sheets:

Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value at	
		June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Asset Derivatives:			
Prepaid forward contracts (a)	Derivative contracts	\$ —	\$ 263,873
Interest rate swap contracts	Other assets, long-term	192,113	185,622
		<u>\$ 192,113</u>	<u>\$ 449,495</u>

(a) In January 2023, the Company settled its outstanding collateralized indebtedness by delivering the Comcast shares it held and the related equity derivative contracts.

The following table presents certain consolidated statement of operations data related to our derivative contracts and the underlying Comcast common stock:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Gain (loss) on derivative contracts related to change in the value of equity derivative contracts related to Comcast common stock	\$ —	\$ 219,114	\$ (166,489)	\$ 320,188
Change in the fair value of Comcast common stock included in gain (loss) on investments	—	(325,601)	192,010	(476,374)
Gain on interest rate swap contracts, net	61,165	39,868	46,736	163,015

Interest Rate Swap Contract

In connection with the phase-out of LIBOR as of June 30, 2023, the Company entered into amendments to its existing interest rate swap contracts that transitioned the reference rates from LIBOR to SOFR.

The following is a summary of the terms of the interest rate swap contracts at June 30, 2023:

Maturity Date	Notional Amount	Prior to Amendments		Subsequent to Amendments	
		Company Pays	Company Receives	Company Pays	Company Receives
CSC Holdings:					
January 2025 (a)	\$ 500,000	Fixed rate of 1.53%	Three-month LIBOR	Fixed rate of 1.3281%	One-month SOFR
January 2025 (a)	500,000	Fixed rate of 1.625%	Three-month LIBOR	Fixed rate of 1.4223%	One-month SOFR
January 2025 (a)	500,000	Fixed rate of 1.458%	Three-month LIBOR	Fixed rate of 1.2567%	One-month SOFR
December 2026 (b)	750,000	Fixed rate of 2.9155%	Three-month LIBOR	Fixed rate of 2.7129%	One-month SOFR
December 2026 (b)	750,000	Fixed rate of 2.9025%	Three-month LIBOR	Fixed rate of 2.6999%	One-month SOFR
Lightpath:					
December 2026 (a)	300,000	Fixed rate of 2.161%	One-month LIBOR	Fixed rate of 2.11%	One-month SOFR

(a) Amended rates effective June 15, 2023.

(b) Amended rates effective July 17, 2023.

In April 2023, Lightpath entered into an interest rate swap contract, effective June 2023 on a notional amount of \$80,000, whereby Lightpath pays interest of 3.523% through December 2026 and receives interest based on one-month SOFR. This swap contract is also not designated as a hedge for accounting purposes. Accordingly, this contract is carried at its fair market value on our consolidated balance sheet, with changes in fair value reflected in the consolidated statements of operations.

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NOTE 10. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The fair value hierarchy is based on inputs to valuation techniques that are used to measure fair value that are either observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on market data obtained from independent sources while unobservable inputs reflect a reporting entity's pricing based upon their own market assumptions. The fair value hierarchy consists of the following three levels:

- Level I - Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.
- Level II - Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable.
- Level III - Instruments whose significant value drivers are unobservable.

The following table presents the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and their classification under the fair value hierarchy:

	Fair Value Hierarchy	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Assets:			
Money market funds	Level I	\$ 86,067	\$ 141,137
Investment securities pledged as collateral (a)	Level I	—	1,502,145
Prepaid forward contracts (a)	Level II	—	263,873
Interest rate swap contracts	Level II	192,113	185,622
Liabilities:			
Contingent consideration related to acquisition	Level III	2,073	8,383

(a) In January 2023, the Company settled its outstanding collateralized indebtedness by delivering the Comcast shares it held and the related equity derivative contracts.

The Company's money market funds which are classified as cash equivalents and investment securities pledged as collateral are classified within Level I of the fair value hierarchy because they are valued using quoted market prices.

The Company's derivative contracts and liabilities under derivative contracts on the Company's consolidated balance sheets are valued using market-based inputs to valuation models. These valuation models require a variety of inputs, including contractual terms, market prices, yield curves, and measures of volatility. When appropriate, valuations are adjusted for various factors such as liquidity, bid/offer spreads and credit risk considerations. Such adjustments are generally based on available market evidence. Since model inputs can generally be verified and do not involve significant management judgment, the Company has concluded that these instruments should be classified within Level II of the fair value hierarchy.

The fair values of the contingent consideration as of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 relate to an acquisition in the third quarter of 2022 and were determined using a probability assessment of the contingent payment for the respective periods.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate:

Credit Facility Debt, Collateralized Indebtedness, Senior Notes, Senior Guaranteed Notes, Senior Secured Notes, Notes Payable, and Supply Chain Financing

The fair values of each of the Company's debt instruments are based on quoted market prices for the same or similar issues or on the current rates offered to the Company for instruments of the same remaining maturities. The fair value of notes payable is based primarily on the present value of the remaining payments discounted at the borrowing cost. The carrying value of outstanding amounts related to supply chain financing agreements approximates the fair value due to their short-term maturity (less than one year).

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The carrying values, estimated fair values, and classification under the fair value hierarchy of the Company's financial instruments, excluding those that are carried at fair value in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, are summarized below:

	Fair Value Hierarchy	June 30, 2023		December 31, 2022	
		Carrying Amount (a)	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount (a)	Estimated Fair Value
Credit facility debt	Level II	\$ 8,287,902	\$ 8,361,978	\$ 9,063,495	\$ 9,145,298
Collateralized indebtedness (b)	Level II	—	—	1,746,281	1,731,771
Senior guaranteed notes and senior secured notes	Level II	9,077,169	7,116,168	8,081,489	6,154,075
Senior notes	Level II	7,329,183	3,933,740	7,324,238	4,531,300
Notes payable and supply chain financing	Level II	168,696	168,696	127,635	127,608
		<u>\$ 24,862,950</u>	<u>\$ 19,580,582</u>	<u>\$ 26,343,138</u>	<u>\$ 21,690,052</u>

(a) Amounts are net of unamortized deferred financing costs and discounts/premiums.

(b) In January 2023, the Company settled its outstanding collateralized indebtedness by delivering the Comcast shares it held and the related equity derivative contracts.

The fair value estimates related to the Company's debt instruments presented above are made at a specific point in time, based on relevant market information and information about the financial instrument. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgments and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

NOTE 11. INCOME TAXES

The Company uses an estimated annual effective tax rate ("AETR") to measure the income tax expense or benefit recognized on a year-to-date basis in an interim period. In addition, certain items included in income tax expense as well as the tax impact of certain items included in pretax income must be treated as discrete items. The income tax expense or benefit associated with these discrete items is fully recognized in the interim period in which the items occur.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company recorded a tax expense of \$8,725 and \$79,097 on pre-tax income of \$134,869 and \$196,411, respectively, resulting in an effective tax rate that was higher than the U.S. statutory tax rate. The higher tax rate was primarily due to the impact of certain non-deductible expenses, state tax expense, and tax deficiencies on share-based compensation.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, the Company recorded a tax expense of \$3,890 and \$116,736 on pre-tax income of \$147,430 and \$432,417, respectively, resulting in an effective tax rate that was higher than the U.S. statutory tax rate. The higher tax rate was due to the impact of certain non-deductible expenses and state tax expense.

NOTE 12. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

The following table presents share-based compensation expense (benefit) recognized by the Company and unrecognized compensation cost:

	Share-Based Compensation				Unrecognized Compensation Cost as of June 30, 2023
	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2023	2022	2023	2022	
Awards issued pursuant to LTIP:					
Stock option awards (a)	\$ (1,082)	\$ 19,910	\$ (6,667)	\$ 42,407	\$ 16,748
Performance stock units (a)	(608)	1,601	(7,806)	3,627	14,843
Restricted share units	9,521	15,018	12,917	31,027	78,649
Other	8,045	—	14,809	—	59,338
	\$ 15,876	\$ 36,529	\$ 13,253	\$ 77,061	\$ 169,578

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(a) The benefit for the six months ended June 30, 2023 include credits due to the modification of awards to certain former executive officers and forfeitures.

Stock Option Awards

The following table summarizes activity related to stock options granted to Company employees:

	Shares Under Option	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (a)
Balance at December 31, 2022	51,075,675	\$ 20.27	7.73	\$ 184
Granted	640	4.69		
Forfeited	(1,874,327)	20.22		
Exchanged and canceled (b)	(24,015,508)	20.72		
Balance at June 30, 2023	25,186,480	\$ 19.84	6.74	\$ —
Options exercisable at June 30, 2023	14,660,985	\$ 23.04	5.60	\$ —

(a) The aggregate intrinsic value is calculated as the difference between the exercise price and the closing price of Altice USA's Class A common stock at the respective date.

(b) Options exchanged and canceled in connection with the Company's stock option exchange program discussed below.

As of June 30, 2023, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 2.49 years.

In January 2023, the Company commenced a stock option exchange program (the "Exchange Offer") pursuant to which eligible employees were provided the opportunity to exchange eligible stock options for a number of restricted stock units ("RSU") and deferred cash-denominated awards ("DCA") at the exchange ratio of one RSU and ten dollars of DCAs for every seven eligible options tendered. In connection with the Exchange Offer, the Company canceled 24,015,508 options and granted 3,430,433 restricted stock units and \$34,309 of DCAs awards. The exchange of these options was accounted for as a modification of share-based compensation awards. Accordingly, the Company will recognize the unamortized compensation cost related to the canceled options of approximately \$33,475, as well as the incremental compensation cost associated with the replacement awards of \$34,000 over their two year vesting term.

Performance Stock Units

The following table summarizes activity related to performance stock units ("PSUs") granted to Company employees:

	Number of PSUs
Balance at December 31, 2022	5,179,359
Forfeited	(260,307)
Balance at June 30, 2023	4,919,052

The PSUs have a weighted average grant date fair value of \$7.03 per unit. The total unrecognized compensation cost related to the outstanding PSUs is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 2.58 years.

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Restricted Share Units

The following table summarizes activity related to restricted share units granted to Company employees:

	Number of Units
Balance at December 31, 2022	7,495,388
Granted (including 3,430,433 in connection with Exchange Offer) (a)	13,328,238
Vested	(142,056)
Forfeited	(891,261)
Balance at June 30, 2023	19,790,309

- (a) In March 2023, the Company granted 6,460,792 RSUs to certain employees and directors pursuant to the 2017 LTIP with an aggregate fair value of \$21,823 (\$3.38 per share) which are being expensed over the vesting period. Most of these awards vest over three years in 33-1/3 annual increments.

Deferred Cash-Denominated Awards

Pursuant to the Exchange Offer, the Company granted \$34,309 DCAs, which will be settled in shares of the Company's class A common stock, or cash, at the Company's option. The DCAs vest over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2023, \$34,011 awards were outstanding.

Cash Performance Awards

In 2023, the Company granted deferred cash performance awards which cliff vest in three years. The payout of these awards can range from 0% to 200% of the target value based on the Company's achievement of certain revenue and adjusted EBITDA targets during a three year performance period. These awards will be settled in shares of the Company's class A common stock, or cash, at the Company's option. As of June 30, 2023, \$33,666 awards were outstanding.

Lightpath Plan Awards

As of June 30, 2023, 493,890 Class A-1 management incentive units and 279,956 Class A-2 management incentive units ("Award Units") granted to certain employees of Lightpath were outstanding. Vested units will be redeemed upon a partial exit, a change in control or the completion of an initial public offering, as defined in the Lightpath Holdings LLC agreement. The grant date fair value of the Award Units granted and outstanding aggregated \$31,936 as of June 30, 2023 and will be expensed in the period in which a partial exit or a liquidity event is consummated.

NOTE 13. AFFILIATE AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Affiliate and Related Party Transactions

Altice USA is controlled by Patrick Drahi through Next Alt who also controls Altice Europe and other entities.

As the transactions discussed below were conducted between entities under common control by Mr. Drahi, amounts charged for certain services may not have represented amounts that might have been received or incurred if the transactions were based upon arm's length negotiations.

The following table summarizes the revenue and expenses related to services provided to or received from affiliates and related parties:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenue	\$ 604	\$ 478	\$ 682	\$ 1,116
Operating expenses:				
Programming and other direct costs	(3,080)	(2,715)	(5,722)	(7,333)
Other operating expenses, net	(5,119)	(3,037)	(9,795)	(6,132)
Operating expenses, net	(8,199)	(5,752)	(15,517)	(13,465)
Net charges	\$ (7,595)	\$ (5,274)	\$ (14,835)	\$ (12,349)
Capital expenditures	\$ 34,758	\$ 28,255	\$ 62,892	\$ 40,093

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Revenue

The Company recognized revenue primarily from the sale of advertising to certain subsidiaries of Altice Europe and other related parties.

Programming and other direct costs

Programming and other direct costs include costs incurred by the Company for advertising services provided by Teads S.A., a subsidiary of Altice Europe ("Teads").

Other operating expenses, net

Other operating expenses primarily include charges for services provided by certain subsidiaries of Altice Europe and other related parties.

Capital expenditures

Capital expenditures primarily include costs for equipment purchased and software development services provided by subsidiaries of Altice Europe.

Aggregate amounts that were due from and due to affiliates and related parties are summarized below:

	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Due from:		
Altice Europe	\$ 299	\$ 529
Other affiliates and related parties	—	43
	<u>\$ 299</u>	<u>\$ 572</u>
Due to:		
Altice Europe	\$ 48,750	\$ 19,211
Other affiliates and related parties	3,047	1,646
	<u>\$ 51,797</u>	<u>\$ 20,857</u>

Amounts due from affiliates presented in the table above represent amounts due for services provided to the respective related party. Amounts due to affiliates presented in the table above and included in other current liabilities in the accompanying balance sheets relate to the purchase of equipment and advertising services, as well as reimbursement for payments made on our behalf.

CSC Holdings

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, CSC Holdings made cash equity distribution payments to its parent of \$3 and \$166, respectively.

NOTE 14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Legal Matters

On December 14, 2022, BMG Rights Management (US) LLC, UMG Recordings, Inc., Capitol Records, LLC, Concord Music Group, Inc., and Concord Bicycle Assets, LLC (collectively, "BMG" or "Plaintiffs") filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, alleging that certain of the Company's Internet subscribers directly infringed over 7,700 of Plaintiffs' copyrighted works. Plaintiffs seek to hold the Company liable for claims of contributory infringement of copyright and vicarious copyright infringement. The Company intends to vigorously defend these claims.

The Company also receives notices from third parties, and in some cases is named as a defendant in lawsuits, claiming infringement of various patents or copyrights relating to various aspects of the Company's businesses. In certain of these cases other industry participants are also defendants, and in certain of these cases the Company expects that some or all potential liability would be the responsibility of the Company's vendors pursuant to applicable contractual indemnification provisions. In the event that the Company is found to infringe on any patent or other intellectual property rights, the Company may be subject to substantial damages or an injunction that could require the Company or its vendors to modify certain products and services the Company offers to its subscribers, as

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well as enter into royalty or license agreements with respect to the patents at issue. The Company is also party to various other lawsuits, disputes and investigations arising in the ordinary course of its business, some of which may involve claims for substantial damages, fines or penalties.

Although the outcome of these matters cannot be predicted and the impact of the final resolution of these matters on the Company's results of operations in a particular subsequent reporting period is not known, management does not believe that the resolution of these matters, individually, will have a material adverse effect on the operations or financial position of the Company or the ability of the Company to meet its financial obligations as they become due, but they could be material to the Company's consolidated results of operations or cash flows for any one period.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

All dollar amounts, except per customer and per share data, included in the following discussion, are presented in thousands.

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. For a complete discussion of the accounting judgments and estimates that we have identified as critical in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements, please refer to our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Overview

Our Business

We principally provide broadband communications and video services in the United States and market our services primarily under the Optimum brand. We deliver broadband, video, telephony, and mobile services to residential and business customers across our footprint. Our footprint extends across 21 states (primarily in the New York metropolitan area and various markets in the south-central United States) through a fiber-rich hybrid-fiber coaxial ("HFC") broadband network and a FTTH network. Additionally, we offer news programming and advertising services.

Key Factors Impacting Operating Results and Financial Condition

Our future performance is dependent, to a large extent, on the impact of direct competition, general economic conditions (including capital and credit market conditions), our ability to manage our businesses effectively, and our relative strength and leverage in the marketplace, both with suppliers and customers. For more information, see "Risk Factors" and "Business-Competition" included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the cautionary statement regarding forward-looking statements included in this Quarterly Report.

We derive revenue principally through monthly charges to residential customers of our broadband, video, telephony and mobile services. We also derive revenue from digital video recorder, video-on-demand ("VOD"), pay-per-view, installation and home shopping commissions. Our residential broadband, video, telephony and mobile services accounted for approximately 42%, 33%, 3%, and 1% respectively, of our consolidated revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2023. We also derive revenue from the sale of a wide and growing variety of products and services to both large enterprise and small and medium-sized business ("SMB") customers, including broadband, telephony, networking, video, and mobile services. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, 16% of our consolidated revenue was derived from these business services. In addition, we derive revenues from the sale of advertising time available on the programming carried on our cable television systems, digital advertising, branded content, affiliation fees for news programming, and data analytics, which accounted for approximately 5% of our consolidated revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2023. Our other revenue, which includes mobile equipment revenue, for the six months ended June 30, 2023 accounted for less than 1% of our consolidated revenue.

Revenue is impacted by rate increases, changes in the amount of promotional offerings, changes in the number of customers that subscribe to our services, including additional services sold to our existing customers, programming package changes by our video customers, speed tier changes by our broadband customers, and acquisitions and construction of cable systems that result in the addition of new customers. Additionally, the allocation of revenue between the residential offerings is impacted by changes in the standalone selling price of each performance obligation within our promotional bundled offers.

Our ability to increase the number of customers to our services is significantly related to our penetration rates.

We operate in a highly competitive consumer-driven industry and we compete against a variety of broadband, video, mobile, fixed wireless broadband and fixed-line telephony providers and delivery systems, including broadband communications companies, wireless data and telephony providers, fiber-based service providers, satellite delivered video signals, Internet-delivered video content and broadcast television signals available to residential and business customers in our service areas. Our competitors include AT&T, Inc., DirecTV, DISH Network Corporation, Frontier Communications Corporation, Lumen Technologies, Inc., T-Mobile US, Inc., and Verizon Communications Inc. Consumers' selection of an alternate source of service, whether due to economic constraints, technological advances, or preference, negatively impacts the demand for our services. For more information on our competitive landscape,

see "Risk Factors" and "Business-Competition" included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Our programming costs, which are the most significant component of our operating expenses, are impacted by increases in contractual rates, changes in the number of customers receiving certain programming services, and new channel launches. We expect contractual rates to increase in the future. See "Results of Operations" below for more information regarding the key factors impacting our revenues and operating expenses.

Historically, we have made substantial investments in our network and the development of new and innovative products and other service offerings for our customers as a way of differentiating ourselves from our competitors and we expect to do so in the future. Our ongoing FTTH network build enables us to deliver multi-gig broadband speeds to FTTH customers in order to meet the growing data needs of residential and business customers. In addition, we have launched a full service mobile offering to consumers across our footprint. We may incur greater than anticipated capital expenditures in connection with these initiatives, fail to realize anticipated benefits, experience delays and business disruptions or encounter other challenges to executing them as planned. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources- Capital Expenditures" for additional information regarding our capital expenditures.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We define Adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, as net income (loss) excluding income taxes, non-operating income or expenses, gain (loss) on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing costs, gain (loss) on interest rate swap contracts, gain (loss) on derivative contracts, gain (loss) on investments and sale of affiliate interests, interest expense, net, depreciation and amortization, share-based compensation, restructuring expense and other operating items (such as significant legal settlements, contractual payments for terminated employees, and impairments). See reconciliation of net income to Adjusted EBITDA below.

Adjusted EBITDA eliminates the significant non-cash depreciation and amortization expense that results from the capital-intensive nature of our business and from intangible assets recognized from acquisitions, as well as certain non-cash and other operating items that affect the period-to-period comparability of our operating performance. In addition, Adjusted EBITDA is unaffected by our capital and tax structures and by our investment activities.

We believe Adjusted EBITDA is an appropriate measure for evaluating the operating performance of the Company. Adjusted EBITDA and similar measures with similar titles are common performance measures used by investors, analysts and peers to compare performance in our industry. Internally, we use revenue and Adjusted EBITDA measures as important indicators of our business performance and evaluate management's effectiveness with specific reference to these indicators. We believe Adjusted EBITDA provides management and investors a useful measure for period-to-period comparisons of our core business and operating results by excluding items that are not comparable across reporting periods or that do not otherwise relate to the Company's ongoing operating results. Adjusted EBITDA should be viewed as a supplement to and not a substitute for operating income (loss), net income (loss), and other measures of performance presented in accordance with GAAP. Since Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure of performance calculated in accordance with GAAP, this measure may not be comparable to similar measures with similar titles used by other companies.

We also use Operating Free Cash Flow (defined as Adjusted EBITDA less cash capital expenditures), and Free Cash Flow (defined as net cash flows from operating activities less cash capital expenditures) as indicators of the Company's financial performance. We believe these measures are two of several benchmarks used by investors, analysts and peers for comparison of performance in our industry, although they may not be directly comparable to similar measures reported by other companies.

Results of Operations - Altice USA (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Favorable (Unfavorable)	Six Months Ended June 30,		Favorable (Unfavorable)
	2023	2022		2023	2022	
Revenue:						
Broadband	\$ 965,865	\$ 1,002,680	\$ (36,815)	\$ 1,922,910	\$ 1,988,197	\$ (65,287)
Video	775,138	841,549	(66,411)	1,545,739	1,683,436	(137,697)
Telephony	76,069	84,621	(8,552)	153,750	169,855	(16,105)
Mobile (a)	18,147	16,863	1,284	33,673	31,805	1,868
Residential revenue (a)	1,835,219	1,945,713	(110,494)	3,656,072	3,873,293	(217,221)
Business services and wholesale (a)	364,704	371,613	(6,909)	728,345	739,243	(10,898)
News and advertising	113,465	133,250	(19,785)	212,202	247,925	(35,723)
Other (a)	10,886	12,438	(1,552)	21,633	24,450	(2,817)
Total revenue	2,324,274	2,463,014	(138,740)	4,618,252	4,884,911	(266,659)
Operating expenses:						
Programming and other direct costs	762,280	819,011	56,731	1,533,999	1,647,804	113,805
Other operating expenses	656,128	673,464	17,336	1,307,373	1,315,370	7,997
Restructuring expense and other operating items	5,178	2,673	(2,505)	34,850	6,051	(28,799)
Depreciation and amortization (including impairments)	418,705	446,125	27,420	834,917	881,474	46,557
Operating income	481,983	521,741	(39,758)	907,113	1,034,212	(127,099)
Other income (expense):						
Interest expense, net	(406,709)	(310,213)	(96,496)	(795,987)	(613,575)	(182,412)
Gain (loss) on investments, net	—	(325,601)	325,601	192,010	(476,374)	668,384
Gain (loss) on derivative contracts, net	—	219,114	(219,114)	(166,489)	320,188	(486,677)
Gain on interest rate swap contracts, net	61,165	39,868	21,297	46,736	163,015	(116,279)
Gain on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing costs	—	—	—	4,393	—	4,393
Other income (loss), net	(1,570)	2,521	(4,091)	8,635	4,951	3,684
Income before income taxes	134,869	147,430	(12,561)	196,411	432,417	(236,006)
Income tax expense	(48,725)	(33,890)	(14,835)	(79,097)	(116,736)	37,639
Net income	86,144	113,540	(27,396)	117,314	315,681	(198,367)
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(7,844)	(7,366)	(478)	(13,149)	(12,956)	(193)
Net income attributable to Altice USA, Inc. stockholders	\$ 78,300	\$ 106,174	\$ (27,874)	\$ 104,165	\$ 302,725	\$ (198,560)

- (a) Beginning in the second quarter of 2023, mobile service revenue previously included in mobile revenue is now separately reported in residential revenue and business services revenue. In addition, mobile equipment revenue previously included in mobile revenue is now included in other revenue. Prior period amounts have been revised to conform with this presentation.

The following is a reconciliation of net income to Adjusted EBITDA and Operating Free Cash Flow (unaudited):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net income	\$ 86,144	\$ 113,540	\$ 117,314	\$ 315,681
Income tax expense	48,725	33,890	79,097	116,736
Other loss (income), net	1,570	(2,521)	(8,635)	(4,951)
Gain on interest rate swap contracts, net	(61,165)	(39,868)	(46,736)	(163,015)
Loss (gain) on derivative contracts, net	—	(219,114)	166,489	(320,188)
Loss (gain) on investments, net	—	325,601	(192,010)	476,374
Gain on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing costs	—	—	(4,393)	—
Interest expense, net	406,709	310,213	795,987	613,575
Depreciation and amortization	418,705	446,125	834,917	881,474
Restructuring expense and other operating items	5,178	2,673	34,850	6,051
Share-based compensation	15,876	36,529	13,253	77,061
Adjusted EBITDA	921,742	1,007,068	1,790,133	1,998,798
Capital expenditures (cash)	473,445	485,126	1,056,342	877,497
Operating Free Cash Flow	\$ 448,297	\$ 521,942	\$ 733,791	\$ 1,121,301

The following is a reconciliation of net cash flow from operating activities to Free Cash Flow (Deficit) (unaudited):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net cash flows from operating activities	\$ 438,841	\$ 676,335	\$ 855,687	\$ 1,276,554
Less: Capital expenditures (cash)	473,445	485,126	1,056,342	877,497
Free Cash Flow (Deficit)	\$ (34,604)	\$ 191,209	\$ (200,655)	\$ 399,057

The following table sets forth certain customer metrics for the Company (unaudited):

	June 30, 2023	March 31, 2023	June 30, 2022
	(in thousands)		
Total passings (a)	9,578.6	9,512.2	9,363.1
Total customer relationships (b)	4,810.5	4,853.3	4,947.3
Residential	4,429.5	4,472.4	4,564.2
SMB	381.0	380.9	383.1
Residential customers:			
Broadband	4,227.0	4,263.7	4,333.6
Video	2,312.2	2,380.5	2,574.2
Telephony	1,640.8	1,703.5	1,886.9
Penetration of total passings (c)	50.2 %	51.0 %	52.8 %
Average revenue per user ("ARPU") (d)	\$ 137.44	\$ 135.32	\$ 141.36
Total mobile lines (e)	264.2	247.9	231.3
FTTH total passings (f)	2,659.5	2,373.0	1,587.1
FTTH customer relationships (g)	249.7	209.9	104.4
FTTH Residential	245.9	207.2	103.7
FTTH SMB	3.9	2.7	0.7
Penetration of FTTH total passings (h)	9.4 %	8.8 %	6.6 %

- (a) Represents the estimated number of single residence homes, apartments and condominium units passed by our HFC and FTTH network in areas serviceable without further extending the transmission lines. In addition, it includes commercial establishments that have connected to our HFC and FTTH network. Broadband services were not available to approximately 30 thousand passings and telephony services were not available to approximately 500 thousand passings.
- (b) Represents number of households/businesses that receive at least one of the Company's fixed-line services. Customers represent each customer account (set up and segregated by customer name and address), weighted equally and counted as one customer, regardless of size, revenue generated, or number of boxes, units, or outlets on our HFC and FTTH network. Free accounts are included in the customer counts along with all active accounts, but they are limited to a prescribed group. Most of these accounts are also not entirely free, as they typically generate revenue through pay-per-view or other pay services and certain equipment fees. Free status is not granted to regular customers as a promotion. In counting bulk residential customers, such as an apartment building, we count each subscribing family unit within the building as one customer, but do not count the master account for the entire building as a customer. We count a bulk commercial customer, such as a hotel, as one customer, and do not count individual room units at that hotel.
- (c) Represents the number of total customer relationships divided by total passings.
- (d) Calculated by dividing the average monthly revenue for the respective quarter (fourth quarter for annual periods) derived from the sale of broadband, video, telephony and mobile services to residential customers by the average number of total residential customers for the same period and excludes mobile-only customer relationships. ARPU amounts for prior periods have been adjusted to include mobile service revenue.
- (e) Includes approximately 200, 23,000 and 35,800 customers receiving free service as of June 30, 2023, March 31, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively.
- (f) Represents the estimated number of single residence homes, apartments and condominium units passed by the FTTH network in areas serviceable without further extending the transmission lines. In addition, it includes commercial establishments that have connected to our FTTH network.
- (g) Represents number of households/businesses that receive at least one of the Company's fixed-line services on our FTTH network. FTTH customers represent each customer account (set up and segregated by customer name and address), weighted equally and counted as one customer, regardless of size, revenue generated, or number of boxes, units, or outlets on our FTTH network. Free accounts are included in the customer counts along with all active accounts, but they are limited to a prescribed group. Most of these accounts are also not entirely free, as they typically generate revenue through pay-per view or other pay services and certain equipment fees. Free status is not granted to regular customers as a promotion. In counting bulk residential customers, such as an apartment building, we count each subscribing family unit within the building as one customer, but do not count the master account for the entire building as a customer. We count a bulk commercial customer, such as a hotel, as one customer, and do not count individual room units at that hotel.

(h) Represents the number of total FTTH customer relationships divided by FTTH total passings.

Comparison of Results for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2023 compared to the Three Months Ended June 30, 2022

Broadband Revenue

Broadband revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 was \$965,865 and \$1,922,910, respectively, and \$1,002,680 and \$1,988,197, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. Broadband revenue is derived principally through monthly charges to residential subscribers of our broadband services. Revenue is impacted by rate increases, changes in the amount of promotional offerings, changes in the number of customers, and changes in speed tiers. Additionally, the allocation of revenue between the residential offerings is impacted by changes in the standalone selling price of each performance obligation within our promotional bundled offers.

Broadband revenue decreased \$36,815 (4%) and \$65,287 (3%) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2022. The decreases were due to a decline in broadband customers, and lower average recurring broadband revenue per broadband customer.

Video Revenue

Video revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 was \$775,138 and \$1,545,739, respectively, and \$841,549 and \$1,683,436, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. Video revenue is derived principally through monthly charges to residential customers of our video services. Revenue is impacted by rate increases, changes in the amount of promotional offerings, changes in the number of customers, additional services sold to our existing customers, and changes in programming packages. Additionally, the allocation of revenue between the residential offerings is impacted by changes in the standalone selling price of each performance obligation within our promotional bundled offers.

Video revenue decreased \$66,411 (8%) and \$137,697 (8%) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2022. The decreases were due to a decline in video customers, partially offset by higher average recurring video revenue per video customer, primarily driven by certain rate increases.

Telephony Revenue

Telephony revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 was \$76,069 and \$153,750, respectively, and \$84,621 and \$169,855, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. Telephony revenue is derived principally through monthly charges to residential customers of our telephony services. Revenue is impacted by changes in rates for services, changes in the amount of promotional offerings, changes in the number of customers, and additional services sold to our existing customers. Additionally, the allocation of revenue between the residential offerings is impacted by changes in the standalone selling price of each performance obligation within our promotional bundled offers.

Telephony revenue decreased \$8,552 (10%) and \$16,105 (9%) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2022. The decreases were primarily due to a decline in telephony customers.

Mobile Service Revenue

Mobile service revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 was \$18,147 and \$33,673, respectively, and \$16,863 and \$31,805 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. Mobile revenue increased \$1,284 (8%) and \$1,868 (6%) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2022. The increase was due primarily to an increase in mobile customers, partially offset by an increase in promotional offerings.

Business Services and Wholesale Revenue

Business services and wholesale revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 was \$364,704 and \$728,345, respectively, and \$371,613 and \$739,243 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. Business services and wholesale revenue is derived primarily from the sale of fiber-based telecommunications services to the business market, and the sale of broadband, video, telephony, and mobile services to small and SMB customers.

Business services and wholesale revenue decreased \$6,909 (2%) and \$10,898 (1%) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2022. The decreases were due to lower

SMB broadband revenue, lower backhaul revenue attributable to wholesale customers and lower contract termination fee revenue.

News and Advertising Revenue

News and advertising revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 was \$113,465 and \$212,202, respectively, and \$133,250 and \$247,925 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. News and advertising revenue is primarily derived from the sale of (i) advertising inventory available on the programming carried on our cable television systems, as well as other systems (linear revenue), (ii) digital advertising, (iii) data analytics, and (iv) branded content. News and advertising revenue also includes affiliation fees for news programming.

News and advertising revenue decreased \$19,785 (15%) and \$35,723 (14%) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2022 primarily due to a decrease in linear advertising.

Other Revenue

Other revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 was \$10,886 and \$21,633, respectively, and \$12,438 and \$24,450, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. Other revenue includes revenue from sales of mobile equipment and other miscellaneous revenue streams.

Programming and Other Direct Costs

Programming and other direct costs for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 amounted to \$762,280 and \$1,533,999, respectively, and \$819,011 and \$1,647,804, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. Programming and other direct costs include cable programming costs, which are costs paid to programmers (net of amortization of any incentives received from programmers for carriage) for cable content (including costs of VOD and pay-per-view) and are generally paid on a per-customer basis. These costs are impacted by increases in contractual rates, changes in the number of customers receiving certain programming services, and new channel launches. These costs also include interconnection, call completion, circuit and transport fees paid to other telecommunication companies for the transport and termination of voice and data services, which typically vary based on rate changes and the level of usage by our customers. These costs also include franchise fees which are payable to the state governments and local municipalities where we operate and are primarily based on a percentage of certain categories of revenue derived from the provision of video service over our cable systems, which vary by state and municipality. These costs change in relation to changes in such categories of revenues or rate changes. Additionally, these costs include the costs of mobile devices sold to our customers and direct costs of providing mobile services.

The decreases of \$56,731 (7%) and \$113,805 (7%) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 as compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2022 were primarily attributable to the following:

	Three Months	Six Months
Decrease in programming costs primarily due to lower video customers, partially offset by net contractual rate increases	\$ (49,748)	\$ (93,527)
Decrease in taxes and surcharges, primarily due to refunds	(10,655)	(16,361)
Decrease in software license fees related to customer premise equipment	(1,779)	(9,482)
Other net increases	5,451	5,565
	<u>\$ (56,731)</u>	<u>\$ (113,805)</u>

Programming costs

Programming costs aggregated \$622,736 and \$1,263,103, respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, and \$672,484 and \$1,356,630 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. Our programming costs in 2023 will continue to be impacted by changes in programming rates, which we expect to increase, and by changes in the number of video customers.

Other Operating Expenses

Other operating expenses for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 amounted to \$656,128 and \$1,307,373, respectively, and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022 amounted to \$673,464 and \$1,315,370, respectively. Other operating expenses include staff costs and employee benefits including salaries of company

employees and related taxes, benefits and other employee related expenses, as well as third-party labor costs. Other operating expenses also include network management and field service costs, which represent costs associated with the maintenance of our broadband network, including costs of certain customer connections and other costs associated with providing and maintaining services to our customers.

Customer installation and network repair and maintenance costs may fluctuate as a result of changes in the level of activities and the utilization of contractors as compared to employees. Also, customer installation costs fluctuate as the portion of our expenses that we are able to capitalize changes. Costs associated with the initial deployment of new customer premise equipment necessary to provide broadband, video and telephony services are capitalized (asset-based). The redeployment of customer premise equipment is expensed as incurred.

Other operating expenses also include costs related to our call center operations that handle customer inquiries and billing and collection activities, and sales and marketing costs, which include advertising production and placement costs associated with acquiring and retaining customers. These costs vary period to period and certain of these costs, such as sales and marketing, may increase with intense competition. Additionally, other operating expenses include various other administrative costs.

The decreases in other operating expenses of \$17,336 (3%) and \$7,997 (1%) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 as compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2022 were attributable to the following:

	Three Months	Six Months
Net increase in labor costs and benefits, partially offset by an increase in capitalizable activity	\$ 13,270	\$ 49,277
Increase in repairs and maintenance costs, net of capitalizable activity	3,170	8,551
Increase in bad debt	1,586	7,107
Increase in utility costs	1,191	6,979
Decrease in share-based compensation including credits resulting from the modification of awards to certain former executive officers primarily in the three months ended March 31, 2023	(20,653)	(63,808)
Decrease in marketing costs due to costs incurred in 2022 from the rebranding of our services from Suddenlink to Optimum	(15,688)	(20,122)
Other net increases (decreases), net of capitalizable activity	(212)	4,019
	<u>\$ (17,336)</u>	<u>\$ (7,997)</u>

Restructuring Expense and Other Operating Items

Restructuring expense and other operating items for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 amounted to \$5,178 and \$34,850, respectively, as compared to \$2,673 and \$6,051 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively, and comprised the following:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Contractual payments for terminated employees	\$ 1,213	\$ 394	\$ 29,232	\$ 1,867
Facility realignment costs	1,329	897	1,711	2,282
Impairment of right-of-use operating lease assets	9,118	127	9,123	201
Remeasurement of contingent consideration related to acquisition	(6,511)	—	(6,310)	—
Transaction costs related to certain transactions not related to the Company's operations	29	1,255	1,094	1,701
	<u>\$ 5,178</u>	<u>\$ 2,673</u>	<u>\$ 34,850</u>	<u>\$ 6,051</u>

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 amounted to \$418,705 and \$834,917, respectively, as compared to \$446,125 and \$881,474 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively.

The decreases in depreciation and amortization of \$27,420 and \$46,557 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 as compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2022 was due to lower amortization expense resulting from certain assets becoming fully amortized, partially offset by higher depreciation expense resulting from increased asset additions in 2023.

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA amounted to \$921,742 and \$1,790,133, respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 as compared to \$1,007,068 and \$1,998,798 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively.

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure that is defined as net income (loss) excluding income taxes, non-operating income or expenses, loss on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing costs, gain (loss) on interest rate swap contracts, gain (loss) on derivative contracts, gain (loss) on investments and sale of affiliate interests, interest expense, net, depreciation and amortization (including impairments), share-based compensation, restructuring expense and other operating items (such as significant legal settlements, contractual payments for terminated employees, and impairments). See reconciliation of net income (loss) to adjusted EBITDA above.

The decreases in Adjusted EBITDA of \$85,326 and \$208,665 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 as compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively, were due to the decreases in revenue, partially offset by decreases in operating expenses during 2023 (excluding depreciation and amortization, restructuring and other operating items and share-based compensation), as discussed above.

Operating Free Cash Flow

Operating free cash flow was \$448,297 and \$733,791, respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 as compared to \$521,942 and \$1,121,301 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. The decrease in operating free cash flow of \$73,645 for the three months ended June 30, 2023 as compared to the same period in 2022 was due to a decrease in Adjusted EBITDA, partially offset by a decrease in capital expenditures. The decrease in operating free cash flow of \$387,510 for the six months ended June 30, 2023 as compared to the same period in 2022 was due to a decrease in Adjusted EBITDA and an increase in capital expenditures.

Free Cash Flow (Deficit)

Free cash flow (deficit) was \$(34,604) and \$(200,655), respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 as compared to \$191,209 and \$399,057 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. The decrease in free cash flow of \$225,813 in the three month period was due to a decrease in net cash provided by operating activities, partially offset by a decrease in capital expenditures. The decrease in free cash flow of \$599,712 in the six month period was due to a decrease in net cash provided by operating activities and an increase in capital expenditures.

Interest Expense, net

Interest expense, net was \$406,709 and \$795,987, respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, as compared to \$310,213 and \$613,575, respectively, for the same periods in the prior year. The increases of \$96,496 and \$182,412 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 as compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2022 were attributable to the following:

	Three Months	Six Months
Increase primarily due to an increase in interest rates, partially offset by a decrease in average debt balances	\$ 110,688	\$ 213,615
Lower (higher) capitalized interest related to FTTH network construction	651	(4,617)
Higher interest income	(1,676)	(3,796)
Other net decreases, primarily lower amortization of deferred financing costs and original issue discounts	(13,167)	(22,790)
	<u>\$ 96,496</u>	<u>\$ 182,412</u>

Gain (Loss) on Investments

Gain (loss) on investments was \$192,010 for the six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to \$(325,601) and \$(476,374) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively, and consisted primarily of the increase (decrease) in the fair value of the Comcast common stock owned by the Company through January 24, 2023. The effects of these gains (losses) were partially offset by the losses (gains) on the related equity derivative contracts, net described below.

Gain (Loss) on Derivative Contracts, net

Gain (loss) on derivative contracts, net for the six months ended June 30, 2023 amounted to \$(166,489) compared to \$219,114 and \$320,188 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively, and included realized and

unrealized gains or losses due to the change in fair value of equity derivative contracts relating to the Comcast common stock owned by the Company through January 24, 2023. The effects of these gains (losses) are partially offset by losses (gains) on investment securities pledged as collateral, which are included in gain (loss) on investments discussed above.

Gain on Interest Rate Swap Contracts, net

Gain on interest rate swap contracts, net was \$61,165 and \$46,736, respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to \$39,868 and \$163,015 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. These amounts represent the change in the fair value of the interest rate swap contracts. These swap contracts are not designated as hedges for accounting purposes.

Other Income (Loss), net

Other income (loss), net amounted to \$(1,570) and \$8,635, respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to \$2,521 and \$4,951 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, respectively. These amounts include the non-service benefit or cost components of the Company's pension plans and dividends received on Comcast common stock owned by the Company through January 24, 2023.

Income Tax Expense

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, Altice USA recorded a tax expense of \$48,725 and \$79,097 on pre-tax income of \$134,869 and \$196,411, respectively, resulting in an effective tax rate that was higher than the U.S. statutory tax rate. The higher tax rate was primarily due to the impact of certain non-deductible expenses, state tax expense, and tax deficiencies on share-based compensation.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, Altice USA recorded a tax expense of \$33,890 and \$116,736 on pre-tax income of \$147,430 and \$432,417, respectively, resulting in an effective tax rate that was higher than the U.S. statutory tax rate. The higher tax rate was due to the impact of certain non-deductible expenses and state tax expense.

CSC HOLDINGS, LLC

The following is a reconciliation of CSC Holdings' net income to Adjusted EBITDA and Operating Free Cash Flow:

	CSC Holdings			
	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net income	\$ 86,144	\$ 113,540	\$ 117,314	\$ 315,681
Income tax expense	48,725	33,890	79,097	116,736
Other income, net	1,570	(2,521)	(8,635)	(4,951)
Gain on interest rate swap contracts, net	(61,165)	(39,868)	(46,736)	(163,015)
Loss (gain) on derivative contracts, net	—	(219,114)	166,489	(320,188)
Loss (gain) on investments, net	—	325,601	(192,010)	476,374
Loss on extinguishment of debt and write-off of deferred financing costs	—	—	(4,393)	—
Interest expense, net	406,709	310,213	795,987	613,575
Depreciation and amortization	418,705	446,125	834,917	881,474
Restructuring expense and other operating items	5,178	2,673	34,850	6,051
Share-based compensation	15,876	36,529	13,253	77,061
Adjusted EBITDA	921,742	1,007,068	1,790,133	1,998,798
Capital expenditures (cash)	473,445	485,126	1,056,342	877,497
Operating Free Cash Flow	\$ 448,297	\$ 521,942	\$ 733,791	\$ 1,121,301

Refer to Altice USA's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations above.

The following is a reconciliation of CSC Holdings' net cash flow from operating activities to Free Cash Flow (Deficit):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net cash flows from operating activities	\$ 438,841	\$ 675,576	\$ 855,687	\$ 1,276,554
Less: Capital expenditures (cash)	473,445	485,126	1,056,342	877,497
Free Cash Flow (Deficit)	\$ (34,604)	\$ 190,450	\$ (200,655)	\$ 399,057

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Altice USA has no operations independent of its subsidiaries. Funding for our subsidiaries has generally been provided by cash flow from their respective operations, cash on hand and borrowings under the CSC Holdings revolving credit facility and the proceeds from the issuance of securities and borrowings under syndicated term loans in the capital markets. Our decision as to the use of cash generated from operating activities, cash on hand, borrowings under the revolving credit facility or accessing the capital markets has been based upon an ongoing review of the funding needs of the business, the optimal allocation of cash resources, the timing of cash flow generation and the cost of borrowing under the revolving credit facility, debt securities and syndicated term loans.

We expect to utilize free cash flow and availability under the CSC Holdings revolving credit facility, as well as future refinancing transactions, to further extend the maturities of, or reduce the principal on, our debt obligations. The timing and terms of any refinancing transactions will be subject to, among other factors, market conditions. Additionally, we may, from time to time, depending on market conditions and other factors, use cash on hand and the proceeds from other borrowings to repay the outstanding debt securities through open market purchases, privately negotiated purchases, tender offers, or redemptions.

We believe existing cash balances, operating cash flows and availability under the CSC Holdings revolving credit facility will provide adequate funds to support our current operating plan, make planned capital expenditures and fulfill our debt service requirements for the next twelve months. However, our ability to fund our operations, make planned capital expenditures, make scheduled payments on our indebtedness and repay our indebtedness depends on our future operating performance and cash flows and our ability to access the capital markets, which, in turn, are subject to prevailing economic conditions and to financial, business and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. Competition, market disruptions or a deterioration in economic conditions could lead to lower demand for our products, as well as lower levels of advertising, and increased incidence of customers' inability to pay for the services we provide. These events would adversely impact our results of operations, cash flows and financial position. Although we currently believe amounts available under the CSC Holdings revolving credit facility will be available when, and if, needed, we can provide no assurance that access to such funds will not be impacted by adverse conditions in the financial markets or other conditions. The obligations of the financial institutions under the revolving credit facility are several and not joint and, as a result, a funding default by one or more institutions does not need to be made up by the others.

In the longer term, we may not be able to generate sufficient cash from operations to fund anticipated capital expenditures, meet all existing future contractual payment obligations and repay our debt at maturity. As a result, we could be dependent upon our continued access to the capital and credit markets to issue additional debt or equity or refinance existing debt obligations. We intend to raise significant amounts of funding over the next several years to fund capital expenditures, repay existing obligations and meet other obligations, and the failure to do so successfully could adversely affect our business. If we are unable to do so, we will need to take other actions including deferring capital expenditures, selling assets, seeking strategic investments from third parties or reducing or eliminating stock repurchases and discretionary uses of cash.

Debt Outstanding

The following tables summarize the carrying value of our outstanding debt, net of unamortized deferred financing costs, discounts and premiums (excluding accrued interest) as of June 30, 2023, as well as interest expense for the six months ended June 30, 2023:

	CSC Holdings Restricted Group	Lightpath	Other Unrestricted Entities	Altice USA/CSC Holdings
Debt outstanding:				
Credit facility debt	\$ 7,714,231	\$ 573,671	\$ —	\$ 8,287,902
Senior guaranteed notes	8,633,454	—	—	8,633,454
Senior secured notes	—	443,715	—	443,715
Senior notes	6,920,582	408,601	—	7,329,183
Subtotal	23,268,267	1,425,987	—	24,694,254
Finance lease obligations	252,147	—	—	252,147
Notes payable and supply chain financing	168,696	—	—	168,696
Total debt	<u>\$ 23,689,110</u>	<u>\$ 1,425,987</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 25,115,097</u>
Interest expense:				
Credit facility debt, senior notes, finance leases, notes payable and supply chain financing	\$ 746,360	\$ 46,635	\$ —	\$ 792,995
Collateralized indebtedness relating to stock monetizations (a)	—	—	7,227	7,227
Total interest expense	<u>\$ 746,360</u>	<u>\$ 46,635</u>	<u>\$ 7,227</u>	<u>\$ 800,222</u>

(a) This indebtedness was collateralized by shares of Comcast common stock. In January 2023, we settled this debt by delivering the Comcast shares we held and the related equity derivative contracts, resulting in the receipt of cash of approximately \$50,500 (including dividends of \$11,598).

Payment Obligations Related to Debt

As of June 30, 2023, total amounts payable by us in connection with our outstanding obligations, including related interest, as well as notes payable and supply chain financing, but excluding finance lease obligations are as follows:

	CSC Holdings Restricted Group	Lightpath	Altice USA/ CSC Holdings
2023	\$ 831,906	\$ 42,357	\$ 874,263
2024	2,314,250	84,294	2,398,544
2025 (a)	3,737,290	83,745	3,821,035
2026	1,765,973	79,065	1,845,038
2027	5,202,191	1,108,904	6,311,095
Thereafter (b)	16,989,252	438,344	17,427,596
Total	<u>\$ 30,840,862</u>	<u>\$ 1,836,709</u>	<u>\$ 32,677,571</u>

(a) Includes \$825,000 principal amount and related interest related to the CSC Holdings' revolving credit facility that is due on the earlier of (i) July 13, 2027 and (ii) April 17, 2025 if, as of such date, any Term Loan B borrowings are still outstanding, unless the Term Loan B maturity date has been extended to a date falling after July 13, 2027.

(b) Includes \$1,996,937 principal amount related to the CSC Holdings' Incremental Term Loan B-6 that is due on the earlier of (i) January 15, 2028 and (ii) April 15, 2027 if, as of such date, any Incremental Term Loan B-5 borrowings are still outstanding, unless the Incremental Term Loan B-5 maturity date has been extended to a date falling after January 15, 2028.

CSC Holdings Restricted Group

For financing purposes, the Company is structured as a restricted group (the "Restricted Group") and an unrestricted group, which includes certain designated subsidiaries and investments. The CSC Holdings Restricted Group is comprised of CSC Holdings and substantially all of its wholly-owned operating subsidiaries, excluding Lightpath

which became an unrestricted subsidiary in September 2020. These subsidiaries are subject to the covenants and restrictions of the credit facility and indentures governing the notes issued by CSC Holdings.

Sources of cash for the Restricted Group include primarily cash flow from the operations of the businesses in the Restricted Group, borrowings under its credit facility and issuance of securities in the capital markets, contributions from its parent, and, from time to time, distributions or loans from its subsidiaries. The Restricted Group's principal uses of cash include: capital spending, in particular, the capital requirements associated with the upgrade of its digital broadband, video and telephony services, including costs to build our FTTH network; debt service; distributions made to its parent to fund share repurchases; other corporate expenses and changes in working capital; and investments that it may fund from time to time.

CSC Holdings Credit Facility

In October 2015, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Altice USA, which merged with and into CSC Holdings on June 21, 2016, entered into a senior secured credit facility, which currently provides U.S. dollar term loans currently in an aggregate principal amount of \$3,000,000 (\$1,528,162 outstanding at June 30, 2023) (the "CSC Term Loan Facility"), and U.S. dollar revolving loan commitments in an aggregate principal amount of \$2,475,000 (\$825,000 outstanding at June 30, 2023) (the "CSC Revolving Credit Facility" and, together with the CSC Term Loan Facility, the "CSC Credit Facilities"), which are governed by a credit facilities agreement entered into by, inter alios, CSC Holdings, certain lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as administrative agent and security agent (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "CSC Credit Facilities Agreement").

In October 2018, CSC Holdings entered into a \$1,275,000 (\$524,379 outstanding at June 30, 2023) incremental term loan facility (the "Incremental Term Loan B-3"), in October 2019, CSC Holdings entered into a \$3,000,000 (\$2,902,500 outstanding at June 30, 2023) incremental term loan facility ("Incremental Term Loan B-5") and in December 2022, CSC Holdings entered into a \$2,001,942 (\$1,996,937 outstanding at June 30, 2023) incremental term loan facility (the "Incremental Term Loan B-6") under its existing credit facilities agreement.

Senior Guaranteed Notes

In April 2023, CSC Holdings issued \$1,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of senior guaranteed notes that bear interest at a rate of 11.250% and mature on May 15, 2028 (the "2028 Senior Guaranteed Notes"). The Company used the proceeds to repay outstanding borrowings drawn under the CSC Revolving Credit Facility. See Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements for further information regarding the 2028 Senior Guaranteed Notes.

Lightpath Credit Facility

In November 2020, Lightpath entered into a credit agreement which provides a term loan in an aggregate principal amount of \$600,000 (\$585,000 outstanding at June 30, 2023) and revolving loan commitments in an aggregate principal amount of \$100,000. As of June 30, 2023, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Lightpath revolving credit facility.

In June 2023, Lightpath entered into an amendment (the "First Amendment") under its existing credit facility agreement to replace LIBOR-based benchmark rates with SOFR-based benchmark rates. The First Amendment provides for interest on borrowings under its term loan and revolving credit facility to be calculated for any (i) SOFR loan, at a rate per annum equal to the Term SOFR (plus spread adjustments of 0.11448%, 0.26161% and 0.42826% for interest periods of one, three and six months, respectively) or (ii) the alternate base rate loan, at the alternative base rate as applicable, plus the applicable margin in each case, where the applicable margin is 2.25% per annum with respect to any alternate base rate loan and 3.25% per annum with respect to any SOFR loan.

See Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements for further information on the above debt obligations.

Capital Expenditures

The following table presents the Company's capital expenditures:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Customer premise equipment	\$ 60,849	\$ 80,266	\$ 146,910	\$ 161,850
Network infrastructure	239,457	313,066	586,313	546,889
Support and other	92,133	52,504	169,106	98,164
Business Services	81,006	39,290	154,013	70,594
Capital expenditures (cash basis)	473,445	485,126	1,056,342	877,497
Right-of-use assets acquired in exchange for finance lease obligations	48,477	47,483	83,652	94,771
Notes payable issued to vendor for the purchase of equipment and other assets	26,795	16,431	97,235	51,501
Change in accrued and unpaid purchases and other	(61,310)	17,498	(149,616)	5,633
Capital expenditures (accrual basis)	\$ 487,407	\$ 566,538	\$ 1,087,613	\$ 1,029,402

Customer premise equipment includes expenditures for drop cable, fiber gateways, modems, routers, and other equipment installed at customer locations. Network infrastructure includes (i) scalable infrastructure, such as headend and related equipment, (ii) line extensions, such as fiber and coaxial cable, amplifiers, electronic equipment, and design and engineering costs to expand the network, and (iii) upgrade and rebuild, including costs to modify or replace existing segments of the network. Support and other capital expenditures include costs associated with the replacement or enhancement of non-network assets, such as software systems, vehicles, facilities, and office equipment. Business services capital expenditures include primarily equipment, support and other costs related to our fiber-based telecommunications business serving enterprise customers.

Cash Flow Discussion

Altice USA

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities amounted to \$855,687 for the six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to \$1,276,554 for the six months ended June 30, 2022.

The decrease in cash provided by operating activities of \$420,867 in 2023 as compared to 2022 resulted from a decrease in net income before depreciation and amortization and other non-cash items of \$555,903, partially offset by an increase of \$135,036 due to changes in working capital (including an increase in interest payments of \$181,314 and a decrease in tax payments of \$53,128) as well as the timing of payments of liabilities, and collections of accounts receivable, among other items.

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Net cash used in investing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2023 was \$1,057,920 compared to \$878,107 for the six months ended June 30, 2022. The 2023 investing activities consisted primarily of capital expenditures of \$1,056,342. The 2022 investing activities consisted primarily of capital expenditures of \$877,497.

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Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities amounted to \$115,335 for the six months ended June 30, 2023, compared to \$(361,082) for the six months ended June 30, 2022.

In 2023, the Company's financing activities consisted primarily of proceeds from long-term debt of \$1,900,000 and net proceeds in connection with the settlement of collateralized indebtedness and derivative contracts of \$38,902, partially offset by the repayment of debt of \$1,739,493 and principal payments on finance lease obligations of \$76,100.

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Commitments and Contingencies

As of June 30, 2023, the Company's commitments and contingencies not reflected in the Company's balance sheet decreased to approximately \$6,700,000 as compared to approximately \$8,100,000 as of December 31, 2022. This decrease relates primarily to payments made in 2023 pursuant to programming commitments and a reduction in programming commitments due to a decrease in the number of video customers as of June 30, 2023 as compared to December 31, 2022.

Share Repurchase Program

In June 2018, the Board of Directors of Altice USA authorized a share repurchase program of \$2,000,000, and on July 30, 2019, the Board of Directors authorized a new incremental three-year share repurchase program of \$5,000,000 that took effect following the completion in August 2019 of the \$2,000,000 repurchase program. In November 2020, the Board of Directors authorized an additional \$2,000,000 of share repurchases bringing the total amount of cumulative share repurchases authorized to \$9,000,000. Under these repurchase programs, shares of Altice USA Class A common stock may be purchased from time to time in the open market and may include trading plans entered into with one or more brokerage firms in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Size and timing of these purchases will be determined based on market conditions and other factors.

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, Altice USA did not repurchase any shares. From inception through June 30, 2023, Altice USA repurchased an aggregate of 285,507,773 shares for a total purchase price of approximately \$7,808,698. These acquired shares were retired and the cost of these shares was recorded in stockholders' deficiency in the consolidated balance sheet of Altice USA. As of June 30, 2023, Altice USA had approximately \$1,191,302 of availability remaining under the incremental share repurchase program which expires in November 2023.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

All dollar amounts, except per share data, included in the following discussion are presented in thousands.

Fair Value of Debt

At June 30, 2023, the fair value of our fixed rate debt, comprised of our senior guaranteed and senior secured notes, senior notes, notes payable and supply chain financing of \$11,218,604 was lower than its carrying value of \$16,575,048 by \$5,356,444. The fair value of these financial instruments is estimated based on reference to quoted

market prices for these or comparable securities. Our floating rate borrowings, comprised of our term loans and revolving credit facilities bear interest in reference SOFR-based market rates and thus their principal values approximate fair value. The effect of a hypothetical 100 basis point decrease in interest rates prevailing at June 30, 2023 would increase the estimated fair value of our fixed rate debt by \$498,608 to \$11,717,212. This estimate is based on the assumption of an immediate and parallel shift in interest rates across all maturities.

Interest Rate Risk

To manage interest rate risk, we have from time to time entered into interest rate swap contracts to adjust the proportion of total debt that is subject to variable and fixed interest rates. Such contracts effectively fix the borrowing rates on floating rate debt to provide an economic hedge against the risk of rising rates and/or effectively convert fixed rate borrowings to variable rates to permit the Company to realize lower interest expense in a declining interest rate environment. We monitor the financial institutions that are counterparties to our interest rate swap contracts and we only enter into interest rate swap contracts with financial institutions that are rated investment grade. All such contracts are carried at their fair market values in our consolidated balance sheets, with changes in fair value reflected in the consolidated statements of operations. See Note 9 to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of interest rate swap contracts outstanding at June 30, 2023. The Company's outstanding interest rate swap contracts are not designated as hedges for accounting purposes. Accordingly, the changes in the fair value of these interest rate swap contracts are recorded through the statement of operations. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company recorded a gain on interest rate swap contracts of \$61,165 and \$46,736 and had a fair value at June 30, 2023 of \$192,113 recorded as other assets, long-term on the consolidated balance sheet.

As of June 30, 2023, we did not hold and have not issued derivative instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

An evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of Altice USA's management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined under SEC rules). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2023.

Changes in Internal Control

During the six months ended June 30, 2023, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Refer to Note 14 to our consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a discussion of our legal proceedings.

Item 5. Other Information

(a) Form 8-K Information

The following information is responsive to Items 1.01 and 3.03 of Form 8-K but is being provided in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q as permitted under Item 5 of Form 10-Q:

Amendment and Restatement of the Stockholders' Agreement

On August 2, 2023, Altice USA and Next Alt S.a.r.l. ("Next Alt") amended and restated that certain Stockholders' Agreement, dated as of June 7, 2018 (the "2018 SHA"), among Altice USA, Next Alt and A4 S.A., an entity controlled by family members of Patrick Drahi ("A4"), by entering into that certain Amended and Restated Stockholder Agreement, dated as of August 2, 2023 (the "2023 SHA"). Altice USA and Next Alt amended and restated the 2018 SHA in order to, among other things, remove (i) certain consent rights Next Alt was granted under the 2018 SHA and (ii) references to "A4" following the transfer of ownership of A4 to Next Alt and the subsequent dissolution of A4 in October 2022.

The foregoing description of the 2023 SHA does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the 2023 SHA, which is attached to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q as Exhibit 4.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Not applicable.

Rule 10b5-1 and Non-Rule 10b5-1 Trading Arrangements by Our Directors and Officers

During the quarterly period covered by this Quarterly Report, none of the Company's directors or officers (as defined in Rule 16a-1(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) adopted, terminated or modified Rule 10b5-1 or non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangements (as defined under Item 408 of Regulation S-K).

Item 6. Exhibits

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
4.1	Amended and Restated Stockholder Agreement, dated as of August 2, 2023, by and between Altice USA, Inc. and Next Alt S.à r.l.
10.1	First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2023 between Cablevision Lightpath LLC, as Borrower, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA as administrative agent for the Lenders.
31.1	Section 302 Certification of the CEO.
31.2	Section 302 Certification of the CFO.
32	Section 906 Certifications of the CEO and CFO.
101	The following financial statements from Altice USA's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2023 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 2, 2023 formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets; (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations; (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income; (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Deficiency; (v) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; and (vi) the Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
104	The cover page from this quarterly report on Form 10-Q formatted in Inline XBRL.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: August 2, 2023

ALTICE USA, INC.

By: /s/ Marc Sirota
Marc Sirota
Chief Financial Officer

**AMENDED AND RESTATED
STOCKHOLDER AGREEMENT**

dated as of

August 2, 2023

by and between

ALTICE USA, INC.,

and

NEXT ALT S.À R.L.

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED
STOCKHOLDER AGREEMENT**

AMENDED AND RESTATED STOCKHOLDER AGREEMENT, dated August 2, 2023 (this “ Agreement”), by and between Altice USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”) and Next Alt S.à r.l., a Luxembourg private company with limited liability (“Next”)

Alt”). Each of the Company and Next Alt are referred to herein as a “Party” and together as the “Parties”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, in connection with the initial public offering of shares of Class A common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 (“Class A Common Stock”), the Company, A4 S.A., a Luxembourg public limited liability company controlled by the family of Patrick Drahi (“A4”) and Altice N.V., a Dutch public company with limited liability (*naamloze vennootschap*) (“Altice N.V.”), entered into that certain Stockholders’ Agreement, dated June 27, 2017 (the “2017 SHA”);

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2018, Altice N.V. announced that it intended to effect a separation of the Company and Altice N.V. (the “Separation”) by means of a pro rata distribution in kind of substantially all of the shares of the Company owned directly or indirectly by Altice N.V. to the Altice N.V. shareholders (the “Distribution”);

WHEREAS, in connection with the Separation and Distribution, (a) the Company, A4 and Altice N.V. terminated the 2017 SHA prior to the Distribution and (b) the Company, Next Alt and A4 entered into that certain Stockholders’ Agreement, dated June 7, 2018 (the “2018 SHA”);

WHEREAS, Next Alt became A4’s successor in title following the transfer of ownership of A4 to Next Alt and the subsequent dissolution of A4 on October 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Company and Next Alt desire to amend and restate the 2018 SHA as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 Certain Definitions. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Section 1.1:

“Action” means any demand, action, claim, dispute, suit, countersuit, arbitration, inquiry, proceeding or investigation by or before any Governmental Entity or any arbitration or mediation tribunal.

“Affiliate” means, as to any Person, any other Person which, directly or indirectly, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person; provided,

however, that none of the Company and its Subsidiaries shall be considered an Affiliate of a member of the PDR Group for purposes of this Agreement.

“beneficially own” means, with respect to Company Common Stock, having “beneficial ownership” of such stock for purposes of Rule 13d-3 or 13d-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act, without giving effect to the limiting phrase “within sixty days” set forth in Rule 13d-3(1)(i), including, for the avoidance of doubt, any shares of Company Common Stock over which a Person has a right to vote, through voting agreement, proxy or otherwise. The terms “beneficial owner”, “beneficial ownership” and “beneficially owned” shall have correlative meanings.

“Charter” means the Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof and this Agreement.

“Company Board” means the board of directors of the Company.

“Company Common Stock” means, collectively, (i) the Class A Common Stock, (ii) the Class B Common Stock, (iii) the Class C common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01, and (iv) any equity interest into which such shares of common stock set forth in clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) shall have been changed, or any equity interest resulting from any reclassification, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, conversion, stock or other equity split or dividend or similar transactions with respect to such shares of common stock.

“control” (including the terms “controlled by” and “under common control with”), with respect to the relationship between or among two or more Persons, means the possession, directly or indirectly or as trustee, personal representative or executor, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the affairs or management of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, as trustee, personal representative or executor, by contract or otherwise.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Expiration Date” means the first date on which the PDR Group, in the aggregate, ceases to beneficially own at least twenty percent (20%) of the voting power of the outstanding Company Common Stock.

“Governmental Entity” means any United States federal, state or local, or foreign, international or supranational, government, court or tribunal, or administrative, executive, governmental or regulatory or self-regulatory body, agency or authority thereof.

“Independent Director” means a director who is independent under the New York Stock Exchange listing rules.

“Law” means any federal, state or local law (statutory, common or otherwise), constitution, treaty, convention, ordinance, code, rule, regulation, order, injunction, judgment, decree, ruling or other similar requirement enacted, adopted, promulgated or applied by a Governmental Entity.

“Next Alt Director” means a director designee of Next Alt (or such Person’s successor) who has been appointed to the Company Board in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

“Next Alt Group” means Next Alt and each Person that is an Affiliate of Next Alt.

“PDR Group” means (i) Next Alt, (ii) each member of the Next Alt Group, (iii) Patrick Drahi, his heirs or entities or trusts directly or indirectly under his or their control or formed for his or their benefit, and (iv) any Affiliate of Patrick Drahi, his heirs or entities or trusts directly or indirectly under his or their control or formed for his or their benefit.

“Person” means an individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, trust, unincorporated organization, limited liability company, Governmental Entity or other entity.

“Related Party Transactions Policy” means the Related Party Transaction Policy of the Company in effect on the date hereof and as such policy may be amended or modified following the date hereof in accordance with the terms thereof and this Agreement.

“Stepdown Date” means a date on which the PDR Group, in the aggregate, ceases to beneficially own at least fifty per cent (50%) of the voting power of the outstanding Company Common Stock.

“Step-up Date” means a date on which, following the occurrence of a Stepdown Date, the PDR Group, in the aggregate, regains beneficial ownership of at least fifty per cent (50%) of the voting power of the outstanding Company Common Stock.

“Subsidiary” of any specified Person means any other Person of which such first Person owns (either directly or through one or more other Subsidiaries) voting securities or other voting ownership interests sufficient, together with any contractual rights, to elect at least a majority of the board of directors or other governing body of such Person (or, if there are no such voting interests, 50% or more of the equity interests of which is owned directly or indirectly by such first Person).

Section 1.2 Other Terms. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings set forth in the sections indicated.

Term	Section
2017 SHA	Recitals
2018 SHA	Recitals
A4	Recitals
Agreement	Preamble
Altice N.V.	Recitals
Class A Common Stock	Recitals
Class B Common Stock	Recitals
Company	Preamble
Distribution	Recitals
Next Alt	Preamble
Next Alt Designee	Section 2.2(a)
Next Alt Director	Section 2.1(a)
Observer	Section 2.3(a)
Party	Preamble
Separation	Recitals

ARTICLE II

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Section 2.1 Board Composition. As of the date hereof, the Company Board consists of nine (9) members comprised of:

- (a) five (5) Next Alt Directors;
- (b) three (3) directors that are Independent Directors designated by the Company and reasonably acceptable to Next Alt; and
- (c) one (1) director who was appointed by the Company Board on July 16, 2023, to fill a vacancy on the Company Board.

From and after the date hereof, subject to Section 2.2, (i) the Company shall cause the Company Board to consist of a majority of Next Alt Directors and (ii) for so long as the Board consists of nine (9) members, Next Alt shall have the right to designate six (6) directors.

Section 2.2 Director Nomination Rights.

(a) Until a Stepdown Date, and in the event of a Stepdown Date from and after any Step-up Date until any subsequent Stepdown Date or the Expiration Date, in connection with any annual or special meeting of the stockholders of the Company at which directors shall be elected, Next Alt shall have the right to designate the number of directors specified in the last sentence of Section 2.1 for nomination by the Company Board for election to the Company Board (the “Next Alt Designees”). From a Stepdown Date until the earlier of a Step-up Date or the Expiration Date, Next Alt shall have the right to designate a number of Next Alt Designees equal to the total number of directors comprising the entire Company Board *multiplied by* the

percentage of the voting power of the outstanding Company Common Stock beneficially owned, in the aggregate, by the PDR Group, rounding up in the case of any resulting fractional number of Next Alt Designees; provided that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this sentence, from a Stepdown Date until any Step-up Date, Next Alt shall not have the right to designate a number of Next Alt Designees equal to or exceeding 50% of directors comprising the entire Company Board. Until the Expiration Date, Next Alt shall have full authority and ability to nominate, elect and remove the Next Alt Designees. Next Alt shall not designate any person to be a Next Alt Designee who it believes does not meet the requirements for director nominees as set forth in the applicable policies of the Company relating to director qualification from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, current or former employment of any Next Alt Designee by Next Alt or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or service by any such Next Alt Designee on the board of directors (or equivalent body) of Next Alt or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates shall not automatically disqualify such individual from serving on the Company Board as a Next Alt Designee.

(b) The Company shall cause each Next Alt Designee to be included in the slate of nominees recommended by the Company Board to holders of Company Common Stock for election (including at any special meeting of stockholders held for the election of directors) and shall use its best efforts to cause the election of each such Next Alt Designee.

(c) Until the Expiration Date, in the event that any Next Alt Director or the director referenced in Section 2.1(c) shall cease to serve as a director for any reason (whether as a result of resignation (other than a resignation in accordance with Section 2.2(d)), removal or incapacity), then Next Alt will have the right to designate a substitute Next Alt Designee to fill such vacancy.

(d) From a Stepdown Date until the earlier of a Step-up Date or the Expiration Date, Next Alt shall cause such number of Next Alt Directors then serving on the Company Board to resign from the Company Board (such resigning Next Alt Director to be replaced by nominees chosen by the Independent Directors) as is necessary so that the remaining number of Next Alt Directors then serving on the Board is equal to the number of Next Alt Designees that Next Alt is then entitled to designate for nomination pursuant to Section 2.2(a). Any resignation of a Next Alt Designee required to give effect to this Section 2.2(d) will comply with the applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, any such resignation need not be effective until the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company.

Section 2.3 Board Observer Rights.

(a) In the event Patrick Drahi is not a member of the Company Board, until the Expiration Date, the Company shall permit one (1) representative of the PDR Group (the "Observer") (i) to attend all (whether in person, telephonic or otherwise) of the meetings of the Company Board in a non-voting, observer capacity and (ii) to attend all meetings (whether in person, telephonic or otherwise) of any committee of the Company Board in a non-voting, observer capacity. In addition, the Company shall provide to the Observer, concurrently with the members of the Company Board or the committees thereof, as applicable, and in the same

manner, notice of such meeting and a copy of all materials provided to such members, including all materials provided to such members in connection with any action to be taken by the Company Board or the committees thereof, as applicable, without a meeting.

(b) The Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to have the Observer covered by the Company's existing director and officer indemnity insurance on the same terms and conditions as such director and officer indemnity insurance provides for the coverage of any other persons covered thereby.

(c) The Company shall indemnify the Observer to the same extent as a director under Article VII of the Charter, and the provisions thereof shall to the fullest extent possible apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Observer.

(d) The Company shall reimburse the Observer for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the Observer's attendance at meetings of the Company Board and any committees thereof, including travel, lodging and meal expenses. All reimbursements payable by the Company pursuant to this Section 2.3 shall be paid to the Observer in accordance with the Company's policies and practices with respect to director expense reimbursement then in effect.

ARTICLE III

[RESERVED]

ARTICLE IV

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 4.1 Corporate Power; Fiduciary Duty.

(a) The Company represents on behalf of itself, and Next Alt represents on behalf of itself, as follows:

- (i) each such Person has the requisite corporate or other power and authority and has taken all corporate or other action necessary in order to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby; and
- (ii) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of it enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, neither the Company nor Next Alt shall be required to take or omit to take any act that would violate any fiduciary duties owed by any director or officer, as the case may be, to the Company or its Subsidiaries or any stockholders thereof or to Next Alt or its Subsidiaries or any stockholders thereof.

Section 4.2 Related Party Transactions. All Related Party Transactions (as defined in the Related Party Transactions Policy) shall be governed by the Related Party Transactions Policy. Any amendments to or modifications or terminations of or material waivers, consents or elections under any Related Party Transactions, shall require the consent of the Audit Committee of the Company Board, subject to and consistent with the Related Party Transactions Policy.

Section 4.3 Expenses. Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, all costs and expenses, including fees and disbursements of counsel, financial advisors and accountants, incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be borne by the Party incurring such costs and expenses.

Section 4.4 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any applicable principles of conflict of laws that would cause the Laws of another State to otherwise govern this Agreement. The Parties agree that any Action seeking to enforce any provision of, or based on any matter arising out of or in connection with, this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby (whether brought by any party or any of its Affiliates or against any party or any of its Affiliates) shall be heard and determined exclusively in the Delaware Court of Chancery; provided, however, that if the Delaware Court of Chancery does not have jurisdiction over such Action, such Action shall be heard and determined exclusively in the Superior Court of the State of Delaware (Complex Commercial Division); provided, further, that if subject matter jurisdiction over the matter that is the subject of the Action is vested exclusively in the courts of the United States of America, such Action shall be heard in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Consistent with the preceding sentence, each of the Parties hereby (i) submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts for the purpose of any Action arising out of or relating to this Agreement brought by any Party; (ii) agrees that service of process will be validly effected by sending notice in accordance with Section 4.6; (iii) irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert by way of motion, defense, or otherwise, in any such Action, any claim that it is not subject personally to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts, that its property is exempt or immune from attachment or execution, that the Action is brought in an inconvenient forum, that the venue of the Action is improper, or that this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement may not be enforced in or by any of the above named courts; and (iv) agrees not to move to transfer any such Action to a court other than any of the above-named courts.

Section 4.5 Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH OF THE PARTIES HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY LITIGATION AMONG THE PARTIES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT. EACH OF THE PARTIES (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THAT FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTY HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO

ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

Section 4.6 Notices. All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given (and, in the case of delivery in person or by overnight mail, shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt) by delivery in person or overnight mail to the respective parties or delivery by electronic mail transmission (providing confirmation of transmission) to the respective Parties. Any notice sent by electronic mail transmission shall be deemed to have been given and received at the time of confirmation of transmission. Any notice sent by electronic mail transmission shall be followed reasonably promptly with a copy delivered by overnight mail. All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications hereunder shall be addressed as follows, or to such other address or email address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this Section 4.6:

If to Next Alt, to:

Next Alt S.à r.l.
1 rue Hildegard Von Bingen
L-1282 Luxembourg
Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

If to the Company, to:

Altice USA, Inc.
One Court Square West
Long Island City, NY 11101

Section 4.7 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under any applicable Law, then such contravention or invalidity shall not invalidate the entire Agreement. Such provision shall be deemed to be modified to the extent necessary to render it legal, valid and enforceable, and if no such modification shall render it legal, valid and enforceable, then this Agreement shall be construed as if not containing the provision held to be invalid, and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly.

Section 4.8 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement, and supersedes all other prior agreements and understandings (both written and oral), among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof.

Section 4.9 Term and Termination. The covenants, obligations and other agreements contained in this Agreement shall continue until such time as they are fully performed or satisfied in accordance with their terms, or are no longer required to be performed or satisfied, as agreed in writing by the Parties; provided that no covenant, obligation or other agreement shall be considered to be performed or satisfied to the extent of any breach of such covenant, obligation or other agreement.

Section 4.10 Assignment; No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement may not be assigned by operation of law or otherwise without the express written consent of the Parties, except that Next Alt may assign their respective rights and obligations to any member of the PDR Group. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties to this Agreement and their permitted successors and assigns and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other Person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement. Any purported assignment in breach of this Section 4.10 shall be null and void.

Section 4.11 Amendment; Waiver. No provision of this Agreement may be amended or modified except by a written instrument signed by all the Parties to such agreement. Each of Next Alt and the Company may, in its sole discretion, waive any and all rights granted to it in this Agreement; provided, that no waiver by any Party of any provision hereof shall be effective unless explicitly set forth in writing and executed by the Party so waiving. The waiver by any Party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other subsequent breach.

Section 4.12 Specific Performance. The Parties acknowledge and agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. Each Party agrees that, in the event of any breach or threatened breach by any other Party of any obligation contained in this Agreement, a non-breaching Party shall be entitled to (a) an order of specific performance to enforce the observance and performance of such obligation and (b) an injunction restraining such breach or threatened breach. Each Party further agrees that the non-breaching Party shall not be required to obtain, furnish or post any bond or similar instrument in connection with or as a condition to obtaining any remedy referred to in this Section 4.12, and each Party irrevocably waives any right it may have to require the obtaining, furnishing or posting of any such bond or similar instrument.

Section 4.13 Interpretations. When a reference is made in this Agreement to an Article, Section or Schedule, such reference shall be to an Article, Section or Schedule to this Agreement unless otherwise indicated. The words “include” and “including” when used herein shall be deemed in each case to be followed by the words “without limitation.” Any references in this Agreement to “the date hereof” refers to the date of execution of this Agreement. The table of contents and headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. References to “this Agreement,” “hereof,” “herein,” and “hereunder” refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement and include any schedules, annexes, exhibits or other attachments to this Agreement. The word “or” shall be deemed to mean “and/or.” The words “writing,” “written” and comparable terms refer to printing, typing and other means of reproducing words (including electronic media) in a visible form. All terms defined in this Agreement shall have the defined meanings when used in any certificate or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto unless otherwise defined therein. The definitions contained in this Agreement are applicable to the singular as well as the plural forms of such terms and to the masculine as well as to the feminine and neuter genders of such term. When a reference is made

to Law, such reference means any such Law as amended, modified, codified or reenacted, in whole or in part, including rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. When reference is made to a contract (including this Agreement), document, or instrument, such reference is to such contract, document or instrument as amended or modified in accordance with the terms thereof and, if applicable, the terms hereof. References to a Person are also to its permitted successors and assigns.

Section 4.14 Mutual Drafting. The Parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement with the assistance of counsel and other advisors and, in the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as jointly drafted by the Parties and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any provision of this Agreement or interim drafts of this Agreement.

Section 4.15 Counterparts; Electronic Transmission of Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different Parties in separate counterparts, and delivered by means of electronic mail transmission or otherwise, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the date first written above by their respective duly authorized officers.

ALTICE USA, INC.

By: /s/ Michael E. Olsen
Name: Michael E. Olsen
Title: General Counsel & CCRO

NEXT ALT S.À R.L.

By: /s/ Patrick Drahi
Name: Patrick Drahi
Title: Authorized signatory

[Signature Page to Amended and Restated Stockholder Agreement]

FIRST AMENDMENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT

This FIRST AMENDMENT, dated as of June 20, 2023 (this “**Amendment**”), is made by and among Cablevision Lightpath LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “**Borrower**”) and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as administrative agent for the Lenders (in such capacity, including any successor thereto, the “**Administrative Agent**”). Except as otherwise provided herein, all capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement (as defined below).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement, dated as of September 29, 2020 (as amended through the date hereof, the “**Existing Credit Agreement**” and as may be further amended, restated, modified or supplemented from time to time, including pursuant to this Amendment, the “**Credit Agreement**”), by and among the Borrower, the Lenders party thereto from time to time, the Administrative Agent, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as collateral agent and the other parties thereto from time to time.

WHEREAS, the Initial Term Loans and the Initial Revolving Credit Loans bear interest, or incur or are permitted to incur fees, commissions or other amounts, based on the LIBO Rate in accordance with the terms of the Existing Credit Agreement.

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2021, the Financial Conduct Authority (“**FCA**”), the regulatory supervisor of USD LIBO Rate’s administration (“**IBA**”), announced in a public statement the future cessation or loss of representativeness of overnight / Spot Next, one-month, three-month, six-month and 12-month USD LIBOR tenor settings, which (a) in the case of the one-week and two-month LIBOR settings, occurred on December 31, 2021 and (b) in the case of all other USD LIBOR settings, is expected to occur on June 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 1.07 of the Existing Credit Agreement, the Administrative Agent and the Borrower have made a reasonable determination that LIBO Rate will no longer be available after June 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 1.07 and 9.08 of the Existing Credit Agreement, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent intend to amend the Existing Credit Agreement to replace the LIBO Rate applicable to the Initial Term Loans and the Initial Revolving Credit Loans with a successor rate as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and agreements, provisions and covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Credit Agreement. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 2 hereof and effective as of the date on which such conditions precedent are satisfied (the “**First Amendment Effective Date**”), the Existing Credit Agreement (other than the signature pages, Annexes, Exhibits and Schedules thereto) is hereby amended to delete any stricken text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: ~~stricken text~~) and to add the underlined text (indicated textually in the same manner as

the following example: underlined text) as set forth in the changed pages of the Existing Credit Agreement attached as Exhibit A to this Amendment.

SECTION 2. Effectiveness. This Amendment shall become effective as of 5:00 p.m. (New York City Time) on the date hereof if, and only if, the following conditions precedent have been satisfied: (a) the Administrative Agent has received this Amendment executed and delivered by a duly authorized officer of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent and (b) the Administrative Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to this Amendment from Lenders comprising the Required Class Lenders in respect of the Initial Term Loans and the Initial Revolving Credit Commitments.

SECTION 3. Transition Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Loan Document, (i) (A) all Initial Term Loans and Initial Revolving Credit Loans outstanding as of the First Amendment Effective Date shall continue to accrue interest based on the Adjusted LIBO Rate for their applicable existing Interest Periods as in effect immediately prior to the First Amendment Effective Date and may be continued for additional Interest Periods at the Adjusted LIBO Rate, in each case, in accordance with the Credit Agreement until the last day of the relevant Interest Period applicable to such Loans ending after June 30, 2023 (any such date, the “***Transition Date***”) and (B) Initial Revolving Credit Loans may be borrowed as Adjusted LIBO Rate Loans in accordance with the Credit Agreement on or prior to June 30, 2023; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, no request for borrowing, conversion or continuation of any Loans as LIBO Rate Loans may be made with an effective date after June 30, 2023; and (ii) upon the occurrence of the relevant Transition Date, such Initial Term Loans and Initial Revolving Credit Loans shall be, as the Borrower may elect, converted to ABR Loans or SOFR Loans, which election shall be made in accordance with the notice requirements set forth in Section 2.03 of the Credit Agreement as though the Borrower were requesting a borrowing of ABR Loans or SOFR Loans, as the case may be, to be made on such Transition Date.

SECTION 4. Representations and Warranties. In order to induce the Administrative Agent to enter into this Amendment, the Borrower hereby represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders that the representations and warranties set forth in the Credit Agreement and each other Loan Document are true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects if qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect), on and as of the First Amendment Effective Date (and, for the avoidance of doubt, including in respect of this Amendment) with the same effect as though made on and as of such date, except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects if qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect) on and as of such earlier date.

SECTION 5. Expenses. In accordance with Section 9.05 of the Credit Agreement, the Borrower agrees to pay all reasonable out of pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent in connection with this Amendment and any other documents prepared in connection herewith. The Borrower hereby confirms that the indemnification provisions set for in Section 9.05 of the Credit Agreement shall apply to this Amendment and such losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (as more fully set forth herein as applicable) which may arise herefrom or in connection herewith.

SECTION 6. Notices. All communications and notices hereunder shall (except as otherwise expressly permitted herein) be in writing and given as provided in Section 9.01 of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 7. Amendments. This Amendment may not be amended, modified or waived except by an instrument or instruments in writing signed and delivered by or on behalf of each of the parties hereto.

SECTION 8. Entire Agreement. As of the date hereof, this Amendment, the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents constitute the entire contract between the parties relative to the subject matter hereof and supersede any other previous agreement among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

SECTION 9. Applicable Law. THIS AMENDMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 10. Severability. If any provision of this Amendment is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, (a) the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Amendment shall not be affected or impaired thereby and (b) the parties shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions. The invalidity of a provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 11. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Amendment by facsimile transmission or other electronic imaging means shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Amendment.

SECTION 12. Miscellaneous. Except as amended or consented to hereby, the Credit Agreement and other Loan Documents remain unmodified and in full force and effect. Each reference in the Credit Agreement to “this Agreement”, “hereunder”, “hereof”, “herein” or words of like import referring to the Credit Agreement, and each reference to the “Credit Agreement”, “thereunder”, “thereof”, “therein” or words of like import referring to the Credit Agreement in any other Loan Document shall mean and be a reference to the Credit Agreement as amended hereby. In the event of any conflict between the terms or conditions of the Credit Agreement and this Amendment, this Amendment shall prevail to the extent of such conflict. This Amendment shall constitute a Loan Document under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents and, together with the other Loan Documents, constitute the entire agreement among the parties pertaining to the modification of the Loan Documents as herein provided and supersede any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, promises and amendments relating to the subject matter hereof.

SECTION 13. No Waiver. The execution, delivery and effectiveness of this Amendment shall not operate as a waiver of any right, power or remedy of any Lender or the Administrative Agent under any of the Loan Documents, nor constitute a waiver of any provision of any of the Loan Documents except, in each case, as expressly provided herein.

SECTION 14. No Novation. This Amendment shall not constitute a novation of any Indebtedness or other obligations owing to the Lenders or the Agents under the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 15. Electronic Execution of Assignments and Certain Other Documents. The words “execution,” “execute”, “signed,” “signature,” and words of like import in or related to any document to be signed in connection with this Amendment and the transactions contemplated hereby (including without limitation assignment and assumptions, amendments or other borrowing requests, waivers and consents) shall be deemed to include electronic signatures, the electronic matching of assignment terms and contract formations on electronic platforms approved by the Administrative Agent, or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper- based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has caused its duly authorized officer to execute and deliver this Amendment as of the date first mentioned above.

CABLEVISION LIGHTPATH LLC

By: /s/ Eric Swanholm
Name: Eric Swanholm
Title: EVP, Finance

Signature Page to the First Amendment to Credit Agreement

Consented and agreed to by:
GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA
as Administrative Agent

By: /s/ Brent Clough
Name: Brent Clough
Title: Authorized Signatory

Conformed copy showing amendments under:
(i) First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated June 20, 2023

CREDIT AGREEMENT

**DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2020
AMONG CABLEVISION LIGHTPATH LLC,
AS BORROWER**

**THE LENDERS PARTY HERETO AND
GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, AS ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENT**

**DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS,
AS COLLATERAL AGENT**

**GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC¹,
DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC., AND
MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC.
AS JOINT BOOKRUNNERS AND JOINT LEAD ARRANGERS**

¹ RBC Capital Markets is a brand name for the capital markets activities of Royal Bank of Canada and its affiliates.

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CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of September 29, 2020 (as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, this “**Agreement**”), among Cablevision Lightpath LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “**Borrower**”), the Lenders (such term and each other capitalized term used but not defined in this introductory statement having the meaning given it in Article I) party hereto and Goldman Sachs Bank USA (“**GS Bank**”), as administrative agent (in such capacity, including any successor thereto, the “**Administrative Agent**”) for the Lenders and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as collateral agent (in such capacity, including any successor thereto, the “**Collateral Agent**”) for the Lenders.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested the Lenders to extend credit in the form of (i) Initial Term Loans in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$600,000,000 and (ii) Revolving Credit Commitments in an initial aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$100,000,000. The Revolving Credit Commitments permit the issuance of one or more Letters of Credit from time to time and the making of one or more Revolving Credit Loans and/or Swing Line Loans from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Lenders are willing to extend such credit to the Borrower on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements, provisions and covenants contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Definitions

SECTION 1.01. **Defined Terms.** Save where specified to the contrary or where defined in Annex II of this Agreement, defined terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings specified below:

“**ABR**”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, shall refer to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Alternate Base Rate.

“**ABR Term SOFR Determination Day**” has the meaning specified in the definition of “Term SOFR”.

“**Acceptable Discount**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iv)(B).

“**Acceptable Prepayment Amount**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iv)(C).

“**Acceptance Date**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iv)(B).

“**Additional Lender**” shall mean any Person that is not an existing Lender and has agreed to provide Incremental Loan Commitments pursuant to Section 2.22 or Refinancing Commitments pursuant to Section 2.24.

“**Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR**” means an interest rate per annum equal to (a) the Daily Simple SOFR, *plus* (b) the Term SOFR Adjustment.

“**Adjusted LIBO Rate**” shall mean, with respect to any Eurodollar Borrowing for any Interest Period, (a) in the case of the Initial Term Loans, an interest rate per annum equal to the greater of (i) 0.50% per annum and (ii) the LIBO Rate in effect for such Interest Period and (b) in the case of the Initial Revolving Credit Loans, an interest rate per annum equal to the greater of (i) 0% per annum and (ii) the LIBO Rate in effect for such Interest Period.

“**Adjusted Term SOFR**” means, for purposes of any calculation, the rate *per annum* equal to (a) Term SOFR for such calculation *plus* (b) the Term SOFR Adjustment, *provided that, where a Floor is applicable, if the Adjusted Term SOFR as so determined shall ever be less than any such Floor, then Adjusted Term SOFR shall be deemed to be the Floor.*

“**Administrative Agent**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the introductory statement to this Agreement.

“Administrative Questionnaire” shall mean an Administrative Questionnaire in the form of Exhibit A, or such other form as may be supplied from time to time by the Administrative Agent.

“Affiliated Lender” shall mean, at any time, any Lender that is the Investor or any of its Affiliates and funds or partnerships managed or advised by them, but in any event excluding (i) any portfolio company of any of the forgoing and (b) any Group Member.

“Affiliated Lender Cap” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.04(1)(iii).

“Affiliated Lender/Borrower Assignment and Acceptance” shall mean an assignment and acceptance entered into by a Lender and the Borrower or an Affiliated Lender, as applicable, and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in the form of Exhibit E or such other form as shall be approved by the Administrative Agent.

“Agent Fee Letter” shall mean the Agent Fee Letter, dated as of the date hereof, among the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

“Agents” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Article VIII.

“Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure” shall mean, at any time, the sum of the Revolving Credit Exposures of the Revolving Credit Lenders at such time.

“Agreement Currency” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.21.

“All-In Yield” shall mean, as to any indebtedness, the yield thereof, whether in the form of interest rate, margin, original issue discount, upfront fees, an Adjusted LIBO Rate floor, [Adjusted Term SOFR floor](#) or an Alternate Base Rate floor (solely to the extent greater than any then applicable LIBO Rate, [Adjusted Term SOFR](#) or the Alternate Base Rate, as applicable), or other fees paid ratably to all lenders of such indebtedness, in each case, incurred or payable by the Borrower generally to all the lenders of such indebtedness; *provided* that (a) OID and upfront fees shall be equated to interest rate assuming a 4-year life to maturity (or, if less, the stated life to maturity at the time of its incurrence of the applicable Indebtedness), (b) “All-In Yield” shall not include arrangement fees, structuring fees, commitment fees, underwriting fees, success fees, ticking fees, consent or amendment fees and any similar fees (regardless of whether shared with, or paid to, in whole or in part, any or all lenders) and any other fees not paid ratably to all lenders of such indebtedness and (c) if any such indebtedness includes an Adjusted LIBO Rate ~~or floor~~, Alternate Base Rate floor [or Adjusted Term SOFR floor](#) that is greater than the Adjusted LIBO Rate ~~or floor~~, Alternate Base Rate floor [or Adjusted Term SOFR floor, respectively](#), then applicable to any Term Loans, such differential between interest rate floors shall be included in the calculation of the All-In Yield, but only to the extent an increase in the Adjusted LIBO Rate ~~or floor~~, Alternate Base Rate floor [or the Adjusted Term SOFR floor](#) applicable to the Term Loans would cause an increase in the interest rate then in effect thereunder.

“Alternate Base Rate” shall mean, for any day, a rate per annum equal to the greatest of (a) the rate recently announced by the Administrative Agent at its principal office as its Prime Rate, which is not necessarily the lowest rate made available by the Administrative Agent, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus 1/2 of 1.00% and (c) (1) the Adjusted LIBO Rate for a one-month Interest Period on such day (or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) plus 1.00%, and (2) with respect to any Borrowings made after June 30, 2023, the Adjusted Term SOFR for a one-month tenor in effect on such day (or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) plus 1.00%; *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, the Adjusted LIBO Rate for any day shall be based on the rate determined on such day at approximately 11:00 a.m. (London time) by reference to the ICE Benchmark Administration LIBO Rate (or the successor thereto if the ICE Benchmark Administration is no longer making a LIBO Rate available) for deposits in dollars (as set forth by any commercially available source providing quotations of LIBO Rate selected by the Administrative Agent). The Prime Rate announced by the Administrative Agent is evidenced by the recording thereof after its announcement in such internal publication as the Administrative Agent may designate. Any change in the interest rate resulting from a change in the Prime Rate announced by the Administrative Agent shall become effective without prior notice to the Borrower as of 12:01 a.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day on which each change in the Prime Rate is announced by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent may make commercial or other loans to others at rates of interest at, above or below the Prime Rate. If the Administrative Agent shall have determined (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) that it is unable to ascertain the Federal Funds Effective Rate for any reason, including the inability or failure of the Administrative Agent to obtain sufficient quotations in accordance with the terms of the definition thereof, the Alternate Base Rate shall be determined without regard to clause (b) of the first sentence of this paragraph until the circumstances giving rise to such inability no longer exist.

“Applicable Discount” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iii)(B).

“Applicable Financial Institution” shall mean (a) any EEA Financial Institution or ~~(b)~~ any UK Financial Institution.

“Applicable Margin” shall mean, for any day, (a) in respect of the Initial Term Loans, (i) with respect to any ABR Loan, 2.25% per annum ~~and~~, (ii) with respect to any Eurodollar Loan, 3.25% per annum and (iii) with respect to any SOFR Loan, 3.25% per annum; and (b) in respect of Revolving Credit Loans, (i) with respect to any ABR Loan, 2.25% per annum ~~and~~, (ii) with respect to any Eurodollar Loan, 3.25% per annum and (iii) with respect to any SOFR Loan, 3.25% per annum. For the avoidance of doubt, (A) the Applicable Margin in respect of any Loans under any Extended Class shall be the applicable percentages per annum set forth in the relevant Extension Amendment, or other documentation establishing such Extended Class, (B) the Applicable Margin in respect of any Class of Incremental Loans shall be the applicable percentages per annum set forth in the Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement or other documentation establishing such Class of Incremental Loans and (C) the Applicable Margin in respect of any Class of Refinancing Loans shall be the applicable percentages per annum set

forth in the relevant Refinancing Amendment or other documentation establishing such Class of Refinancing Loans.

“**Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage**” shall mean, for the period from the Closing Date until the date a compliance certificate is delivered pursuant to Section 4.10 in Annex I calculating the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio for the Test Period ending as of the last day of the first full fiscal quarter following the Closing Date, a percentage, per annum equal to 0.50%, and thereafter a rate determined by reference to the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio in effect from time to time as set forth below:

Level	Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio	Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage
I	$\geq 3.75:1.00$	0.500%
II	$< 3.75:1.00$	0.375%

When calculating the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Ratio for the purposes of this definition, the events described in clauses (a) through (c) of the definition of “Pro Forma EBITDA” that occurred subsequent to the end of the applicable Test Period shall not be given *pro forma* effect. No change in the Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage shall be effective until three Business Days after the date on which Administrative Agent shall have received the applicable financial statements and the Compliance Certificate pursuant to Section

4.10 in Annex I calculating the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio. Furthermore no change in the Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage to Level II shall be effective if at the time of the proposed change an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. At any time the Borrower has not submitted to Administrative Agent the applicable financial statements and the Compliance Certificate as and when required under Section 4.10 in Annex I, at the option of the Required Revolving Credit Lenders, the Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage shall be set at the percentage in the appropriate column for Level I in the table above as of the third Business Day after the date such information was required to be delivered until the date on which such information is delivered (on which date the Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage shall be set at the percentage based upon the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio disclosed by such information). Within five Business Days of receipt of the applicable financial statements and the Compliance Certificate under Section 4.10 in Annex I, Administrative Agent shall give the Borrower and each Revolving Credit Lender, fax, electronic mail or telephonic notice (confirmed in writing) of the Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage in effect from such date. In the event that the Compliance Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 4.10 in Annex I is shown to be inaccurate (at a time when this Agreement is in effect and unpaid Obligations under this Agreement are outstanding (other than indemnities and other contingent obligations not yet due and payable)), and such inaccuracy, if corrected, would have led to the application of a higher Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage for any period (an “**Applicable Commitment Period**”) than the Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage applied for such Applicable Commitment Period, then (a) Borrower shall immediately deliver to Administrative Agent a

correct Compliance Certificate required by Section 4.10 in Annex I for such Applicable Commitment Period, the Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage for such Applicable Commitment Period shall be determined based on the corrected Compliance Certificate for that Applicable Commitment Period and the Borrower shall immediately pay to Administrative Agent the accrued additional interest owing as a result of such increased Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage for such Applicable Commitment Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as an Event of Default described in Section 7.01(g) has not occurred with respect to the Borrower, such shortfall shall be due and payable within five Business Days following the written demand therefor by the Administrative Agent and, so long as the Compliance Certificate reflecting such inaccuracy was prepared by the Borrower in good faith, no Default or Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred as a result of such non-payment (and no such shortfall amount shall be deemed overdue or accrue interest at the rate calculated pursuant to Section 2.07) unless such shortfall amount is not paid on or prior to the fifth Business Day of such five Business Day period.

“Appropriate Lender” shall mean, at any time, (a) with respect to Loans of any Class, the Lenders of such Class of Loans, (b) with respect to Letters of Credit, (i) the relevant L/C Issuers and (ii) the Revolving Credit Lenders and (c) with respect to Swing Line Loans, (i) the Swing Line Lenders and (ii) if any Swing Line Loans are outstanding pursuant to Section 2.27(a), the Revolving Credit Lenders.

“Arranger Fee Letter” shall mean the Arranger Fee Letter, dated as of July 28, 2020, among the Borrower, the Parent Guarantor, GS Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Deutsche Bank AG Cayman Islands Branch, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as may be amended prior to the date hereof.

“Assignment and Acceptance” shall mean an assignment and acceptance entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee, and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in the form of Exhibit B or such other form as shall be approved by the Administrative Agent.

“Auction Manager” shall mean (a) the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates or (b) any other financial institution or advisor agreed by Borrower and Administrative Agent (whether or not an affiliate of the Administrative Agent) to act as an arranger in connection with any repurchases pursuant to Section 2.12(c) or Section 9.04(k).

“Audited Financial Statements” shall mean the audited consolidated balance sheets, consolidated statements of income, consolidated statements of comprehensive income, consolidated statements of changes in shareholders’ equity and consolidated statement of cash flows of the Borrower and its consolidated subsidiaries for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

“Auto-Extension Letter of Credit” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.26(b)(iii).

“Available Currency” shall mean Dollars.

“Available Tenor” means, as of any date of determination and with respect to the then-current Benchmark, as applicable, (x) if such Benchmark is a term rate, any tenor for such Benchmark (or component thereof) that is or may be used for determining the length of an Interest Period or (y) otherwise, any payment period for interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark (or component thereof) that is or may be used for determining any frequency of making payments of interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark, in each case, as of such date and not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any tenor for such Benchmark that is then removed from the definition of “Interest Period” pursuant to Section 1.07(d).

“Bail-In Action” means the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an Applicable Financial Institution.

“Bail-In Legislation” means, (a) with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law, regulation, rule or requirement for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 (as amended from time to time) and any other law, regulation or rule applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their affiliates (other than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings).

“Bank Meeting Date” shall mean September 9, 2020.

“Bank Rate” shall mean a rate per annum equal to the greater of (a) Federal Funds Effective Rate and (b) a rate reasonably determined by the relevant L/C Issuer in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

“Bankruptcy Code” shall mean Title 11, United States Bankruptcy Code of 1978. **“Bankruptcy Law”** shall mean (a) the Bankruptcy Code of the United States and (b) any

other law of the United States (or, in each case, any political subdivision thereof) or any other jurisdiction or any political subdivision thereof relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, winding-up, liquidation, reorganization or relief of debtors or any amendment to, succession to or change in any such law.

“Benchmark” means, initially, the Term SOFR Reference Rate; provided that if a Benchmark Transition Event and the related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the Term SOFR Reference Rate or the then-current Benchmark, then “Benchmark” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement to the extent that such Benchmark Replacement has replaced such prior benchmark rate pursuant to Section 1.07(a).

“Benchmark Replacement” means with respect to any Benchmark Transition Event, the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Administrative Agent for the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date:

(a) Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR; or

(b) the sum of: (i) the alternative benchmark rate that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower giving due consideration to (A) any selection or recommendation of a replacement benchmark rate or the mechanism for determining such a rate by the Relevant Governmental Body or (B) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a benchmark rate as a replacement to the then-current Benchmark for Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities and (ii) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

If the Benchmark Replacement as determined pursuant to clause (a) or (b) above would be less than the relevant Floor (if any) that is applicable to the affected Loans, the Benchmark Replacement will be deemed to be the applicable Floor for the purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

“**Benchmark Replacement Adjustment**” means, with respect to any replacement of the then-current Benchmark with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for any applicable Interest Period and Available Tenor for any setting of such Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement, the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower giving due consideration to (a) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body on the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date and/or (b) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time.

“**Benchmark Replacement Date**” means, with respect to any Benchmark, the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

- (a) in the case of clause (a) or (b) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event”, the later of (i) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (ii) the date on which the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or
- (b) in the case of clause (c) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event”, the first date on which such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) has been determined and announced by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) or the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) to be non-representative; provided that such non-representativeness, non-compliance or non-alignment will be determined by reference to the most recent statement or publication

referenced in such clause (c) and even if any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) continues to be provided on such date.

For the avoidance of doubt, (i) if the event giving rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination and (ii) the “Benchmark Replacement Date” will be deemed to have occurred in the case of clause (a) or (b) with respect to any Benchmark upon the occurrence of the applicable event or events set forth therein with respect to all then-current Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“**Benchmark Transition Event**” means, with respect to any Benchmark, the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

- (a) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or component thereof), permanently or indefinitely; provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);
- (b) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof), the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Term SOFR Administrator, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), in each case, which states that the administrator of such Benchmark (or component thereof) has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) permanently or indefinitely; provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or component thereof); or
- (c) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) or the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) announcing that all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) are not, or as of a specified future date will not be, representative.

For the avoidance of doubt, a “Benchmark Transition Event” will be deemed to have occurred with respect to any Benchmark if a public statement or publication of information set forth above has occurred with respect to each then-current Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“**Benchmark Unavailability Period**” means, with respect to any Benchmark, the period (if any) (a) beginning at the time that a Benchmark Replacement Date has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced the then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 1.07 and (b) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced the then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 1.07.

“**Beneficial Ownership Certification**” means a certification regarding individual beneficial ownership solely to the extent required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

“**Beneficial Ownership Regulation**” shall mean 31 C.F.R. § 1010.230.

“**Benefit Plan**” means any of (a) an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) a “plan” as defined in and subject to Section 4975 of the Code or (c) any Person whose assets include (for purposes of ERISA Section 3(42) or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) the assets of any such “employee benefit plan” or “plan”.

“**BHC Act Affiliate**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.23(b).

“**Board**” shall mean the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States of America.

“**Borrower**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the introductory statement to this Agreement.

“**Borrower Group**” shall mean the Borrower and each Restricted Subsidiary. “**Borrower Materials**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.01(f).

“**Borrower Offer of Specified Discount Prepayment**” shall mean the offer by the Borrower to make a voluntary prepayment of Loans at a Specified Discount to par pursuant to Section 2.12(c)(ii).

“**Borrower Solicitation of Discount Range Prepayment Offers**” shall mean the solicitation by the Borrower of offers (such offers, “**Discount Range Prepayment Offers**”) for, and the corresponding acceptance by a Lender of, a voluntary prepayment of Loans at a specified range of discounts to par pursuant to Section 2.12(c)(iii).

“**Borrower Solicitation of Discounted Prepayment Offers**” shall mean the solicitation by the Borrower of offers (such offers, “**Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers**”) for, and the subsequent acceptance, if any, by a Lender of, a voluntary prepayment of Loans at a discount to par pursuant to Section 2.12(c)(iv).

“Borrowing” shall mean a Revolving Credit Borrowing, a Swing Line Borrowing or a Term Borrowing, as the context may require.

“Borrowing Request” shall mean a request by the Borrower in accordance with the terms of Article II in relation to (a) a Revolving Credit Borrowing, substantially in the form set out in Exhibit C-1, (b) a Swing Line Borrowing, substantially in the form set out in Exhibit C-2 or (c) a Term Borrowing, substantially in the form set out in Exhibit C-3, or in each case, such other form as shall be approved by the Administrative Agent.

“Breakage Event” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.16.

“Business Day” shall mean (a) any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on

which commercial banks in New York City are authorized or required by law to close ~~and~~, (b) if the applicable Business Day relates to notices, determinations, fundings or payments in connection with the LIBO Rate or any Eurodollar Loans, any day which is a Business Day described in clause (a) and which is also a day on which dealings in Dollar deposits are also carried on the London interbank market and (c) with respect to the borrowing, payment or continuation of, or determination of interest rate on, Loans accruing interest on the basis of Term SOFR, any day that is also a U.S. Government Securities Business Day.

“Captive Insurance Affiliate” shall mean an Affiliate of the Borrower established for the purpose of, and to be engaged solely in the business of, insuring the businesses or facilities owned or operated by Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or joint ventures or to insure related or unrelated businesses.

“Cash Collateral” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.26(g).

“Cash Collateralize” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.26(g).

“CERCLA” shall mean the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.

“CERCLIS” shall mean the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System maintained by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

“Change in Law” shall mean the occurrence, after the date of this Agreement, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority. For purposes of this definition, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all rules, regulations, orders, requests, guidelines or directives thereunder or in connection therewith and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives concerning capital adequacy known as “Basel III” and promulgated either by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on

Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or by the United States or foreign regulatory authorities pursuant thereto, are deemed to have been adopted and gone into effect after the date of this Agreement.

“Charges” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.09.

“Class” shall mean (a) with respect to Commitments or Loans, those of such Commitments or Loans that have the same terms and conditions (without regard to differences in the Type of Loan, Interest Period, upfront fees, OID or similar fees paid or payable in connection with such Commitments or Loans, or differences in tax treatment (e.g., “fungibility”)); *provided* that such Commitments or Loans may be designated in writing by the Borrower and Lenders holding such Commitments or Loans as a separate Class from other Commitments or Loans that have the same terms and conditions and (b) with respect to Lenders, those of such Lenders that have Commitments or Loans of a particular Class.

“Closing Date” shall mean the date on which the Disposition is consummated in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement.

“Closing Date Intercreditor Agreement” shall mean the intercreditor agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, dated as of the Closing Date, among, *inter alios*, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Collateral Agent and Authorized Representative for the Initial Additional Secured Parties referred to therein, and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Collateral Agent and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Authorized Representative, in each case for the Credit Agreement Secured Parties referred to therein (in each case as such terms are defined therein).

“Closing Date Intercreditor Agreement Supplement” shall mean an agreement, substantially in the form of Annex I to the Closing Date Intercreditor Agreement, or in another form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, pursuant to which a Grantor becomes a party to, and bound by, the terms of the Closing Date Intercreditor Agreement.

“Closing Date Revolving Available Amount” shall mean \$10,000,000.

“Code” shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (unless otherwise provided herein).

“Collateral” shall mean any and all “Collateral”, “Pledged Assets”, “Charged Property”, “Charged Assets” and “Assigned Property” as defined in any applicable Security Document (or any similar or equivalent term used or referred to in any applicable Security Document) and all other property that is or is intended under the terms of the Security Documents to be subject to Liens in favor of the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent.

“Collateral Agent” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the introductory statement to this Agreement.

“Commitment” shall mean a Revolving Credit Commitment or a Term Commitment, as the context may require.

“Commitment Letter” means that certain Commitment Letter dated as of July 28, 2020, among the Borrower, the Parent Guarantor, GS Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, Deutsche Bank AG Cayman Islands Branch, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc.

“Commitment Termination Date” shall mean the earliest to occur of (a) the later of (x) the termination of the Purchase Agreement in accordance with its terms prior to the consummation of the Disposition and (y) the abandonment of the disposition by CSC Holdings LLC of 49.99% of the equity interests of the Parent Guarantor and (b) (i) with respect to the Revolving Credit Commitments, the Longstop Date solely in the event the Closing Date has not occurred on or prior thereto and (ii) with respect to the Initial Term Loan Commitments, January 24, 2021; *provided* that if earlier (and solely with respect to the Initial Term Loan Commitments), the Funding Date shall be deemed to be the Commitment Termination Date.

“Committed Lender” means any “Initial Lender” under and as defined under the Commitment Letter.

“Communications” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.01(e). **“Compliance Date”** shall mean the last day of any Test Period (commencing with the

first full fiscal quarter of the Borrower ending after the Closing Date) if on such day the Compliance Date Condition is met.

“Compliance Date Condition” means the condition that the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure is an aggregate principal amount equal to or exceeding 35% of the amount of the aggregate outstanding Revolving Credit Commitments excluding, for purposes of calculating such Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure, any L/C Obligations (a) in respect of Cash Collateralized Letters of Credit and (b) in respect of undrawn Letters of Credit, in an aggregate amount not exceeding the Letter of Credit Sublimit.

“Conforming Changes” means, with respect to either the use or administration of Term SOFR or the use, administration, adoption or implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of “Alternate Base Rate”, the definition of “Business Day”, the definition of “U.S. Government Securities Business Day”, the definition of “Interest Period”, or any similar or analogous definition, timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices, the applicability and length of lookback periods, the applicability of breakage provisions, and other technical, administrative or operational matters) that the Administrative Agent decides, in consultation with the Borrower, may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of any such rate or to permit the use and administration thereof by the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Administrative Agent decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the

Administrative Agent determines, in consultation with the Borrower, that no market practice for the administration of any such rate exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent, in consultation with the Borrower, decides is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents).

“Consolidated” shall mean, when used to modify a financial term, test, statement or report of a Person, the application or preparation of such term, test, statement or report (as applicable) based upon the consolidation, in accordance with GAAP, of the financial condition or operating results of such Person and its Subsidiaries.

“Contract Consideration” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in clause (b)(xii) in the definition of “Excess Cash Flow”.

“Control” shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise, and the terms “Controlling” and “Controlled” shall have meanings correlative thereto.

“Covered Entity” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.23(b).

“Credit Extension” shall mean each of the following: (a) a Borrowing and (b) an L/C

Credit Extension.

“Cure Amount” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.03(a).

“Cure Expiration Date” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.03(a).

“Current Assets” shall mean, with respect to the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis, at any date of determination, all assets (other than cash, Cash Equivalents and Permitted Investments) that would, in accordance with GAAP, be classified on a consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries as “current assets” (or similar term) at such date of determination, other than amounts related to current or deferred Taxes based on income, profits or capital gains, assets held for sale, loans (permitted) to third parties, pension assets, deferred bank fees and derivative financial instruments, and excluding the effects of adjustments pursuant to GAAP resulting from the application of recapitalization accounting or purchase accounting, as the case may be, in relation to any consummated acquisition or Investment.

“Current Liabilities” shall mean, with respect to the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis, at any date of determination, all liabilities that would, in accordance with GAAP, be classified on a consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries as “current liabilities” at such date of determination (including the amount of short-term deferred revenue of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP), other than (a) the current portion of any long term Indebtedness and

derivative financial instruments, (b) the current portion of accrued interest, (c) liabilities relating to current or deferred Taxes based on income or profits, (d) accruals of any costs or expenses related to restructuring reserves or severance payments, (e) any liabilities in respect of revolving loans, swing line loans or letter of credit obligations under any revolving credit facility (including Revolving Credit Loans), (f) the current portion of any Capitalized Lease Obligation, (g) the current portion of any other long-term liabilities, (h) liabilities in respect of unpaid earn-outs, (i) amounts related to derivative financial instruments and assets held for sale and (j) any deferred management, monitoring, consulting, advisory and other fees payable to any Permitted Holder, and excluding the effects of adjustments pursuant to GAAP resulting from the application of recapitalization accounting or purchase accounting, as the case may be, in relation to any consummated acquisition or Investment.

“Daily Simple SOFR” means, for any day, SOFR, with the conventions for this rate (which will include a lookback) being established by the Administrative Agent in consultation with the Borrower in accordance with the conventions for this rate selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for determining “Daily Simple SOFR” for syndicated business loans; provided that, if the Administrative Agent decides that any such convention is not administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent, then the Administrative Agent may establish another convention in its reasonable discretion in consultation with the Borrower.

“Declined Proceeds” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.13(h).

“Default” shall mean any event which is, or after giving notice or with the passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

“Default Right” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.23(b).

“Defaulting Lender” shall mean, subject to Section 2.25(d), any Lender that, as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent (a) has refused (which refusal may be given verbally or in writing and has not been retracted) or failed to perform any of its funding obligations hereunder, including in respect of its Loans or participations in respect of L/C Obligations or Swing Line Loans, which refusal or failure is not cured within one Business Day after the date of such refusal or failure, (b) has notified the Borrower or Administrative Agent that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations or has made a public statement to that effect with respect to its funding obligations hereunder, (c) has failed, within three Business Days after request by the Administrative Agent, to confirm in a manner satisfactory to the Administrative Agent that it will comply with its funding obligations or (d) has, or has a direct or indirect parent company that has, after the date of this Agreement, (i) become the subject of a proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law, (ii) had a receiver, conservator, trustee, administrator, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with reorganization or liquidation of its business or a custodian appointed for it, (iii) taken any action in furtherance of, or indicated its consent to, approval of or acquiescence in any such proceeding or appointment or (iv) become the subject of a Bail-In Action; *provided that* a Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any equity interest in that Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof by a Governmental Authority.

“Discount Prepayment Accepting Term Lender” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(ii)(B).

“Discount Range” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iii)(A).

“Discount Range Prepayment Amount” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iii)(A).

“Discount Range Prepayment Offers” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of Borrower Solicitation of Discount Range Prepayment Offers.

“Discount Range Prepayment Response Date” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iii)(A).

“Discount Range Proration” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iii)(C).

“Discounted Prepayment Determination Date” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iv)(C).

“Discounted Prepayment Effective Date” shall mean in the case of a Borrower Offer of Specified Discount Prepayment, Borrower Solicitation of Discount Range Prepayment Offer or Borrower Solicitation of Discounted Prepayment Offer, five Business Days following the Specified Discount Prepayment Response Date, the Discount Range Prepayment Response Date or the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Response Date, as applicable, in accordance with Section 2.12(c)(ii)(A), Section 2.12(c)(iii)(A) or Section 2.12(c)(iv)(A), respectively, unless a shorter period is agreed to between the Borrower and the Auction Manager.

“Discounted Term Loan Prepayment” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(i).

“Disposition” shall mean the issuance and sale of 49.99% of the equity interests of the Parent Guarantor to the Purchaser.

“Disqualified Person” shall mean any Person, other than a Loan Party, who has been identified to the Lead Arrangers in writing on or prior to the Bank Meeting Date and posted to both the “Public Lender” and “Non-Public Lender” portions of the Platform subject to the confidentiality provisions thereof in accordance with Section 9.01(f) or otherwise made available to all Lenders (the “***DQ List***”), and any Affiliate of any such Person clearly identifiable as such solely on the basis of the similarity of its name to any Person set forth on the DQ List (other than its financial investors and affiliated bona fide diversified debt funds that are not operating companies or affiliates of operating companies) and/or any Person, other than a Loan Party, who directly provides products or services that are the same or substantially similar to the products or services provided by, and that constitute a material part of the business of, the Loan Parties taken as a whole (a “***Competitor***”), and any Affiliate of any such Competitor clearly identifiable as

such solely on the basis of the similarity of its name to such Competitor (other than its financial investors and affiliated bona fide diversified debt funds that are not operating companies or affiliates of operating companies), who has been identified to the Administrative Agent in writing from time to time and posted to both the “Public Lender” and “Non-Public Lender” portions of the Platform subject to the confidentiality provisions thereof in accordance with Section 9.01(f) or otherwise made available to all Lenders and/or in the case of Persons referenced in clause (a) and (b) above, other Affiliates of any such Person (other than its financial investors and affiliated bona fide diversified debt funds that are not operating companies or affiliates of operating companies) identified to the Administrative Agent on or after the Bank Meeting Date, to the extent reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in no event shall the designation of a Person as a Disqualified Person apply (i) to disqualify any Person until three Business Days after such Person shall have been identified in writing to the Administrative Agent via electronic mail submitted to ficctthirdpartysettlements@ny.email.gs.com, gs-sbdagency-borrower@ny.email.gs.com and gs-dallas-adminagency@ny.email.gs.com (or such other address as the Administrative Agent may designate to the Borrower from time to time) (the “**Designation Effective Date**”) or (ii) retroactively to disqualify any Person that, before the Designation Effective Date, has (A) acquired an assignment or participation interest under this Agreement or (B) entered into a trade to acquire an assignment or participation interest under this Agreement.

If a Disqualified Person becomes a Lender hereunder in violation of the provisions of this Agreement and without the Borrower’s written consent, such Disqualified Person shall not (1) be entitled to any of the rights or privileges enjoyed by the other Lenders with respect to voting, information and lender meetings, be entitled to any expense reimbursement or indemnification under the Loan Documents, and nothing in the Loan Documents shall restrict the rights and remedies of the Loan Parties against such Disqualified Person, receive any other information or reporting provided by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or any other Lender, attend or participate in meetings attended by the Lenders and the Administrative Agent or be entitled to access any electronic site established for Lenders or confidential communications from counsel to or financial advisors of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders.

“**Dollars**”, “**dollars**” or “**\$**” shall mean lawful money of the United States of America. “**EEA Financial Institution**” means (a) any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) of this definition or (c) any financial institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a subsidiary of an institution described in clauses (a) or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

“**EEA Member Country**” means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland Liechtenstein and Norway.

“EEA Resolution Authority” means any public administrative authority or any person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.

“Effective Date” shall mean the date on which the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.01 have been satisfied, which date is September 29, 2020.

“Eligible Assignee” shall mean any Person other than a natural Person or a Defaulting Lender that is (a) a Lender, an Affiliate of any Lender or a Related Fund (any two or more Related Funds being treated as a single Eligible Assignee for all purposes hereof) or (b) a commercial bank, insurance company, investment or mutual fund or other entity that is an “accredited investor” (as defined in Regulation D) and which extends credit or buys loans in the ordinary course; *provided* that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, “Eligible Assignee” shall not include any Person that is a Loan Party (other than the Borrower to the extent provided in Section 9.04(k)), any of the Loan Parties’ Affiliates (other than Affiliated Lenders to the extent provided in Section 9.04(l)), any Subsidiaries or any Disqualified Person.

“Environmental Laws” shall mean, with respect to any Person, any and all international, national, regional, local and other laws, rules, regulations, decisions and orders, in each case applicable to and legally binding on such Person, relating to the protection of human health and safety as related to hazardous materials exposure, the environment or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants.

“Environmental Liability” shall mean any liability, obligation, damage, loss, claim, action, suit, judgment, order, fine, penalty, fee, expense, or cost, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of the Borrower, or any other Loan Party resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, labeling, storage, treatment, disposal or recycling of, or presence of any Hazardous Materials, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the Release or threatened Release of any Hazardous Materials into the environment or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

“Environmental Permits” shall mean any permit and other authorization required under any Environmental Law for the operation of the business of any Loan Party or its Restricted Subsidiaries conducted on or from the properties owned or used by any Loan Party or its Restricted Subsidiaries.

“ERISA” shall mean the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

“ERISA Affiliate” shall mean any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with the Borrower, is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code or Section 4001(a)(14) of ERISA or, solely for purposes of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Code, is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

“ERISA Event” shall mean (a) any “reportable event”, as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder, with respect to a Plan (other than an event for which the 30-day notice period is waived); (b) the failure to satisfy the “minimum funding standard” (as defined in Sections 412 or 430 of the Code or Sections 302 or 303 of ERISA), whether or not waived or the failure to make by its due date a required installment under Section 430(j) of the Code; (c) the filing pursuant to Section 412(c) of the Code or Section 302(c) of ERISA of an application for a waiver of the minimum funding standard with respect to any Plan; (d) the incurrence by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan; (e) the receipt by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from the PBGC or a plan administrator of any notice of an intention to terminate any Plan or Plans or to appoint a trustee to administer any Plan; (f) the incurrence by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any liability with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal of the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from any Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (g) the receipt by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, or the receipt by any Multiemployer Plan from the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, of the imposition upon the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of Withdrawal Liability (within the meaning of Section 4201 of ERISA) or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, (i) in “critical” or “endangered” status under Section 432 of the Code or Section 305 of ERISA, or (ii) insolvent within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA; (h) the imposition of a lien pursuant to Section 430(k) of the Code or Section 303(k) or Section 4068 of the ERISA on the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate with respect to any Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (i) a violation of Section 436 of the Code; (j) a determination that a Plan is, or is expected to be in “at risk” status (as defined in Section 430 of the Code or Section 303 of ERISA); or (k) the incurrence by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any liability pursuant to Section 4063 or Section 4064 of ERISA or a cessation of operations with respect to a Plan within the meaning of Section 4062(e) of ERISA.

“EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule” means the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person), as in effect from time to time.

“Eurodollar”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, denominated in dollars, shall refer to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Adjusted LIBO Rate.

“Events of Default” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.01 of this Agreement.

“Excess Cash Flow” shall mean, for any fiscal year of the Borrower (commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021):

- (a) the sum, without duplication, of (i) Consolidated EBITDA for such period, (ii) reductions to noncash working capital of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period (i.e., the decrease, if any, in Current Assets minus Current Liabilities from the beginning to the end of such period) and (iii) expenses reducing (or excluded from) the calculation of Consolidated Net Income

for such period with respect to amounts deducted in any prior calculation of Excess Cash Flow pursuant to clause (b)(iii), (vi), (vii) and (ix) below, and minus:

- (b) the sum, without duplication including with respect to amounts already reducing Consolidated Net Income and not added back to Consolidated EBITDA, of:
 - (i) the amount of any Taxes payable or tax reserves set aside or payable (without duplication) in cash by the Borrower (or any direct or indirect parent thereof) with respect to the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to such period;
 - (ii) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period paid in cash;
 - (iii) to the extent not deducted in a prior period pursuant to clause (b)(vii) below, capital expenditures made in cash during such period to the extent financed with Internally Generated Cash;
 - (iv) (A) all scheduled principal payments and repayments of Indebtedness and the principal component of payments in respect of Capitalized Lease Obligations (other than Revolving Credit Loans if such scheduled payment and repayment does not occur at the final maturity thereof concurrently with the permanent termination of all commitments in respect thereof), (B) all voluntary prepayments of Indebtedness and the principal component of payments in respect of Capitalized Lease Obligations (other than Pari Passu Indebtedness) made in cash by the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries during such period, but only to the extent that the Indebtedness so repaid by its terms cannot be reborrowed or redrawn and such repayments do not occur in connection with a refinancing of all or any portion of such Indebtedness, (C) the amount of a mandatory prepayment of Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.13(a) and any mandatory prepayment, repayment or redemption of Pari Passu Indebtedness pursuant to requirements under the agreements governing such Pari Passu Indebtedness similar to the requirements set forth in Section 2.13(a), to the extent required due to an Asset Disposition (or any disposition specifically excluded from the definition of the term “Asset Disposition”) that resulted in an increase to Consolidated EBITDA and not in excess of the amount of such increase, and (D) the aggregate amount of any premium, make-whole, penalty payments or the principal component of payments in respect of Capitalized Lease Obligations actually paid in cash by the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries during such period that are required to be made in connection with any such prepayment of Indebtedness;
 - (v) additions to noncash working capital for such period (i.e., the increase, if any, in Current Assets minus Current Liabilities from the beginning to the end of such period),

- (vi) to the extent not deducted in a prior period pursuant to clause (b)(vii) below, the amount of any cash expense, charge or other cost during such period related to any Equity Offering, Investment, acquisition, disposition, recapitalization, Incurrence of any Indebtedness, amendment or modification of any debt instrument (including any amendment or other modification of this Agreement and/or the other Loan Documents) or similar transaction permitted by this Agreement (whether or not successful) (including any such fees, expenses or charges related to the Transactions) and any cash charges or non-recurring merger costs incurred during such period as a result of any such transaction, in each case as determined in good faith by the Borrower to the extent financed with Internally Generated Cash;
- (vii) to the extent not deducted in a prior period pursuant to this clause (b)(vii), the aggregate amount of expenditures actually made by the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries during such period, or at the option of the Borrower, after the end of such period and prior to the date upon which a mandatory prepayment for such period would be required under Section 2.13(b), in each case, from Internally Generated Cash (including expenditures for the payment of financing fees) to the extent that such expenditures are not expensed during such period, are not deducted (or were excluded) in calculating Consolidated Net Income or were added back in calculating Consolidated EBITDA;
- (viii) an amount equal to (A) the amount of all non-cash credits included in arriving at Consolidated Net Income (but excluding any non-cash credit to the extent representing the reversal of an accrual or reserve for potential cash items in any future period) and (B) cash charges, losses or expenses excluded in arriving at Consolidated Net Income or added back in calculating Consolidated EBITDA;
- (ix) without duplication of any amount included in clause (iv) above, cash payments by the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries during such period in respect of long-term liabilities (including pension and other post-retirement obligations) of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than Indebtedness) to the extent such payments are not expensed during such period or are not deducted (or were excluded) in calculating Consolidated Net Income and financed with Internally Generated Cash;
- (x) to the extent added back to Consolidated EBITDA, the amount of management, monitoring, consultancy and advisory fees and related expenses paid in such period (or accruals relating to such fees and related expenses) to any Permitted Holder (whether directly or indirectly, through any Parent), financed with Internally Generated Cash;
- (xi) the amount of any Permitted Investment (other than a Permitted Investment made pursuant to clause (c) of the definition thereof) and any Restricted

Payment pursuant to Section 4.05 of Article IV in Annex I hereof, in each case, that are made during such period by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary thereof with Internally Generated Cash;

- (xii) without duplication of amounts deducted from Excess Cash Flow in prior periods and, at the option of the Borrower, (A) the aggregate consideration required to be paid in cash by the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to binding contracts (the “**Contract Consideration**”) entered into prior to or during such period or (B) any planned cash expenditures by the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (the “**Planned Expenditures**”), in the case of each of the preceding clauses (A) and (B), relating to acquisitions or other Investments, capital expenditures, Restricted Payments (described in clause (xi) above), acquisitions of intellectual property, any scheduled payment, repurchase or redemption of Indebtedness (described in clause (iv) above) that was permitted by the terms of this Agreement to be incurred and paid, repurchased or redeemed (collectively, “**Permitted Expenditures**”), in each case, to the extent expected to be consummated or made, as applicable, during the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Borrower following the end of such period, and expected in good faith to be financed with Internally Generated Cash; *provided* that to the extent that the aggregate amount of Permitted Expenditures financed with Internally Generated Cash and paid in cash during such following period of four consecutive fiscal quarters is less than the aggregate amount of Planned Expenditures expected to be financed with Internally Generated Cash, the amount of such shortfall shall be added to the calculation of Excess Cash Flow at the end of such following period of four consecutive fiscal quarters; and
- (xiii) cash expenditures in respect of Hedging Obligations during such period to the extent not deducted (or were excluded) in arriving at Consolidated Net Income or added back to Consolidated EBITDA, to the extent financed with Internally Generated Cash.

Notwithstanding anything else provided in this Agreement, (x) the amounts deducted under clause (b) above shall in no event be duplicative of amounts deducted under clause (y) of the first proviso of Section 2.13(c) and (y) to the extent an amount is eligible to be deducted under either clause (b) above or clause (y) of the first proviso of Section 2.13(c), such amounts shall be deemed to have been deducted under clause (y) of the first proviso of Section 2.13(c) (and not, for the avoidance of doubt, clause (b) above).

“**Excluded Accounts**” means, collectively, (a) payroll accounts, (b) zero balance accounts, (c) any withholding tax, benefits, escrow, trust, customs or any other fiduciary account and (d) any account having a balance that does not exceed \$2,500,000 for more than three consecutive Business Days at any time.

“Excluded Assets” means each of the following: (a) any “intent-to-use” application for registration of a trademark filed pursuant to Section 1(b) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1051, prior to the filing of a “Statement of Use” pursuant to Section 1(d) of the Lanham Act or an “Amendment to Allege Use” pursuant to Section 1(c) of the Lanham Act with respect thereto, solely to the extent, if any, that and solely during the period, if any, in which, the grant of a security interest therein would impair the validity or enforceability of any registration that issues from such intent-to-use application under applicable federal law, (b) margin stock, (c) assets subject to certificates of title (including motor vehicles (other than motor vehicles subject to certificates of title, provided that perfection of security interests in such motor vehicles shall be limited to the filing of UCC financing statements), aircraft and aircraft engines), (d) letter-of-credit rights (other than to the extent the security interest in such letter of credit right may be perfected by the filing of UCC financing statements), (e) commercial tort claims with a value, individually, of less than \$2,500,000, (f) any governmental or regulatory licenses, authorizations, certificates, charters, franchises, approvals and consents (whether federal, state or otherwise) to the extent a security interest therein is prohibited or restricted thereby or requires any consent, acknowledgment or authorization from a Governmental Authority not obtained (without any requirement to obtain such consent, acknowledgment or authorization) after giving effect to the applicable anti-assignment provisions of the UCC or other applicable Law other than proceeds and receivables thereof, the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the UCC or other applicable Law notwithstanding such prohibition, (g) any lease, license or agreement (not otherwise subject to clause (h) below) or any property that is subject to a capital lease, purchase money security interest or similar arrangement, in each case permitted by the Loan Documents, to the extent that a grant of a security interest therein (x) would violate or invalidate such lease, license or agreement or purchase money security interest or similar arrangement or create a right of termination in favor of any other party thereto (other than Parent Guarantor, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries) after giving effect to the applicable anti-assignment provisions of the UCC or other applicable Law (other than proceeds and receivables thereof, the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the UCC or other applicable Law notwithstanding such prohibition) to the extent such approval, consent or authorization is not obtained or (y) would require governmental or regulatory approval, consent or authorization not obtained (without any requirement to obtain such approval, consent or authorization) after giving effect to the applicable anti-assignment provisions of the UCC or other applicable Law, other than proceeds and receivables thereof, the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the UCC or other applicable Law notwithstanding such prohibition, (h) assets to the extent the pledge thereof or grant of security interests therein (x) is prohibited or restricted by any applicable Law, rule or regulation or would require any consent, approval or authorization of any governmental or regulatory authority not obtained (without any requirement to obtain such any consent, approval or authorization) after giving effect to the applicable anti-assignment provisions of the UCC or other applicable Law (other than proceeds and receivables thereof, the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the UCC or other applicable Law notwithstanding such prohibition), (y) would render such asset invalid or unenforceable under applicable Law (solely with respect to any intellectual property) or (z) is prohibited by any contract or would require any consent, approval, license or other authorization of any third party (provided that such requirement existed on the Closing Date or at the time of the acquisition of such asset, as applicable, and was not incurred in contemplation thereof (other than in the case of

capital leases and purchase money financings)) or governmental or regulatory authority not obtained (without any requirement to obtain such consent, approval, license or other authorization), other than to the extent such prohibition or restriction is ineffective under the UCC or other applicable Law, (i) assets to the extent a security interest in such assets would result in material adverse tax consequences to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries as reasonably determined by the Borrower in consultation with the Administrative Agent, (j) any leasehold or freehold interest in any real property (and improvements and fixtures relating thereto), (k) any Excluded Account, (l) Capital Stock in Immaterial Subsidiaries and Excluded Subsidiaries (other than first tier CFCs and first tier CFC Holdcos that are Restricted Subsidiaries; *provided* that in the case of any first tier CFC or first tier CFC Holdco, the pledge of the Capital Stock of such Subsidiary shall be limited to no more than 65% of the total issued and outstanding Capital Stock of such first tier CFC or first tier CFC Holdco; provided, that, for the avoidance of doubt, the pledged Capital Stock of the Guarantors shall not be subject to such limitation), (m) any assets located in, or governed by, any non-U.S. jurisdiction law or regulation (other than (i) Capital Stock of CFCs that does not constitute an Excluded Asset pursuant to clause (l) above and (ii) assets that can be perfected by the filing of a UCC financing statement and (n) those assets as to which the Administrative Agent and the Borrower reasonably agree that the cost, burden or difficulty of obtaining such a security interest or perfection thereof (including any material adverse tax consequences to the Parent Guarantor, the Borrower, or any Subsidiary of the Borrower) are excessive in relation to the benefit to the Lenders of the security to be afforded thereby. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Excluded Assets shall not include any proceeds, products, substitutions or replacements of Excluded Assets (unless such proceeds, products, substitutions or replacements would otherwise constitute Excluded Assets).

“Excluded Taxes” shall mean, with respect to the Administrative Agent or any Lender or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower hereunder, (a) Taxes imposed on (or measured by) net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, branch profits Taxes or any similar Tax, (i) by the jurisdiction under the laws of which such recipient is organized or in which its principal office is located or, in the case of any Lender, in which its applicable lending office is located or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) any withholding taxes attributable to the Lender’s failure to comply with Section 2.20(e) or (f); (c) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes that are (or would be) required to be withheld pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest in the Loan or Commitment (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Borrower under Section 2.21) or (ii) such Lender changes its lending office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 2.20, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender’s assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its lending office; (d) U.S. backup withholding Taxes; and (e) any Taxes imposed under FATCA.

“Expiring Credit Commitment” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.27(g).

“Extended Class” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

“Extended Revolving Credit Commitments” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

“Extended Term Loans” assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

“Extending Lender” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(b). **“Extension Amendment”** shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section

2.23(c).

“Extension Arranger” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

“Extension Election” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(b).

“Extension Request” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

“Facility Guaranty” shall mean the Facility Guaranty made by the Guarantors in favor of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties, substantially in the form of Exhibit F-1 hereto, or in another form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower.

“Facility Guaranty Joinder” shall mean an agreement, substantially in the form of Annex I to the Facility Guaranty, or in another form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, pursuant to which a Subsidiary becomes a party to, and bound by, the terms of the Facility Guaranty.

“FATCA” shall mean Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement, (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code, any intergovernmental agreement entered into in connection with the implementation of such Sections of the Code and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to such intergovernmental agreement.

“FCPA” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.25.

“Federal Funds Effective Rate” shall mean, for any day, the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published for any day that is a Business Day, the average of the quotations for the day for such transactions received by the Administrative Agent from three Federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by it; *provided* that if the Federal Funds Effective Rate is less than zero, it shall be deemed to be zero for the purposes of this Agreement.

“Financial Covenant” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 6.01.

“First Amendment” means the First Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of June 20, 2023 between the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

“Floor” means a rate of interest equal to (i) 0.50% per annum for the Initial Term Loans; (ii) 0.00% per annum for the Initial Revolving Credit Loans; and (iii) if applicable, with respect any other Class of Loans, as specified in the applicable Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, Extension Amendment, Refinancing Amendment or other applicable Loan Documents.

“Foreign Lender” shall mean a Lender that is not a U.S. Person.

“Fronting Exposure” shall mean, at any time there is a Defaulting Lender, (a) with respect to the L/C Issuer, such Defaulting Lender’s Pro Rata Share of the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations other than L/C Obligations as to which such Defaulting Lender’s participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof and (b) with respect to the Swing Line Lender, such Defaulting Lender’s Pro Rata Share of Swing Line Loans other than Swing Line Loans as to which such Defaulting Lender’s participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof.

“Funding Date” shall mean the date on which the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.02 have been satisfied.

“Governmental Authority” shall mean the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

“Granting Lender” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.04(i).

“Grantor” shall mean each Person from time to time party to any Security Document, in its capacity as a grantor, pledgor, obligor, chargor or similar capacity thereunder.

“Group Member” shall mean the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary thereof, and **“Group”** shall mean, collectively, the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

“GS Bank” shall mean Goldman Sachs Bank USA.

“Guarantor” shall mean each Person from time to time party to the Facility Guaranty, in its capacity as a guarantor of the Obligations and its respective successors and assigns, until the Loan Guarantee of such Person has been released in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

“Hazardous Materials” shall mean all chemicals, materials, substances or wastes of any nature that are listed, classified, regulated, characterized or otherwise defined as “hazardous,”

“toxic,” “radioactive,” a “pollutant,” a “contaminant,” or terms of similar intent or meaning, by any Governmental Authority or that are otherwise prohibited, limited or regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, friable asbestos or friable asbestos-containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or medical wastes.

“**Hedge Counterparty**” shall mean each Person that is (a) a counterparty to a Swap Contract as of the Closing Date or (b) an Agent or Lender or any Affiliate of an Agent or Lender counterparty to a Swap Contract (including any Person who was an Agent or Lender (or any Affiliate thereof) as of the Closing Date or the date it enters into such Swap Contract but subsequently ceases to be an Agent or Lender (or Affiliate thereof)) or (c) any other Person from time to time designated in writing by the Borrower and approved in writing by the Administrative Agent; *provided* that, if such Person is not an Agent or a Lender, such Person executes and delivers to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower a letter agreement in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower pursuant to which such Person (i) appoints the Administrative Agent as its agent under the applicable Loan Documents and (ii) agrees to be bound by the provisions applicable to Hedge Counterparties.

“**Honor Date**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.26(c)(i).

“**Identified Participating Term Lenders**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iii)(C).

“**Identified Qualifying Term Lenders**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iv)(C).

“**Incremental Arranger**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a).

“**Incremental Facility Closing Date**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a).

“**Incremental Lenders**” shall mean collectively the Incremental Term Lenders and the Incremental Revolving Credit Lender.

“**Incremental Loan Amount**” shall mean, at any time, without duplication, an amount not to exceed the amount of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred by the Borrower as Pari Passu Indebtedness at such time pursuant to Section 4.04(a), 4.04(b)(1) and 4.04(b)(16) of Annex I to this Agreement (together with any Refinancing Indebtedness of the foregoing that is permitted to be incurred by the Borrower as Pari Passu Indebtedness at such time pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(4)(c) of Annex I).

“**Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement**” shall mean an Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement among, and in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to, the

Borrower, the Incremental Arranger and one or more Incremental Lenders and, to the extent required pursuant to the third proviso of Section 9.08(b), the Administrative Agent.

“Incremental Loan Commitment” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.22(a).

“Incremental Loan Maturity Date” shall mean the final maturity date of any Incremental Term Loan or Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment, as set forth in the applicable Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement.

“Incremental Loans” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 2.22(a).

“Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a).

“Incremental Revolving Credit Lender” shall mean a Lender with an Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment or an outstanding Revolving Credit Loan.

“Incremental Revolving Loan” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a).

“Incremental Term Lender” shall mean a Lender with an Incremental Term Loan Commitment or an outstanding Incremental Term Loan.

“Incremental Term Loan” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a).

“Incremental Term Loan Commitments” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a).

“Indemnified Taxes” shall mean (a) Taxes other than Excluded Taxes and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in clause (a) above, Other Taxes.

“Indemnatee” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.05(b).

“Information” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.16.

“Initial Loans” shall mean an Initial Term Loan or an Initial Revolving Credit Loan.

“Initial Revolving Credit Commitment” shall mean, as to each Revolving Credit Lender, its Revolving Credit Commitment as of the Effective Date, as set forth opposite such Lender’s name in Schedule 2.01 under the caption “Initial Revolving Credit Commitment” or in the applicable Assignment and Acceptance, and as may be amended from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof. The aggregate amount of Initial Revolving Credit Commitments as of the Effective Date is \$100,000,000.

“Initial Revolving Credit Commitment Maturity Date” shall mean the day that is five years after the Funding Date.

“Initial Revolving Credit Lender” shall mean any Lender having any Initial Revolving Credit Commitments and/or Initial Revolving Credit Loans made pursuant thereto.

“Initial Revolving Credit Loan” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.01(b).

“Initial Term Loans” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.01(a).

“Initial Term Loan Commitment” shall mean, as to each Term Lender, its obligation to make an Initial Term Loan to the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.01(a) in an aggregate amount not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Lender’s name in Schedule 2.01 under the caption “Initial Term Loan Commitment” or in the applicable Assignment and Acceptance. The aggregate amount of the Initial Term Loan Commitments as of the Effective Date is \$600,000,000.

“Initial Term Loan Facility” shall mean the Initial Term Loan Commitments and the Initial Term Loans made pursuant thereto.

“Initial Term Loan Lender” shall mean any Lender having any Initial Term Loan Commitments and/or Initial Term Loans made pursuant thereto.

“Initial Term Loan Maturity Date” shall mean the day that is seven years after the Funding Date.

“Intercreditor Agreement” means, to the extent executed in connection with the incurrence of Indebtedness secured by Liens on the Collateral which are intended to rank equal in priority to the Liens on the Collateral securing the Obligations under this Agreement (but without regard to the control of remedies), at the option of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent acting together in good faith, any of (a) the Closing Date Intercreditor Agreement or (b) (i) any other intercreditor agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit D, together with any changes thereto which are reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower or (ii) a customary intercreditor agreement in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, which agreement shall provide that the Liens on the Collateral securing such Indebtedness shall rank equal in priority to the Liens on the Collateral securing the Obligations under this Agreement (but without regard to the control of remedies), in each case with such modifications thereto as the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may agree.

“Interest Payment Date” shall mean (a) with respect to any ABR Loan, April 15th, July 15th, October 15th and January 15th and the Maturity Date; *provided* that if such day is not a Business Day, the Interest Payment Date shall be the next succeeding Business Day and (b) with respect to any Eurodollar Loan or SOFR Loan, the last day of the Interest Period applicable to the Borrowing of which such Loan is a part and, in the case of a Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR

[Borrowing](#) with an Interest Period of more than three months' duration (other than as may be provided with respect to the initial Interest Period), each day that would have been an Interest Payment Date had successive Interest Periods of three months' duration been applicable to such Borrowing.

"Interest Period" shall mean, with respect to any Eurodollar Borrowing or [SOFR Borrowing](#), the period commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the numerically corresponding day (or, if there is no numerically corresponding day, on the last day) in the calendar month that is one, ~~two~~, three or six months (or 12 months if agreed to by all Lenders of such Loans) thereafter, as the Borrower may elect; *provided, however*, that (a) if any Interest Period would end on a day other than a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless such next succeeding Business Day would fall in the next calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day, (b) any Interest Period that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period and (c) no Interest Period for any Loan shall extend beyond the maturity date of such Loan. Interest shall accrue from and including the first day of an Interest Period to but excluding the last day of such Interest Period. For purposes hereof, the date of a Borrowing initially shall be the date on which such Borrowing is made and thereafter shall be the effective date of the most recent conversion or continuation of such Borrowing.

"Internal Control Event" shall mean a material weakness in, or fraud that involves senior management or other employees who have a significant role in, the Loan Parties or any of their Subsidiaries' internal controls over financial reporting, in each case as described in the Securities Laws.

"Internally Generated Cash" shall mean, with respect to any Person, funds of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries not constituting proceeds of the incurrence of Indebtedness (other than the incurrence of Revolving Credit Loans, extensions of credit under any other revolving credit or similar facility or other short-term Indebtedness) by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

"Interpolated Screen Rate" shall mean, in relation to any Loan, the rate which results from interpolating on a linear basis between: (a) the applicable Screen Rate for the longest period (for which that Screen Rate is available) which is less than the Interest Period of that Loan; and (b) the applicable Screen Rate for the shortest period (for which that Screen Rate is available) which exceeds the Interest Period of that Loan, each as of 11:00 a.m. London time on the Quotation Day for the currency of that Loan.

"IRS" shall mean the United States Internal Revenue Service.

"ISP" shall mean, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the "International Standby Practices 1998" published by the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice, Inc. (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance).

“Issue Price” shall mean a price equal to 99.50% of the face value of the Initial Term Loans.

“Issuer Documents” shall mean with respect to any Letter of Credit, the Letter of Credit

Application, and any other document, agreement and instrument entered into by the L/C Issuer and the Borrower (or any Restricted Subsidiary) or in favor of the L/C Issuer and relating to such Letter of Credit.

“Judgment Currency” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.21. **“L/C Advance”** shall mean, with respect to each Revolving Credit Lender, such Lender’s

funding of its participation in any L/C Borrowing in accordance with its Pro Rata Share.

“L/C Borrowing” shall mean an extension of credit resulting from a drawing under any Letter of Credit which has not been reimbursed on the date when made or refinanced as a Revolving Credit Borrowing.

“L/C Credit Extension” shall mean, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the issuance thereof or extension of the expiry date thereof, or the renewal or increase of the amount thereof.

“L/C Exposure” shall mean, as at any date of determination, the total L/C Obligations. The L/C Exposure of any Revolving Credit Lender at any time shall be its Pro Rata Share of the total L/C Exposure at such time; *provided* that in the case of Section 2.01(b), Section 2.26(a)(i) and clause (iii) of the proviso to Section 2.27(a) when a Defaulting Lender shall exist, the L/C Exposure of any Revolving Credit Lender shall be adjusted to give effect to any reallocation effected in accordance with Section 2.25(c)

“L/C Issuer” shall mean GS Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. (collectively, the **“Initial L/C Issuers”**), and any other Lender that becomes an L/C Issuer in accordance with Section 2.26(k), in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, or any successor issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder.

“L/C Obligations” shall mean, as at any date of determination, the aggregate amount available to be drawn under all outstanding Letters of Credit plus the aggregate of all Unreimbursed Amounts, including all L/C Borrowings. For purposes of computing the amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with Section 2.26. For all purposes of this Agreement, if on any date of determination a Letter of Credit has expired by its terms but any amount may still be drawn thereunder by reason of the operation of Rule 3.14 of the ISP, such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be “outstanding” in the amount so remaining available to be drawn.

“Latest Maturity Date” shall mean, at any date of determination, the latest maturity date applicable to any Class of Loans or Commitments with respect to such Loans or Commitments at such date of determination, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the latest maturity date of any

Incremental Loans, Incremental Loan Commitments, Other Loans or Extended Term Loans, in each case, as extended from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

“*Laws*” shall mean each international, foreign, Federal, state and local statute, treaty, rule, guideline, regulation, ordinance, code and administrative or judicial precedent or authority, including the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the enforcement, interpretation or administration thereof, and each applicable administrative order, directed duty, request, license, authorization and permit of, and agreement with, any Governmental Authority, in each case whether or not having the force of law.

“*Lead Arrangers*” shall mean GS Bank, RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., each in its capacity as a lead bookrunner and lead arranger.

“*Legal Reservations*” means (a) the principle that equitable remedies are remedies which may be granted or refused at the discretion of the court and principles of good faith and fair dealing, (b) applicable Bankruptcy Laws, (c) the existence of timing limitations with respect to the bringing of claims under applicable limitation laws and the defenses of acquiescence, set-off or counterclaim and the possibility that an undertaking to assume liability for, or to indemnify a Person against, non-payment of stamp duty may be void, (d) the principle that in certain jurisdictions and under certain circumstances a Lien granted by way of fixed charge may be re-characterized as a floating charge or that security purported to be constituted as an assignment may be re-characterized as a charge, (e) the principle that additional interest imposed pursuant to any relevant agreement may be held to be unenforceable on the grounds that it is a penalty and thus void, (f) the principle that a court may not give effect to an indemnity for legal costs incurred by an unsuccessful litigant, (g) the principle that the creation or purported creation of collateral over any claim, other right, contract or agreement which is subject to a prohibition on transfer, assignment or charging may be void, ineffective or invalid and may give rise to a breach of the contract or agreement (or contract or agreement relating to or governing the claim or other right) over which collateral has purportedly been created, (h) similar principles, rights and defenses under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction and (i) any other matters which are set out as qualifications or reservations (however described) as to matters of law in any legal opinion delivered pursuant to the Loan Documents.

“*Lenders*” shall mean (a) the Persons listed on Schedule 2.01 (other than any such Person that has ceased to be a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance) and (b) any Person that has become a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance, including, without limitation, the Initial Term Loan Lenders and the Initial Revolving Credit Lenders (including, as the context so requires, any L/C Issuer and the Swing Line Lender).

“*Letter of Credit*” shall mean any letter of credit issued hereunder. A Letter of Credit may be a standby letter of credit.

“*Letter of Credit Application*” shall mean an application and agreement for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit in the form from time to time in use by the relevant L/C Issuer and reasonably satisfactory to the Borrower.

“Letter of Credit Expiration Date” shall mean the day that is five Business Days prior to the scheduled Latest Maturity Date then in effect for the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments (taking into account the Maturity Date of any conditional Participating Revolving Credit Commitment that will automatically go into effect on or prior to such Maturity Date (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next preceding Business Day)).

“Letter of Credit Issuer Sublimit” shall mean, at any time, with respect to (a) GS Bank \$12,500,000, (b) Royal Bank of Canada, \$5,000,000, (c) Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, \$3,750,000 and (d) Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., \$3,750,000 (in each case, or such other amount as may be agreed between such L/C Issuer and the Borrower from time to time) and (e) any other Person that is a L/C Issuer, such other amount as may be agreed between such other L/C Issuer and the Borrower at the time such Person becomes a L/C Issuer or from time to time thereafter.

“Letter of Credit Sublimit” shall mean, at any time, an amount equal to the lesser of (a) \$25,000,000 (as may be adjusted pursuant to Section 2.26 and/or as may be modified by the Borrower and each L/C Issuer) and (b) the aggregate amount of the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments at such time. The Letter of Credit Sublimit is part of, and not in addition to, the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments.

“LIBO Rate” shall mean, with respect to any Eurodollar Borrowing for any Interest Period, the rate per annum determined by the Administrative Agent at approximately 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the date that is two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period (a) by reference to ICE Benchmark Administration LIBO Rate for deposits in dollars (as set forth by any commercially available source providing quotations of LIBO Rate selected by the Administrative Agent) for a period equal to such Interest Period; or (b) if the rate in clause (a) is unavailable for the Interest Period, the Interpolated Screen Rate; or (c) if the rate in clauses (a) and (b) are unavailable, the “LIBO Rate” shall be the interest rate per annum determined by the Administrative Agent to be the average of the rates per annum at which deposits in Dollars are offered for such relevant Interest Period to major banks in the London interbank market in London, England by the Administrative Agent at approximately 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the date that is two Business Days prior to the beginning of such Interest Period.

“Limited Condition Transaction” shall mean (a) any acquisition of any assets, business or Person, other investment or similar transaction (whether by merger, amalgamation, consolidation or other business combination or the acquisition of Capital Stock or otherwise) permitted hereunder by one or more of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries whose consummation is not conditioned on the availability of, or on obtaining, third party financing, (b) any redemption, repurchase, defeasance, satisfaction and discharge or repayment of Indebtedness requiring irrevocable notice in advance of such redemption, repurchase, defeasance, satisfaction and discharge or repayment and (c) any Restricted Payment requiring irrevocable notice in advance thereof.

“Loan Documents” shall mean, in each case on and after the execution thereof, this Agreement, the Facility Guaranty, any Intercreditor Agreement, any Additional Intercreditor Agreement, the Security Documents, each Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, each

Refinancing Amendment, each Extension Amendment, the promissory notes, if any, executed and delivered pursuant to Section 2.04(e) and together with all schedules, exhibits, annexes and other attachments thereto.

“Loan Escrow Account” shall mean the escrow account into which the Loan Escrowed Proceeds will be deposited pursuant to the Loan Escrow Agreement.

“Loan Escrow Agent” shall mean Goldman Sachs Bank USA as escrow agent under the Loan Escrow Agreement.

“Loan Escrow Agreement” shall mean the loan escrow agreement to be dated as of the Funding Date among, *inter alios*, the Borrower, the Collateral Agent and the Loan Escrow Agent, substantially in the form of Exhibit F-3 hereto.

“Loan Escrow Guarantee Agreement” shall mean the guarantee agreement to be dated as of the Funding Date among the Loan Escrow Guarantor and the other parties thereto, substantially in the form of Exhibit F-4 hereto.

“Loan Escrow Guarantor” shall mean Altice USA, Inc.

“Loan Escrowed Proceeds” shall mean the proceeds from the Initial Term Loans which will be deposited into the Loan Escrow Account on the Funding Date pursuant to the Loan Escrow Agreement. The term “Loan Escrowed Proceeds” shall include any interest earned on the amounts held in escrow.

“Loan Escrow Termination Date” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.13(i).

“Loan Parties” shall mean, collectively, the Borrower and the Guarantors.

“Loans” shall mean any Initial Loans, Other Loans, Incremental Loans, Extended Term Loans, Refinancing Loans or Swing Line Loans, as the context may require.

“Longstop Date” shall mean March 31, 2021.

“Major Representations” shall mean those representations and warranties made by the Borrower in Sections 3.01(a)(i) (with respect to the organizational existence of the Loan Parties only), 3.01(a)(ii)(B), 3.02(i), 3.02(ii)(a), 3.04, 3.14, 3.20(a), 3.24(a) and the second sentence of Section 3.25 (in the case of Section 3.24(a) and 3.25 solely with respect to the use of the proceeds of the Initial Loans).

“Master Agreement” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Swap Contract.”

“Material Adverse Effect” shall mean (a) a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, the operations, business, properties or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries taken as a whole; (b) a material impairment of the ability

of the Loan Parties to perform their obligations under the Loan Documents; or (c) a material impairment of the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders under the Loan Documents or a material adverse effect upon the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability against the Loan Parties of the Loan Documents. In determining whether any individual event would result in a Material Adverse Effect, notwithstanding that such event in and of itself does not have such effect, a Material Adverse Effect shall be deemed to have occurred if the cumulative effect of such event and all other then existing events described in the applicable provision since the applicable date would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

“Material Contract” shall mean with respect to any Loan Party, each contract or agreement to which such Loan Party is a party that is deemed to be a material contract or material definitive agreement under any Securities Laws, including the types of contracts specified in item 601(b)(10)(ii) of Regulation S-K, and in the event that at any time hereafter the Borrower ceases to be required to comply with the Securities Laws, then the same definitions shall continue to apply for purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

“Material Indebtedness” shall mean any Indebtedness (other than the Obligations) of the Restricted Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$35 million. For purposes of determining the amount of Material Indebtedness at any time, (a) the amount of the obligations in respect of any Swap Contract at such time shall be calculated at the Swap Termination Value thereof, (b) undrawn committed or available amounts shall be included and (c) all amounts owing to all creditors under any combined or syndicated credit arrangement shall be included.

“Material Subsidiary” shall mean each Restricted Subsidiary other than an Immaterial Subsidiary.

“Maturity Date” shall mean (a) the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, (b) the Initial Revolving Credit Commitment Maturity Date, (c) with respect to any Class of Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, the final maturity date as specified in the applicable Extension Request accepted by the respective Lender or Lenders, (d) with respect to any Refinancing Term Loans or Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments, the final maturity date as specified in the applicable Refinancing Amendment and (e) with respect to any Incremental Loans or Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments, the final maturity date as specified in the applicable Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement; *provided* that, in each case, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day shall be the Maturity Date.

“Maximum Rate” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.09.

“Merger Sub” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the introductory statement to this Agreement.

“Moody’s” shall mean Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., or any successor thereto.

“Multiemployer Plan” shall mean any “multiemployer plan” as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA.

“network assets” means transport and distribution facilities and associated rights, equipment, electronics, devices, protocols, code, software and licenses identified in the OSI model that are used and useful for the delivery of telecommunications, data, Internet and other services by the Borrower and Subsidiaries to other providers and to customers, including without limitation fiber optic cable, sheath, attachments, splice points, supports, pole licenses, easements, access and entry agreements, hubs, routers, switches, optics, optoelectronics, amplifiers, repeaters, power systems, leasehold facilities, colocation arrangements, colocation equipment, distribution frames, cross connects, patches, monitoring and provisioning systems, network design and inventory systems, interconnection agreements, peering agreements, and rights-of-way, and the systems, software, physical space, and services used to operate those facilities.

“Non-Consenting Lender” means, in the event that (a) the Borrower or the Administrative Agent has requested that the Lenders consent to a departure or waiver of any provisions of the Loan Documents or agree to any amendment thereto, (b) the consent, waiver or amendment in question requires the agreement of each Lender, all affected Lenders or all the Lenders with respect to a certain Class or Classes of the Loans and/or Commitments and (c) the Required Lenders or Required Class Lenders, as applicable, have agreed to such consent, waiver or amendment, any Lender who does not agree to such consent, waiver or amendment.

“Non-Defaulting Lender” shall mean, at any time, a Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender.

“Non-Expiring Credit Commitment” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.27(g).

“Non-Extended Class” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

“Non-Extended Revolving Credit Commitments” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

“Non-Extended Term Loans” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

“Non-extension Notice Date” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.26(b)(iii).

“NPL” shall mean the National Priorities List under CERCLA.

“Obligations” shall mean all obligations, liabilities and indebtedness of every kind, nature and description owing by any Loan Party (or with respect to any Swap Contracts or Treasury Services Agreement, any Restricted Subsidiary) to any Secured Party, including principal, interest, charges, fees, premiums, indemnities and expenses, however evidenced, whether as principal, surety, endorser, guarantor or otherwise, arising under any of the Loan

Documents, the Swap Contracts or the Treasury Services Agreements (as applicable) whether now existing or hereafter arising, whether arising before, during or after the initial or any renewal term of the Loan Documents, the Swap Contracts or the Treasury Services Agreements (as applicable) or after the commencement of any case with respect to any Loan Party under the Bankruptcy Code or any other Bankruptcy Law or any other insolvency proceeding (and including any principal, interest, Letter of Credit fees, fees, costs, expenses and other amounts which would accrue and become due but for the commencement of such case, whether or not such amounts are allowed or allowable in whole or in part in such case or similar proceeding), whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, joint or several, due or not due, primary or secondary, liquidated or unliquidated, secured or unsecured.

“**OFAC**” shall mean the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

“**Offered Amount**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iv)(A).

“**Offered Discount**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iv)(A).

“**Offering Memorandum**” means the offering memorandum in relation to the Senior Secured Notes and the Senior Notes issued on September 29, 2020.

“**OID**” shall mean original issue discount.

“**Organization Documents**” shall mean, (a) with respect to any corporation, the certificate or articles of incorporation and the bylaws (or equivalent or comparable constitutive documents with respect to any non-US jurisdiction); (b) with respect to any limited liability company, the certificate or articles of formation or organization and operating agreement; (c) with respect to any partnership, joint venture, trust or other form of business entity, the partnership, joint venture or other applicable agreement of formation or organization and any agreement, instrument, filing or notice with respect thereto filed in connection with its formation or organization with the applicable Governmental Authority in the jurisdiction of its formation or organization and, if applicable, any certificate or articles of formation or organization of such entity; and (d) in each case, all shareholder or other equity holder agreements, voting trusts and similar arrangements to which such Person is a party.

“**Original Class**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

“**Original Financial Statements**” shall mean (a) the Audited Financial Statements and (b) the unaudited interim consolidated balance sheets and unaudited interim condensed consolidated statements of income, changes in cash flow and changes in shareholders’ equity of the Borrower and its consolidated subsidiaries, as of the end of, and for any interim period ending more than 45 days prior to the Funding Date, and as of the end of, and for the comparable period of the prior fiscal year.

“Original Revolving Credit Commitments” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

“Original Term Loans” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

“Other Connection Taxes” shall mean, with respect to any Lender or the Administrative Agent, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Lender or Administrative Agent, as applicable, and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising solely from such Lender or Administrative Agent, as applicable, having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document).

“Other Loans” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a).

“Other Revolving Credit Loan Commitments” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(b).

“Other Revolving Credit Loans” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(b).

“Other Taxes” shall mean any and all present or future stamp or documentary, intangible, recording, filing Taxes or any other excise or property Taxes, charges or similar levies arising from any payment made under any Loan Document or from the execution, delivery or enforcement of, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment, grant of a participation, designation of a new office for receiving payments by or on account of the Borrower or other transfer (other than an assignment or designation of a new office made pursuant to Section 2.21).

“Other Term Loans” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(b).

“Outstanding Amount” shall mean (a) with respect to the Term Loans, Revolving Credit Loans and Swing Line Loans on any date, the outstanding amount thereof after giving effect to any borrowings and prepayments or repayments of Term Loans, Revolving Credit Loans (including any refinancing of outstanding Unreimbursed Amounts under Letters of Credit or L/C Credit Extensions as a Revolving Credit Borrowing) and Swing Line Loans, as the case may be, occurring on such date; and (b) with respect to any L/C Obligations on any date, the outstanding amount thereof on such date after giving effect to any related L/C Credit Extension occurring on such date and any other changes thereto as of such date, including as a result of any reimbursements of outstanding Unreimbursed Amounts under related Letters of Credit (including any refinancing of outstanding Unreimbursed Amounts under related Letters of Credit or related L/C Credit Extensions as a Revolving Credit Borrowing) or any reductions in the maximum amount available for drawing under related Letters of Credit taking effect on such date.

“Parent Guarantor” shall mean Lightpath Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Pari Passu Indebtedness” shall mean (a) with respect to the Borrower, any Indebtedness that ranks pari passu in right of payment and security to the Loans; and (b) with respect to the Guarantors, any Indebtedness that ranks pari passu in right of payment and security to such Guarantor’s Loan Guarantee.

“Pari Ratable Share” shall mean, as of any date of determination, (a) with respect to the Term Loans, a fraction, the numerator of which is the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Term Loans and the denominator of which is the total aggregate principal amount of all then outstanding Pari Passu Indebtedness and Term Loans and (b) with respect to any other class of Pari Passu Indebtedness, a fraction, the numerator of which is the aggregate principal amount of such class of Pari Passu Indebtedness and the denominator of which is the total aggregate principal amount of all then outstanding Pari Passu Indebtedness and Term Loans.

“Participant Register” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.04(f).

“Participating Revolving Credit Commitments” shall mean (a) the Initial Revolving Credit Commitments (including (unless otherwise selected by the Borrower) any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments in respect thereof) and (b) those additional Revolving Credit Commitments (including (unless otherwise selected by the Borrower) any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments in respect thereof) established pursuant to an Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, Refinancing Amendment or Extension Amendment for which an election has been made to include such Commitments for purposes of the issuance of Letters of Credit or the making of Swing Line Loans; *provided* that, with respect to clause (b), the effectiveness of such election may be made conditional upon the maturity of one or more other Participating Revolving Credit Commitments. At any time at which there is more than one Class of Participating Revolving Credit Commitments outstanding, the mechanics and arrangements with respect to the allocation of Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans among such Classes will be subject to procedures agreed to by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

“Participating Revolving Credit Lender” shall mean any Lender holding a Participating Revolving Credit Commitment.

“Participating Term Lender” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iii)(B).

“PBGC” shall mean the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or any successor thereto.

“PCAOB” shall mean the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

“Periodic Term SOFR Determination Day” has the meaning specified in the definition of “Term SOFR”.

“Permitted Expenditures” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in clause (b)(xii) in the definition of “Excess Cash Flow”.

“Person” shall mean any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, limited partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

“Plan” shall mean any employee pension benefit plan (other than a Multiemployer Plan) subject to the provisions of Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, and in respect of which the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate is (or, if such plan were terminated, would under Section 4069 of ERISA be deemed to be) an “employer” as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

“Planned Expenditures” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in clause (b)(xii) in the definition of “Excess Cash Flow”.

“Platform” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.01(f).

“Pledge and Security Agreement” shall mean the Pledge and Security Agreement made by the Loan Parties party thereto in favor of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties, substantially in the form of Exhibit F-2 hereto, or in another form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower.

“Prime Rate” shall mean the rate of interest per annum determined from time to time by the Administrative Agent as its prime rate in effect at its principal office in New York City and notified to the Borrower.

“Pro Rata Share” shall mean, at any time, (a) with respect to all payments, computations and other matters relating to the Term Loans or Term Commitments of any Class held by any Lender, a fraction (expressed as a percentage, carried out to the ninth decimal place), the numerator of which is the amount of the Term Loans, and if applicable, Term Commitments of such Class held by such Lender at such time and the denominator of which is the aggregate amount of all Term Loans, and if applicable, all Term Commitments of such Class at such time, (b) with respect to all payments, computations and other matters (including participation in Letters of Credit) relating to the Revolving Credit Loans or Revolving Credit Commitments of any Class held by any Lender, a fraction (expressed as a percentage, carried out to the ninth decimal place), the numerator of which is the amount of the Revolving Credit Commitments of such Class held by such Lender at such time and the denominator of which is the aggregate amount of all Revolving Credit Commitments of such Class at such time (provided that if such Revolving Credit Commitments have been terminated, then the Pro Rata Share of such Lender shall be determined based on the Pro Rata Share of such Lender immediately prior to such termination and after giving effect to any subsequent assignments made pursuant to the terms hereof) and (c) for all other purposes, a fraction (expressed as a percentage, carried out to the ninth decimal place), the numerator of which is the aggregate amount of the Term Loans, and if applicable, Term Commitments, of each Class, and of the Revolving Credit Commitments of each Class, in each case held by such Lender at such time and the denominator of which is the

aggregate amount of all Term Loans, and if applicable, all Term Commitments, of each Class, and of all Revolving Credit Commitments of each Class at such time (provided that if the Commitments of any Class have been terminated, then the Pro Rata Share of such Lender shall be determined based on the Pro Rata Share of such Lender immediately prior to such termination and after giving effect to any subsequent assignments made pursuant to the terms hereof). During any period in which there is a Defaulting Lender, for purposes of the defined term “L/C Advance” and Section 2.01(b), Section 2.26(a)(i) and clause (iii) of the proviso to Section 2.27, each Participating Revolving Credit Lender’s Pro Rata Share shall be adjusted to give effect to any reallocation effected in accordance with Section 2.25(c).

“**PTE**” means a prohibited transaction class exemption issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, as any such exemption may be amended from time to time.

“**Public Lender**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.01(f).

“**Purchase Agreement**” shall mean the unit purchase agreement dated July 28, 2020 entered into among CSC Holdings LLC (an indirect parent of the Parent Guarantor), the Parent Guarantor and the Purchaser in relation to the Disposition.

“**Purchaser**” shall mean NHIP III Lantern Holding LLC.

“**QFC**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.23(b).

“**Qualifying Term Lender**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iv)(C).

“**Quotation Day**” shall mean, in relation to any period for which interest is to be determined, two Business Days before the first day of that period.

“**Real Estate**” shall mean all right, title, and interest (including any leasehold, fee, mineral or other estate) in and to any and all parcels of or interests in real property owned, leased or operated by the Borrower, any Group Member or any of their Subsidiaries, whether by lease, license or other means, and the buildings, structures, parking areas and other improvements thereon, now or hereafter owned by the Borrower, any Group Member or any of their Subsidiaries, including all fixtures, easements, hereditaments, appurtenances, rights-of-way and similar rights relating thereto and all leases, tenancies and occupancies thereof now or hereafter owned by the Borrower, any Group Member or any of their Subsidiaries.

“**Reference Time**” with respect to any setting of the then-current Benchmark means (1) if such Benchmark is the Term SOFR Reference Rate, 5:00 p.m. (New York time) on the day that is two Business Days preceding the date of such setting, (2) if such Benchmark is Daily Simple SOFR, 5:00 p.m. (New York time) on the date that is five Business Days prior to such setting or (3) if such Benchmark is none of the Term SOFR or Daily Simple SOFR, the time determined by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

“**Refinanced Debt**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(a).

“Refinancing Amendment” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(f).

“Refinancing Commitments” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(a).

“Refinancing Facility Closing Date” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(d).

“Refinancing Lenders” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(c).

“Refinancing Loan” shall mean any Refinancing Term Loans and/or any Refinancing Revolving Loans, as the context may require.

“Refinancing Loan Request” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(a).

“Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(a).

“Refinancing Revolving Credit Lender” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(c).

“Refinancing Revolving Loan” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(b).

“Refinancing Term Commitments” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(a).

“Refinancing Term Lender” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(c).

“Refinancing Term Loan” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.24(b).

“Register” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.04(d).

“Registered Public Accounting Firm” shall have the meaning specified by the Securities Laws and shall be independent of the Borrower, any Group Member and their Subsidiaries as prescribed by the Securities Laws.

“Regulation D” shall mean Regulation D of the Board as from time to time in effect and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

“Regulation T” shall mean Regulation T of the Board as from time to time in effect and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

“Regulation U” shall mean Regulation U of the Board as from time to time in effect and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

“Regulation X” shall mean Regulation X of the Board as from time to time in effect and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

“Rejection Notice” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.13(h).

“Related Fund” shall mean, with respect to any Lender that is a fund or commingled investment vehicle that invests in bank loans, any other fund that invests in bank loans and is managed or advised by the same investment advisor as such Lender or by an Affiliate of such investment advisor.

“Related Parties” shall mean, with respect to any Person, such Person’s Affiliates and the partners, members, controlling persons, directors, officers, employees, agents, advisors, representatives and successors and assigns of such Person and of such Person’s Affiliates.

“Release” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 101(22) of CERCLA.

“Repayment Date” shall have the meaning given such term in Section 2.11(a).

“Relevant Governmental Body” means [the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or any successor thereto.](#)

“Repricing Transaction” shall mean (a) the prepayment, refinancing, substitution or replacement of all or a portion of the Initial Term Loans with the incurrence by the Borrower or any Subsidiary of any senior secured first lien term loan financing that is (i) broadly syndicated to banks and other institutional investors and (ii) the primary purpose of which (as determined in good faith by the Borrower) is to reduce the All-In Yield of such debt financing relative to the Initial Term Loans so repaid, refinanced, substituted or replaced and (b) any amendment to this Agreement the primary purpose of which (as determined in good faith by the Borrower) is to reduce the All-In Yield applicable to the Loans; *provided* that any refinancing or repricing of Initial Term Loans in connection with (i) any Public Offering, (ii) any acquisition the aggregate consideration with respect to which equals or exceeds \$50,000,000 or (iii) a transaction that would result in a Change of Control shall not constitute a Repricing Transaction.

“Request for Credit Extension” shall mean (a) with respect to a Borrowing, continuation or conversion of Term Loans, Revolving Credit Loans or Swing Line Loans, a Borrowing Request, and (b) with respect to an L/C Credit Extension, a Letter of Credit Application.

“Required Class Lenders” shall mean, as of any date of determination, with respect to one or more Classes, Lenders having more than 50% of the sum of the (a) Total Outstandings

under such Class or Classes (with the aggregate amount of each Lender's risk participation and funded participation in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans, if applicable, under such Class or Classes being deemed "held" by such Lender for purposes of this definition) and (b) aggregate unused Commitments under such Class or Classes; *provided* that the unused Commitment of, and the portion of the Total Outstandings held under such Class or Classes, or deemed held by, any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded for purposes of making a determination of Required Class Lenders.

"Required Lenders" shall mean, as of any date of determination, Lenders having more than 50% of the sum of the (a) Total Outstandings (with the aggregate amount of each Lender's risk participation and funded participation in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans being deemed "held" by such Lender for purposes of this definition), (b) aggregate unused Term Commitments and (c) aggregate unused Revolving Credit Commitments; *provided* that the unused Term Commitment and unused Revolving Credit Commitment of, and the portion of the Total Outstandings held, or deemed held by, any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded for purposes of making a determination of Required Lenders.

"Required Revolving Credit Lenders" shall mean, as of any date of determination, Revolving Credit Lenders under the Revolving Credit Commitments (including, for purposes of this definition of "Required Revolving Credit Lenders" (a) any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments in respect thereof, and (b) Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments and (c) Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments in respect thereof) having more than 50% of the sum of the (i) Outstanding Amount of all Revolving Credit Loans, Swing Line Loans and all L/C Obligations (with the aggregate amount of each Lender's risk participation and funded participation in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans being deemed "held" by such Lender for purposes of this definition) under the Initial Revolving Credit Commitments and (ii) aggregate unused Revolving Credit Commitments; *provided* that unused Revolving Credit Commitments of, and the portion of the Outstanding Amount of all Revolving Credit Loans, Swing Line Loans and all L/C Obligations held, or deemed held by, any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded for purposes of making a determination of Required Revolving Credit Lenders.

"Requirements of Law" means, with respect to any Person, collectively, the common law and all federal, state, local, foreign, national, multinational or international laws, statutes, codes, treaties, standards, rules and regulations, guidelines, ordinances, orders, judgments, writs, injunctions, decrees (including administrative or judicial precedents or authorities) and the interpretation or administration thereof by, and other determinations, directives, requirements or requests of any Governmental Authority, in each case whether or not having the force of law and that are applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its property or to which such Person or any of its property is subject.

"Resolution Authority" means an EEA Resolution Authority or, with respect to any UK Financial Institution, a UK Resolution Authority.

"Responsible Officer" shall mean the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, vice president of tax, controller, treasurer, assistant treasurer, secretary, assistant secretary of a Loan Party or, with the consent of the Administrative Agent (not to be unreasonably withheld),

any of the other individuals designated in writing to the Administrative Agent by an existing Responsible Officer of a Loan Party as an authorized signatory of any certificate or other document to be delivered hereunder.

“Revolving Credit Borrowing” shall mean a borrowing consisting of simultaneous Revolving Credit Loans of the same Type and, in the case of Eurodollar Loans or SOFR Loans, having the same Interest Period, made by each of the Revolving Credit Lenders pursuant to Section 2.01(b).

“Revolving Credit Commitment” shall mean, as to each Revolving Credit Lender, its obligation to (a) make Revolving Credit Loans to the Borrower, (b) purchase participations in L/C Obligations in respect of Letters of Credit and (c) purchase participations in Swing Line Loans, as such commitment may be (i) reduced from time to time pursuant to Section 2.09 and (ii) reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to (A) assignments by or to such Revolving Credit Lender pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance, (B) an Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, (C) a Refinancing Amendment or (D) an Extension Amendment. The amount of each Revolving Credit Lender’s Commitment as of the Funding Date is its Initial Revolving Credit Commitment, as may be amended pursuant to any Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, Extension Amendment or Refinancing Amendment pursuant to which such Lender shall have assumed, increased or decreased its Revolving Credit Commitment, as the case may be.

“Revolving Credit Exposure” shall mean, as to each Revolving Credit Lender, the sum of the Outstanding Amount of such Revolving Credit Lender’s Revolving Credit Loans, its L/C Exposure and its Swing Line Exposure at such time; *provided* that in the case of each of Section 2.26(a)(i) and Section 2.27(a) when a Defaulting Lender shall exist, the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Revolving Credit Lender shall be adjusted to give effect to any reallocation effected in accordance with Section 2.25(c).

“Revolving Credit Facilities” shall mean the revolving loan facilities provided for by this Agreement.

“Revolving Credit Lender” shall mean, at any time, any Lender that has a Revolving Credit Commitment at such time or, if Revolving Credit Commitments have terminated, Revolving Credit Exposure.

“Revolving Credit Loans” shall mean any loan made pursuant to the Initial Revolving Credit Commitments, any Incremental Revolving Loan, any Refinancing Revolving Loan or any loan under any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, as the context may require.

“S&P” shall mean Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC.

“Sanctioned Country” shall mean a country or territory which is subject to: (a) general trade, economic or financial sanctions embargoes imposed, administered or enforced by: (i) the

U.S. government and administered by OFAC, (ii) the United Nations Security Council, (iii) the European Union or (iv) HerHis Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom or (b) general economic or financial sanctions embargoes imposed by the U.S. government and administered by the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Department of Commerce or the U.S. Department of Treasury.

"Sanctions" shall mean (a) economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by: (i) the U.S. government and administered by OFAC, (ii) the United Nations Security Council, (iii) the European Union or (iv) HerHis Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom or (b) economic or financial sanctions imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Department of Commerce or the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

"Sanctions List" shall mean the lists of specifically designated nationals or designated persons or entities (or equivalent) held by: (a) the U.S. government and administered by OFAC, the US State Department, the U.S. Department of Commerce or the U.S. Department of the Treasury, (b) the United Nations Security Council, (c) the European Union or (d) HerHis Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom, each as amended, supplemented or substituted from time to time.

"Screen Rate" shall mean in relation to the LIBO Rate, the London interbank offered rate administered by ICE Benchmark Administration Limited (or any other person which takes over the administration of that rate) for the relevant period displayed on page LIBOR01 or LIBOR02 of the Reuters screen (or any replacement Reuters page which displays that rate); or, on the appropriate pages of such other information service which publishes the LIBO Rate, from time to time in place of Reuters. If such page or service ceases to be available, the Administrative Agent may specify another page or service displaying the relevant rate after consultation with the Borrower.

"Section 2.23 Additional Agreement" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(d).

"Secured Parties" shall mean the collective reference to (a) the Administrative Agent, (b) the Collateral Agent, (c) the Lenders, (d) the beneficiaries of each indemnification or reimbursement obligation undertaken by any Loan Party under any Loan Document, (e) the Hedge Counterparties, (f) the Treasury Services Providers and (g) the successors and assigns of each of the foregoing.

"Securities Laws" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Sarbanes-Oxley, and the applicable accounting and auditing principles, rules, standards and practices promulgated, approved or incorporated by the SEC or the PCAOB.

"Security Documents" shall mean the Pledge and Security Agreement and any other document entered into by any person granting a Lien over all or any part of its assets in respect of the Obligations, in each case as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

“**Senior Notes**” shall mean the Borrower’s 5.625% senior notes due 2028, governed by an indenture dated as of September 29, 2020, entered into among, *inter alios*, the Borrower as Issuer and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as trustee.

“**Senior Secured Notes**” shall mean the Borrower’s 3.875% senior secured notes due 2027, governed by an indenture dated as of September 29, 2020, entered into among, *inter alios*, the Borrower as Issuer and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as trustee.

“**SOFR**” means a rate equal to the secured overnight financing rate as administered by the SOFR Administrator.

“**SOFR Administrator**” means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or a successor administrator of the secured overnight financing rate).

“**SOFR Borrowing**” mean, as to any Borrowing, the SOFR Loans comprising such Borrowing.

“**SOFR Loan**” means a loan that bears interest at a rate based on Adjusted Term SOFR, other than pursuant to clause (c)(2) of the definition of “Alternate Base Rate”.

“**Solicited Discount Proration**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iv)(C).

“**Solicited Discounted Prepayment Amount**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iv)(A).

“**Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of Borrower Solicitation of Discounted Prepayment Offers.

“**Solicited Discounted Prepayment Notice**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iv)(A).

“**Solicited Discounted Prepayment Response Date**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iv)(A).

“**Solvent**” shall mean, in respect of any Loan Party, that as of the date of determination: (a) the sum of such Loan Party’s debt (including contingent liabilities) does not exceed the present fair saleable value of such Loan Party’s present assets; or (b) such Loan Party’s capital is not unreasonably small in relation to its business as contemplated on such date of determination or with respect to any transaction contemplated or undertaken after such date of determination; or (c) such Person has not incurred and does not intend to incur, or believe (nor should it reasonably believe) that it will incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they become due (whether at maturity or otherwise). For purposes of this definition, the amount of any contingent liability at any time shall be computed as the amount that, in light of all of the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability (irrespective of whether such contingent liabilities meet the criteria for accrual under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 5).

“Special Distribution” shall mean the distribution proposed to be made by the Borrower to the Parent Guarantor, and by the Parent Guarantor to its shareholders, using the proceeds of the Initial Loans, the offering of the Senior Secured Notes and the offering of the Senior Notes (or any senior bridge financing in lieu thereof), in connection with the Disposition.

“Special Mandatory Repayment Amount” shall mean an amount equal to the Issue Price for the Initial Term Loan plus accrued but unpaid interest to, but excluding, the Loan Escrow Termination Date.

“Specified Purchase Agreement Representations” shall mean the representations made by CSC Holdings LLC with respect to CSC Holdings LLC and its subsidiaries in the Purchase Agreement as are material to the interests of the Lenders, but only to the extent that the Purchaser (or any of its Affiliates) has the right (taking into account any applicable cure provisions set forth in the Purchase Agreement) to terminate its (or such Affiliates’) respective obligations under the Purchase Agreement or decline to consummate the Disposition (in each case, in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement) as a result of a breach of such representations in the Purchase Agreement.

“Specified Discount” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(ii)(A).

“Specified Discount Prepayment Amount” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(ii)(A).

“Specified Discount Prepayment Response” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(ii)(A).

“Specified Discount Prepayment Response Date” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(ii)(A).

“Specified Discount Proration” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(ii)(C).

“Specified Event of Default” shall mean the occurrence of (a) any Event of Default described in Sections 7.01(a), 7.01(f) or 7.01(g) or (b) the Lender’s exercise of any of its remedies pursuant to the paragraph immediately following Section 7.01(j), following any other Event of Default.

“SPV” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.04(i).

“SPV Register” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.04(i).

“Submitted Amount” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iii)(A).

“Submitted Discount” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.12(c)(iii)(A).

“Swap Contract” shall mean (a) any and all rate swap transactions, basis swaps, credit derivative transactions, forward rate transactions, commodity swaps, commodity options, forward commodity contracts, equity or equity index swaps or options, bond or bond price or bond index swaps or options or forward bond or forward bond price or forward bond index transactions, interest rate options, forward foreign exchange transactions, cap transactions, floor transactions, collar transactions, currency swap transactions, cross-currency rate swap transactions, currency options, spot contracts, or any other similar transactions or any combination of any of the foregoing (including any options to enter into any of the foregoing), whether or not any such transaction is governed by or subject to any master agreement and (b) any and all transactions of any kind, and the related confirmations, which are subject to the terms and conditions of, or governed by, any form of master agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., any International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement, or any other master agreement (any such master agreement, together with any related schedules, a **“Master Agreement”**), including any such obligations or liabilities under any Master Agreement.

“Swap Termination Value” shall mean, in respect of any one or more Swap Contracts, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such Swap Contracts, (a) for any date on or after the date such Swap Contracts have been closed out and termination value(s) determined in accordance therewith, such termination value(s), and (b) for any date prior to the date referenced in clause (a), the amount(s) determined as the mark-to-market value(s) for such Swap Contracts, as determined based upon one or more mid-market or other readily available quotations provided by any recognized dealer in such Swap Contracts (which may include a Lender or any Affiliate of a Lender).

“Swing Line Borrowing” shall mean a borrowing of a Swing Line Loan pursuant to Section 2.27.

“Swing Line Exposure” shall mean, at any time, the sum of the aggregate amount of all outstanding Swing Line Loans at such time. The Swing Line Exposure of any Revolving Credit Lender at any time shall be the sum of (a) its Pro Rata Share of the total Swing Line Exposure at such time related to Swing Line Loans other than any Swing Line Loans made by such Lender in its capacity as a Swing Line Lender and (b) if such Lender shall be a Swing Line Lender, the principal amount of all Swing Line Loans made by such Lender outstanding at such time (to the extent that the other Revolving Credit Lenders shall not have funded their participations in such Swing Line Loans); *provided* that in the case of Section 2.01(b), Section 2.26(a)(i) and clause (iii) of the proviso to Section 2.27(a) when a Defaulting Lender shall exist, the Swing Line Exposure of any Revolving Credit Lender shall be adjusted to give effect to any reallocation effected in accordance with Section 2.25(c).

“Swing Line Lender” shall mean GS Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., each in its capacity as a provider of Swing Line Loans or any successor swing line lender hereunder.

“Swing Line Loan” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.27(a).

“**Swing Line Loan Notice**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.27(b).

“**Swing Line Obligations**” shall mean, as at any date of determination, the aggregate Outstanding Amount of all Swing Line Loans.

“**Swing Line Sublimit**” shall mean an amount equal to the lesser of (a) \$35,000,000 (as may be adjusted pursuant to Section 2.27) and (b) the aggregate amount of the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments. The Swing Line Sublimit is part of, and not in addition to, the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments.

“**Tax Deduction**” shall mean a deduction or withholding for or on account of Indemnified Taxes from a payment under a Loan Document.

“**Taxes**” shall mean any and all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, charges or withholdings (including backup withholdings), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, penalties or additions to tax related thereto.

“**Term Borrowing**” shall mean a borrowing consisting of simultaneous Term Loans of the same Type and, in the case of Eurodollar Loans or SOFR Loans, having the same Interest Period, made by each of the Term Lenders pursuant to Section 2.01(a).

“**Term Commitment**” shall mean, as to each Term Lender, its obligation to make Term Loans to the Borrower as such commitment may be (a) reduced from time to time pursuant to Section 2.09 and (b) reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to (i) assignments by or to such Term Lender pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance, (ii) an Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, (iii) a Refinancing Amendment or (iv) an Extension Amendment. The amount of each Term Lender’s Commitment is set forth in Schedule 2.01 or in the Assignment and Acceptance, Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, Extension Amendment or Refinancing Amendment pursuant to which such Lender shall have assumed, increased or decreased its Term Commitment, as the case may be.

“**Term Facilities**” shall mean the term loan facilities provided for by this Agreement, including, without limitation, the Initial Term Loan Facility.

“**Term Lender**” shall mean, at any time, any Lender that has a Term Commitment or a Term Loan at such time.

“**Term Loans**” shall mean any Initial Term Loans, Other Term Loans, Incremental Term Loans, Extended Term Loans, or Refinancing Term Loans, as the context may require.

“**Term SOFR**” means,

(a) for any calculation with respect to a SOFR Loan, the Term SOFR Reference Rate for a tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period on the day (such day, the “**Periodic Term SOFR Determination Day**”) that is two (2) Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest

Period, as such rate is published by the Term SOFR Administrator; provided, however, that if as of 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on any Periodic Term SOFR Determination Day the Term SOFR Reference Rate for the applicable tenor has not been published by the Term SOFR Administrator and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Term SOFR Reference Rate has not occurred, then Term SOFR will be the Term SOFR Reference Rate for such tenor as published by the Term SOFR Administrator on the first preceding Business Day for which such Term SOFR Reference Rate for such tenor was published by the Term SOFR Administrator so long as such first preceding Business Day is not more than three (3) Business Days prior to such Periodic Term SOFR Determination Day, and

(b) for any calculation with respect to an ABR Loan on any day, the Term SOFR Reference Rate for a tenor of one month on the day (such day, the “**ABR Term SOFR Determination Day**”) that is two (2) Business Days prior to such day, as such rate is published by the Term SOFR Administrator; provided, however, that if as of 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on any ABR Term SOFR Determination Day the Term SOFR Reference Rate for the applicable tenor has not been published by the Term SOFR Administrator and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Term SOFR Reference Rate has not occurred, then Term SOFR will be the Term SOFR Reference Rate for such tenor as published by the Term SOFR Administrator on the first preceding Business Day for which such Term SOFR Reference Rate for such tenor was published by the Term SOFR Administrator so long as such first preceding Business Day is not more than three (3) Business Days prior to such ABR Term SOFR Determination Day.

“**Term SOFR Adjustment**” means, for any calculation with respect to an ABR Loan or a SOFR Loan, a percentage per annum as set forth below for the applicable Type of such Loan:

(a) with respect to the Initial Term Loans and Initial Revolving Credit Loans that are (i)(A) ABR Loans and (B) SOFR Loans, 0.11448%, 0.26161% and 0.42826% for Interest Periods of one, three and six months, respectively and (ii) Loans bearing interest at Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, 0.26161%; and

(b) with respect any other Class of Loans, as specified in the applicable Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, Extension Amendment, Refinancing Amendment or other applicable Loan Documents.

“**Term SOFR Administrator**” means CME Group Benchmark Administration Limited (CBA) (or a successor administrator of the Term SOFR Reference Rate selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion).

“**Term SOFR Reference Rate**” means the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR.

“**Test Period**” shall mean for any date of determination under this Agreement, the four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Borrower most recently ended as of such date of determination for which the financial statements set forth in Section 4.10(a)(1) and (2) of Annex I shall have been delivered (or were required to be delivered) to the Administrative Agent.

“Total Outstandings” shall mean the aggregate Outstanding Amount of all Loans and all L/C Obligations.

“Treasury Services Agreement” shall mean any agreement between the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary and any Treasury Services Provider relating to treasury, depository, credit card, debit card and cash management services (including controlled disbursement, overdraft, automatic clearing house fund transfer services, return items and interstate depository network services), or foreign exchange, netting and currency management services or, in each case, any similar services.

“Treasury Services Provider” shall mean (a) each Person that is a counterparty to any Treasury Services Agreement as of the Closing Date and/or (b) each Person that is an Agent or Lender or any Affiliate of an Agent or Lender counterparty to a Treasury Services Agreement (including any Person who was an Agent or Lender (or any Affiliate thereof) as of the Closing Date or the date it enters into such Treasury Services Agreement but subsequently ceases to be an Agent or Lender (or Affiliate thereof)) and/or (c) any other Person from time to time designated in writing by the Borrower and approved in writing by the Administrative Agent; *provided* that, if such Person is not an Agent or a Lender, such Person executes and delivers to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower a letter agreement in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower pursuant to which such Person (i) appoints the Administrative Agent as its agent under the applicable Loan Documents and (ii) agrees to be bound by the provisions applicable to Treasury Services Providers in the applicable Loan Documents.

“Type”, when used in respect of any Loan or Borrowing, shall refer to the Rate by reference to which interest on such Loan or on the Loans comprising such Borrowing is determined. For purposes hereof, the term “Rate” shall mean the Adjusted Term SOFR, the Adjusted LIBO Rate, and the Alternate Base Rate or the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR.

“UCC” shall have the meaning set forth in the Pledge and Security Agreement.

“UK Financial Institution” means any BRRD Undertaking (as such term is defined under the PRA Rulebook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority) or any person falling within IFPRU 11.6 of the FCA Handbook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which includes certain credit institutions and investment firms, and certain affiliates of such credit institutions or investment firms.

“UK Resolution Authority” means the Bank of England or any other public administrative authority having responsibility for the resolution of any UK Financial Institution.

“U.S. Government Securities Business Day” means any day except for (a) a Saturday, (b) a Sunday or (c) a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in United States government securities.

“**U.S. Person**” shall mean any Person that is a “United States Person” as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

“**U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate**” has the meaning specified in Section 2.20(e)(ii)(B)(3).

“**Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement**” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement excluding the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

“**Unreimbursed Amount**” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.26(c)(i).

“**USA PATRIOT Act**” shall mean The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (Title III of Pub. L. No. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)).

“**Weighted Average Life to Maturity**” shall mean, when applied to any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, as the case may be, at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing (a) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (i) the amount of each then remaining scheduled installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required scheduled payments of principal, including payment at final scheduled maturity, in respect thereof, by (ii) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment, by (b) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock; *provided* that for purposes of determining the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock (the “**Applicable Indebtedness**”), the effects of any prepayments or amortization made on such Applicable Indebtedness prior to the date of determination shall be disregarded.

“**Write-Down and Conversion Powers**” means, (a) with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, any powers of the applicable Resolution Authority under the Bail-In Legislation to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of any UK Financial Institution or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of that person or any other person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers.

SECTION 1.02 **Terms Generally.** The definitions in Section 1.01 shall apply equally to both the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words “include”, “includes” and “including” shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase “without limitation”. The word “will” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word “shall”; and the words “asset” and “property” shall be construed as having the same

meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights. Any reference to any law, code, statute, treaty, rule, guideline, regulation or ordinance of a Governmental Authority shall, unless otherwise specified, refer to such law, code, statute, treaty, rule, guideline, regulation or ordinance as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time. Any reference to any IRS form shall be construed to include any successor form. All references herein to Articles, Sections, Annexes, Exhibits and Schedules shall be deemed references to Articles and Sections of, and Annexes, Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, (a) any reference in this Agreement to any Loan Document or other agreement, document or instrument shall mean such agreement, document or instrument as amended, restated, supplemented, replaced, refinanced or otherwise modified from time to time, to the extent not prohibited by this Agreement and (b) all accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP; *provided, however*, that if the Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent that the Borrower wishes to amend any calculation or any related definition to eliminate the effect of any changes in GAAP (it being understood that for purposes of this proviso, any change in GAAP includes the application of IFRS in lieu of GAAP pursuant to the definition of “GAAP” in Annex II) occurring after the date of this Agreement on the operation of such covenant (or if the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower that the Required Lenders wish to amend any calculation or any related definition), then the Borrower’s compliance with such covenant shall be determined on the basis of GAAP in effect immediately before the relevant change in GAAP became effective, until either such notice is withdrawn or such covenant or definition is amended in a manner satisfactory to the Borrower and the Required Lenders. Neither this Agreement, nor any other Loan Document nor any other agreement, document or instrument referred to herein or executed and delivered in connection herewith shall be construed against any Person as the principal draftsman hereof or thereof. For purposes of determining any financial ratio or making any financial calculation for any fiscal quarter (or portion thereof) ending prior to the Closing Date, the components of such financial ratio or financial calculation shall be determined on a pro forma basis to give effect to the Transactions as if they had occurred at the beginning of such four-quarter period; and each Person that is a Restricted Subsidiary upon giving effect to the Transactions shall be deemed to be a Restricted Subsidiary for purposes of the components of such financial ratio or financial calculation as of the beginning of such four-quarter period. For purposes of the definition of “Excess Cash Flow”, the principal component of payments in respect of Capitalized Lease Obligations will be, at the time any determination is to be made, the amount of such obligation that would have been required to be capitalized on a balance sheet (excluding any notes thereto) prepared in accordance with GAAP.

SECTION 1.03. ***Classification of Loans and Borrowings.*** For purposes of this Agreement, Loans may be classified and referred to by Class (e.g., an “Other Term Loan”) or by Class and Type (e.g., a “Eurodollar Other Term Loan” , [“SOFR Loan”](#) or “ABR Loan”). Borrowings also may be classified and referred to by Class (e.g., an “Other Borrowing”) or by Class and Type (e.g., an “Other Eurodollar Borrowing” “ABR Borrowing” , [“SOFR Borrowing”](#)).

SECTION 1.04. **Cashless Roll.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, any Lender may exchange, continue or rollover all or a portion of its Loans in connection with any refinancing, extension, loan modification or similar transaction permitted by the terms of this Agreement, pursuant to a cashless settlement mechanism approved by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or the Additional Arranger, as the case may be, and such Lender.

SECTION 1.05. **Limited Condition Transaction.**

(a) In connection with any action being taken in connection with a Limited Condition Transaction, for purposes of determining compliance with any provision of this Agreement which requires that no Default, Event of Default or Specified Event of Default, as applicable, has occurred, is continuing or would result from any such action, as applicable, such condition shall, at the option of the Borrower, be deemed satisfied, so long as no Default, Event of Default or Specified Event of Default, as applicable, exists on the date the definitive agreements or irrevocable notice, as applicable, for such Limited Condition Transaction are entered into or has been delivered, as applicable. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Borrower has exercised its option under the first sentence of this clause (a), and any Default, Event of Default or Specified Event of Default occurs following the date the definitive agreements or irrevocable notice, as applicable, for the applicable Limited Condition Transaction were entered into or has been delivered, as applicable, and prior to the consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction, any such Default, Event of Default or Specified Event of Default shall be deemed to not have occurred or be continuing for purposes of determining whether any action being taken in connection with such Limited Condition Transaction is permitted hereunder.

(b) In connection with any action being taken in connection with a Limited Condition Transaction, for purposes of (x) determining compliance with any provision of this Agreement which requires the calculation of the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio or Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio; or (y) testing baskets set forth in this Agreement (including baskets measured as a percentage of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA); in each case, at the option of the Borrower (the Borrower's election to exercise such option in connection with any Limited Condition Transaction, an "**LCT Election**"), the date of determination of whether any such action is permitted hereunder, shall be deemed to be the date the definitive agreements or irrevocable notice, as applicable, for such Limited Condition Transaction are entered into or has been delivered, as applicable (the "**LCT Test Date**"). If, after giving pro forma effect to the Limited Condition Transaction and the other transactions to be entered into in connection therewith (including any Incurrence of Indebtedness and the use of proceeds thereof) as if they had occurred at the beginning of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters ending prior to the LCT Test Date for which consolidated financial statements of the Borrower are available, the Borrower could have taken such action on the relevant LCT Test Date in compliance with such ratio or basket, such ratio or basket shall be deemed to have been complied with. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Borrower has made an LCT Election and any of the ratios or baskets for which compliance was determined or tested as of the LCT Test Date are exceeded as a result of fluctuations in any such ratio or basket, including due to fluctuations in L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA at or prior to the consummation of the relevant transaction or action, such baskets or

ratios will not be deemed to have been exceeded as a result of such fluctuations. If the Borrower has made an LCT Election for any Limited Condition Transaction, then in connection with any subsequent calculation of any ratio or basket availability with respect to the Incurrence of Indebtedness or Liens or the making of Asset Dispositions, mergers, the conveyance, lease or other transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Borrower or the designation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary or the making of Investments or Restricted Payments on or following the relevant LCT Test Date and prior to the earlier of the date on which such Limited Condition Transaction is consummated or the definitive agreement or irrevocable notice, as applicable, for such Limited Condition Transaction is terminated or expires without consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction, any such ratio or basket shall be calculated on a pro forma basis assuming such Limited Condition Transaction and other transactions in connection therewith (including any Incurrence of Indebtedness and the use of proceeds thereof) have been consummated.

SECTION 1.06. **Letters of Credit.** Unless otherwise specified herein, the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to be the amount of the stated amount of such Letter of Credit in effect at such time; *provided, however*, that with respect to any Letter of Credit that, by its terms or the terms of any Issuer Document related thereto, provides for one or more automatic increases in the stated amount thereof, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be the amount of the maximum stated amount of such Letter of Credit after giving effect to all such increases, whether or not such maximum stated amount is in effect at such time.

SECTION 1.07. **LIBO Rate Discontinuation; Effect of Benchmark Transition Event**

(a) ~~SECTION 1.07 LIBO Rate Discontinuation.~~ Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, if ~~the LIBO Rate is not~~ available at any time for any reason (including that adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the LIBO Rate for any requested Interest Period, including because the applicable screen rate is not available or published on a current basis and such circumstances are unlikely to be temporary), as reasonably determined by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, then the “LIBO Rate” for such Interest Period shall be (a) a successor or alternative index rate as the Administrative Agent (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, any other Lender) and the Borrower may reasonably determine or (b) absent such mutual selection by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, a comparable successor or alternative interbank rate for deposits in dollars that is, at such time, broadly accepted as the prevailing market practice for syndicated leveraged loans of this type in lieu of the “LIBO Rate” as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent, in each case pursuant to an amendment to this Agreement and each other applicable Loan Document, in each case among the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, any Lender) that will become effective at a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the Reference Time in respect of any setting of the then-current Benchmark, then (x) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (a) of the definition of “Benchmark Replacement” for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any other Loan Document in respect of such Benchmark setting and

subsequent Benchmark settings without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document and (y) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (b) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any other Loan Document in respect of any Benchmark setting at or after 5:00 p.m. (New York City time,) on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the Administrative Agent shall have posted such proposed amendment to the Lenders in respect of the Loans or Commitments of all similarly and directly affected Classes unless, prior to such time, date notice of such Benchmark Replacement is provided to the Lenders without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such Benchmark Replacement from lenders comprising the Required Class Lenders in respect of all such affected Classes (acting together as one Class) have delivered to the Administrative Agent written notice that such Lenders do not accept such amendment (which such notice shall note with specificity the particular provisions of the amendment to which such Lenders object); provided that (i) any such successor or alternative rate shall be applied by the Administrative Agent in a manner consistent with market practice and (ii) to the extent such market practice is not administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent, such successor or alternative rate shall be applied in a manner as otherwise reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent in consultation with the Borrower; provided, further, that, if no such successor LIBO Rate is able to be reasonably determined in accordance with the foregoing proviso (or pending the resolution of any such determination) and the circumstances described in such proviso continue to exist, then the Administrative Agent will promptly so notify the Borrower and the applicable Lenders, after (or during, as applicable) which time the provisions of Section 2.08 shall control with respect to such applicable Classes of Loans and Commitments.). If the Benchmark Replacement is Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, all interest payments will be payable on April 15th, July 15th, October 15th and January 15th and the applicable Maturity Date of the Loans of such Class; provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Interest Payment Date shall be the next succeeding Business Day.

(b) *Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes.* In connection with the use, implementation, adoption or administration of a Benchmark Replacement, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Conforming Changes from time to time in consultation with the Borrower and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

(c) *Notices; Standards for Decisions and Determinations.* The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of (i) the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, (ii) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, (iii) the effectiveness of any Conforming Changes in connection with the use, administration, adoption or implementation of a Benchmark Replacement and (iv) the commencement or conclusion of any Benchmark Unavailability Period. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower of the removal or reinstatement of any tenor of a Benchmark pursuant to Section 1.07(d). Any

determination, decision or election that may be made by the Administrative Agent or, if applicable, any Lender (or group of Lenders) pursuant to this Section 1.07, including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this Section 1.07.

(d) *Unavailability of Tenor Benchmark.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, at any time (including in connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement), (i) if the then-current Benchmark is a term rate (including the Term SOFR Reference Rate) and either (A) any tenor for such Benchmark is not displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion or (B) the administrator of such Benchmark or the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark has provided a public statement or publication of information announcing that any tenor for such Benchmark is not or will not be representative, then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of “Interest Period” (or any similar or analogous definition) for any Benchmark settings at or after such time to remove such unavailable or non-representative tenor and (ii) if a tenor that was removed pursuant to clause (i) above either (A) is subsequently displayed on a screen or information service for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement) or (B) is not, or is no longer, subject to an announcement that it is not or will not be representative for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement), then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of “Interest Period” (or any similar or analogous definition) for all Benchmark settings at or after such time to reinstate such previously removed tenor.

(e) *Benchmark Unavailability Period.* Upon the Borrower’s receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period, the Borrower may revoke any pending request for a SOFR Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of SOFR Loans to be made, converted or continued during any Benchmark Unavailability Period and, failing that, the Borrower will be deemed to have converted any such request into a request for a Borrowing of or conversion to (A) a Loan bearing interest of the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR so long as the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR is not the subject of a Benchmark Transition Event or (B) an ABR Loan if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR is the subject of a Benchmark Transition Event. During a Benchmark Unavailability Period or at any time that a tenor for the then-current Benchmark is not an Available Tenor, the component of Alternate Base Rate based upon the then-current Benchmark or such tenor for such Benchmark, as applicable, will not be used in any determination of Alternate Base Rate.

(f) *SOFR Disclaimer.* The Administrative Agent does not warrant, nor accept any responsibility, nor shall the Administrative Agent have any liability with respect to, the administration, submission, performance or any other matter related to any interest rate used in this Agreement, or with respect to any successor rate thereto, or replacement rate thereof, including without limitation, whether the composition or characteristics of any such alternative, successor or replacement reference rate will be similar to, or produce the same value or

economic equivalence of, any of the existing interest rate being replaced or have the same volume or liquidity as did any existing interest rate prior to its discontinuance or unavailability. The Administrative Agent and its affiliates and/or other related entities may engage in transactions or other activities unrelated to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents that affect the calculation of any interest rate used in this Agreement, or any alternative or successor rate (including any Benchmark Replacement) and/or any relevant adjustments thereto, in each case, in a manner adverse to the Borrower (provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this sentence shall modify or supersede the express terms of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including, without limitation, Section 9.08 of this Agreement)). The Administrative Agent may select information sources or services in its reasonable discretion to ascertain any interest rate used in this Agreement, any component thereof, or rates referenced in the definition thereof, in each case pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and shall have no liability to the Borrower, any Lender or any other person or entity for damages of any kind, including direct or indirect, special, punitive, incidental or consequential damages, costs, losses or expenses (whether in tort, contract or otherwise and whether at law or in equity), for any error or other action or omission related to or affecting the selection, determination, or calculation of any rate (or component thereof) provided by any such information source or service.

SECTION 1.08. ***Cured Defaults.*** With respect to any Default or Event of Default, the words “exists,” “is continuing” or similar expressions with respect thereto shall mean that the Default or Event of Default has occurred and has not yet been cured or waived. If any Default or Event of Default occurs due to (a) the failure by any Loan Party to take any action by a specified time, such Default or Event of Default shall be deemed to have been cured at the time, if any, that the applicable Loan Party takes such action or (b) the taking of any action by any Loan Party that is not then permitted by the terms of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, such Default or Event of Default shall be deemed to be cured on the earlier to occur of (i) the date on which such action would be permitted at such time to be taken under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and (ii) the date on which such action is unwound or otherwise modified to the extent necessary for such revised action to be permitted at such time by this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. If any Default or Event of Default occurs that is subsequently cured (a “***Cured Default***”), any other Default or Event of Default resulting from the making or deemed making of any representation or warranty by any Loan Party or the taking of any action by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of any Loan Party, in each case which subsequent Default or Event of Default would not have arisen had the Cured Default not occurred, shall be deemed to be cured automatically upon, and simultaneously with, the cure of the Cured Default.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 1.08, a Default or Event of Default (the “***Initial Default***”) may not be cured pursuant to this Section 1.08:

(a) in the case of an Initial Default described in clause (b) of the second sentence of this Section 1.08, if a Responsible Officer of the applicable Loan Party had Knowledge at the time of taking any such action that such Initial Default had occurred and was continuing;

(b) in the case of an Event of Default under Section 7.01(e) that directly results in material impairment of the rights and remedies of the Lenders, Collateral Agent and Administrative Agent under the Loan Documents;

(c) in the case of an Event of Default arising due to the failure to perform or observe Section 5.05(a) or Section 5.07 that results in a material adverse effect on the ability of the Borrower and the other Loan Parties (taken as a whole) to perform their respective payment obligations under any Loan Document to which the Borrower or any of the other Loan Parties is a party; or

(d) if the Administrative Agent shall have commenced any enforcement action set forth in Article VII prior to the date such Initial Default would have been deemed to be cured under this Section 1.08.

For purposes of this Section 1.08, “**Knowledge**” shall mean, with respect to a Responsible Officer of the Borrower or other Loan Party, (i) the actual knowledge of such individual or (ii) the knowledge that such individual would have obtained if such individual had acted in good faith to discharge his or her duties with the same level of diligence and care as would reasonably be expected from an officer in a substantially similar position.

ARTICLE II

THE CREDITS

SECTION 2.01. **Commitments.** (a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and relying upon the representations and warranties set forth herein, each Lender having an Initial Term Loan Commitment agrees, severally and not jointly, to make Loans to the Borrower denominated in Dollars in a single draw on the Funding Date in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed its Initial Term Loan Commitment (the Loans made pursuant to this Section 2.01(a) being the “**Initial Term Loans**”). Amounts paid or prepaid in respect of the Initial Term Loans may not be reborrowed.

(b) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, and relying upon the representations and warranties set forth herein, each Lender having an Initial Revolving Credit Commitment agrees, severally and not jointly, to make Revolving Credit Loans denominated in Dollars to the Borrower from time to time, on any Business Day during the period from and including the Funding Date until the Initial Revolving Credit Commitment Maturity Date, in an aggregate outstanding amount not to exceed at any time the amount of the Initial Revolving Credit Commitment; *provided* that on or prior to the Closing Date the aggregate Outstanding Amount of Revolving Credit Loans that are borrowed to fund the Special Distribution and pay any fees and expenses in connection with the Transactions shall not exceed the Closing Date Revolving Available Amount; *provided, further,* that after giving effect to any Revolving Credit Borrowing (and the application of proceeds thereof), the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Revolving Credit Loans of any Lender, plus such Lender’s L/C Exposure, plus such Lender’s Swing Line Exposure, shall not exceed such Lender’s Revolving Credit Commitment (the Revolving Credit Loans made pursuant to this Section 2.01(b), being the “**Initial Revolving Credit Loans**”). Within the limits of each Revolving Credit Lender’s Revolving Credit

Commitment, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower may borrow, prepay and reborrow Revolving Credit Loans. Revolving Credit Loans may be ABR Loans ~~or~~, Eurodollar Loans [or SOFR Loans](#) as further provided herein.

(c) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in any Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, Refinancing Amendment or Extension Amendment, as applicable, each Lender having an Incremental Loan Commitment, Refinancing Commitment or extending its Original Term Loans or Original Revolving Credit Commitments, as the case may be, severally and not jointly, hereby agrees, subject to the terms and conditions and relying upon the representations and warranties set forth in the applicable Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, Refinancing Amendment or Extension Amendment, to make Incremental Loans, Refinancing Loans or Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, to the Borrower, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed, as applicable, its Incremental Loan Commitment, Refinancing Commitment, Original Revolving Credit Commitments or aggregate principal amount of Original Term Loans, as applicable.

SECTION 2.02 **Loans.** Each Loan shall be made as part of a Borrowing consisting of Loans made by the Lenders ratably in accordance with their applicable Commitments; *provided, however*, that the failure of any Lender to make any Loan shall not in itself relieve any other Lender of its obligation to lend hereunder (it being understood, however, that no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to make any Loan required to be made by such other Lender). The Loans comprising any Borrowing shall be in an aggregate principal amount that is (a) an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 and not less than \$5,000,000 (except to the extent otherwise provided in an Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, Refinancing Amendment or Extension Amendment) or (b) equal to the remaining available balance of the applicable Commitments.

(a) Each Lender may at its option make any Eurodollar Loan [or SOFR Loan](#) by causing any domestic or foreign branch or Affiliate of such Lender to make such Loan; *provided* that any exercise of such option shall not affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay such Loan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Borrower shall not be entitled to request any Borrowing that, if made, would result in more than 10 Eurodollar Borrowings [or 10 SOFR Borrowings](#) outstanding hereunder at any time. For purposes of the foregoing, Borrowings having different Interest Periods, regardless of whether they commence on the same date, shall be considered separate Borrowings.

(b) Each Lender shall make each Loan to be made by it hereunder on the Funding Date or the proposed date of Borrowing thereof, as applicable, by wire transfer of immediately available funds in Dollars, as the case may be, to such account in New York City as the Administrative Agent may designate in advance, not later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time (or 12:00 p.m., New York City time in the case of the Funding Date), and the Administrative Agent shall promptly wire transfer the amounts so received in accordance with instructions received from the Borrower in the applicable Borrowing Request or, if a Borrowing shall not occur on such date because any condition precedent herein specified shall not have been met, return the amounts so received to the respective Lenders.

(c) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the date of any Borrowing that such Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Lender's portion of such Borrowing, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such portion available to the Administrative Agent on the date of such Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.02(b) and the Administrative Agent may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower on such date a corresponding amount. If the Administrative Agent shall have so made funds available then, to the extent that such Lender shall not have made such portion available to the Administrative Agent, such Lender and the Borrower severally agree to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount together with interest thereon, for each day from the date such amount is made available to the Borrower to but excluding the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative Agent at (i) in the case of the Borrower, a rate *per annum* equal to the interest rate applicable at the time to the Loans comprising such Borrowing and (ii) in the case of such Lender, a rate determined by the Administrative Agent to represent its cost of overnight or short-term funds (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error). If such Lender shall repay to the Administrative Agent such corresponding amount, such amount shall constitute such Lender's Loan as part of such Borrowing for purposes of this Agreement.

SECTION 2.03. ***Borrowing Procedure.*** In order to request a Term Loan Borrowing or a Revolving Credit Borrowing, the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of such request by telephone not later than 12:00 p.m., New York time, (a) one Business Day before a proposed Borrowing of Eurodollar Loans on the Funding Date and (b) three Business Days before a proposed Borrowing of Eurodollar Loans or SOFR Loans on any other date (or, in each case, such shorter period as may be agreed by the Administrative Agent) and no later than 12:00 p.m., New York time, on the Business Day before the date of a proposed Borrowing in the case of a Borrowing of ABR Loans. Each such telephonic Borrowing Request shall be irrevocable, and shall be confirmed promptly by hand delivery, e-mail or fax to the Administrative Agent of a written Borrowing Request and shall specify the following information: (i) whether the Borrowing then being requested is to be a Borrowing of Term Loans, Revolving Credit Loans, Incremental Term Loans or Incremental Revolving Loans; (ii) the date of such Borrowing (which shall be a Business Day); (iii) the number and location of the account to which funds are to be disbursed; (iv) the amount of such Borrowing (stated in the Available Currency); and (v) whether the Loans being made pursuant to such Borrowings are to be initially maintained as ABR Loans ~~or~~, Eurodollar Loans or SOFR Loans and, if Eurodollar Loans or SOFR Loans, the Interest Period with respect thereto; *provided, however*, that the initial Interest Period of any Eurodollar Borrowing made on the Funding Date shall end on a date reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent specified by the Borrower in such Borrowing Request; *provided, however*, that, notwithstanding any contrary specification in any Borrowing Request, each requested Borrowing shall comply with the requirements set forth in Section 2.02. If no Interest Period with respect to any Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing is specified in any such notice, then the Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. The Administrative Agent shall promptly advise the applicable Lenders of any notice given pursuant to this Section 2.03 (and the contents thereof), and of each Lender's portion of the requested Borrowing. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, no

[request for Borrowing of Eurodollar Loans may be made for a Borrowing Date occurring after June 30, 2023.](#)

SECTION 2.04. ***Evidence of Debt; Repayment of Loans.*** The Borrower hereby unconditionally promises to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender the principal amount of each Loan of such Lender as provided in Section 2.11.

(a) Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice an account or accounts evidencing the indebtedness of the Borrower to such Lender resulting from each Loan made by such Lender from time to time, including the amounts of principal and interest payable and paid to such Lender from time to time under this Agreement.

(b) The Administrative Agent shall maintain the Register in which it will record (i) the amount of each Loan made hereunder, the Class and Type thereof and, if applicable, the Interest Period applicable thereto, (ii) the amount of any principal or interest due and payable or to become due and payable from the Borrower to each Lender hereunder and (iii) the amount of any sum received by the Administrative Agent hereunder from the Borrower or any Guarantor and each Lender's share thereof.

(c) In addition to the accounts and records referred to in Section 2.04(a) and (b), each Lender and the Administrative Agent shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice accounts or records and, in the case of the Administrative Agent, entries in the Register, evidencing the purchases and sales by such Lender of participations in Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans. In the event of any conflict between the Register and corresponding accounts and records maintained by the Administrative Agent and the accounts and records of any Lender in respect of such matters, the Register shall control in the absence of manifest error.

(d) The entries made in the Register maintained pursuant to Section 2.04(b) and (c) shall be *prima facie* evidence of the existence and amounts of the obligations therein recorded; *provided, however*, that the failure of any Lender or the Administrative Agent to maintain such accounts or any error therein shall not in any manner affect the obligations of the Borrower to repay the Loans in accordance with their terms.

(e) Any Lender may request that Loans made by it hereunder be evidenced by a promissory note. In such event, the Borrower shall execute and deliver to such Lender a promissory note payable to such Lender or its registered assigns and in the form attached hereto as Exhibit G. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event any Lender shall request and receive such a promissory note, the interests represented by such note shall at all times thereafter (including after any assignment of all or part of such interests pursuant to Section 9.04) be represented by one or more promissory notes payable to the payee named therein or its registered assigns.

SECTION 2.05. ***Fees.*** (a) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for its own account, the administrative fees as are separately agreed by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the Agent Fee Letter.

(b) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Revolving Credit Lender under each Class of Revolving Credit Commitments in accordance with its Pro Rata Share, a commitment fee equal to the Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage times the actual daily amount by which the aggregate Revolving Credit Commitment for the applicable Class of Revolving Credit Commitments exceeds the sum of (i) the Outstanding Amount of Revolving Credit Loans for such Class of Revolving Credit Commitments and (ii) the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations for such Class of Revolving Credit Commitments; *provided* that any commitment fee accrued with respect to any of the Commitments of a Defaulting Lender during the period prior to the time such Lender became a Defaulting Lender and unpaid at such time shall not be payable by the Borrower so long as such Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender except to the extent that such commitment fee shall otherwise have been due and payable by the Borrower prior to such time; and *provided, further*, that no commitment fee shall accrue on any of the Commitments of a Defaulting Lender so long as such Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender. The commitment fee on each Class of Revolving Credit Commitments shall accrue at all times from the Closing Date until the Maturity Date for such Class of Revolving Credit Commitments, including at any time during which one or more of the conditions in Article IV is not met, and shall be due and payable in arrears on the 15th day of each of April, July, October and January, commencing with the first such date during the first full fiscal quarter to occur after the Closing Date, and on the Maturity Date for such Class of Revolving Credit Commitments; *provided* that if such day is not a Business Day, such commitment fee shall be payable on the next succeeding Business Day. The commitment fee shall be calculated quarterly in arrears, and if there is any change in the Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage during any quarter, the actual daily amount shall be computed and multiplied by the Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage separately for each period during such quarter that such Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage was in effect.

(c) The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Initial Term Loan Lender (other than any Committed Lender), a ticking fee (the “*Ticking Fee*”), accruing on the unutilized Initial Term Loan Commitments of the applicable Lenders for each day, from (and including) September 15, 2020 (the “*Commitment Allocation Date*”) to (but excluding) the Ticking Fee Payment Date equal to the applicable percentage set forth below of the Applicable Margin for Eurodollar Loans that would otherwise be payable in respect of the Initial Term Loans:

Period	Applicable Percentage
From the Commitment Allocation Date through the date that is 45 days following the Commitment Allocation Date	0% per annum of Applicable Margin for Eurodollar Loans

From the date that is 46 days following the Commitment Allocation Date until (and including) the earlier of (x) the date that is 90 days following the Commitment Allocation Date, (y) the Commitment Termination Date (solely with respect to such amount terminated or expired) and (z) the Funding Date (solely with respect to such amount funded)	50% per annum of Applicable Margin for Eurodollar Loans
From the date that is 91 days following the Commitment Allocation Date until (and including) the earlier of (x) the Commitment Termination Date (solely with respect to such amount terminated or expired) and (y) the Funding Date (solely with respect to such amount funded)	100% per annum of Applicable Margin for Eurodollar Loans

The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower of the occurrence of the Commitment Allocation Date. The Ticking Fee will be determined on the basis of a 360-day year and actual elapsed days and will be payable on the date (such date, the “**Ticking Fee Payment Date**”) that is the earlier of (a) the date of termination or expiration of the Initial Term Loan Commitments (solely with respect to such amount terminated or expired) and (b) the Funding Date (solely with respect to such amount funded). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Ticking Fee accrued with respect to any of the Commitments of a Defaulting Lender during the period prior to the time such Lender became a Defaulting Lender and unpaid at such time shall not be payable by the Borrower so long as such Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender except to the extent that such Ticking Fee shall otherwise have been due and payable by the Borrower prior to such time; and *provided, further*, that no Ticking Fee shall accrue on any of the Commitments of a Defaulting Lender so long as such Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender.

(d) The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Initial Term Loan Lender, a closing fee (the “**Closing Fee**”) equal to 0.50% of the principal amount of the Initial Term Loans made by such Initial Term Loan Lender, which shall be due and payable, with respect to the Initial Term Loans, on the Funding Date. The Initial Term Loan Lenders shall be permitted to fund the Initial Term Loans net of the Closing Fee on the Funding Date.

(e) All fees under this Section 2.05 shall be paid on the dates due, in immediately available funds in Dollars, to the Administrative Agent for distribution, if and as appropriate, among the Lenders. Once paid, no such fees shall be refundable under any circumstances.

SECTION 2.06. Interest on Loans. (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 2.07, the Loans comprising each ABR Borrowing shall bear interest (computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 365 or 366 days, as the case may be, when the Alternate Base Rate is determined by reference to the Prime Rate and over a year of 360 days at all other times and calculated from and including the date of such Borrowing to but excluding the date of repayment thereof) at a rate *per annum* equal to the Alternate Base Rate plus the Applicable Margin.

(b) Subject to the provisions of Section 2.07, (i) the Loans comprising each Eurodollar Borrowing shall bear interest (computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 360 days) at a rate *per annum* equal to the Adjusted LIBO Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing *plus* the Applicable Margin.; and (ii) the Loans comprising each SOFR Borrowing shall bear interest (computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 360 days) at a rate *per annum* equal to the Adjusted Term SOFR for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing *plus* the Applicable Margin.

(c) Interest on each Loan shall be payable on the Interest Payment Dates applicable to such Loan except as otherwise provided in this Agreement. The applicable Alternate Base Rate ~~or~~, Adjusted LIBO Rate or Adjusted Term SOFR for each Interest Period or day within an Interest Period, as the case may be, shall be determined by the Administrative Agent, and such determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Interest shall be paid in the same currency as the Loan to which such interest relates.

SECTION 2.07. **Default Interest.** If any Event of Default under Section 7.01(a) or 7.01(g) hereof has occurred and is continuing then, until such defaulted amount shall have been paid in full, to the extent permitted by law, such defaulted amounts shall bear interest (after as well as before judgment), payable on demand, (a) in the case of principal, at the rate otherwise applicable to such Loan pursuant to Section 2.06 *plus* 2.00% *per annum*, (b) in the case of interest payable on any Loan, at the rate otherwise applicable to an ABR Loan of the applicable Class *plus* 2.00% *per annum* and (c) in all other cases, at a rate *per annum* (computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 365 or 366 days, as the case may be, when determined by reference to the Prime Rate and over a year of 360 days at all other times) equal to the rate that would be applicable to an ABR Loan that is an Initial Revolving Credit Loan *plus* 2.00% *per annum*.

SECTION 2.08. **Alternate Rate of Interest.** In the event, and on each occasion, that on the day two Business Days prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing the Administrative Agent shall have determined (a) with respect to a Eurodollar Borrowing, that Dollar deposits in the principal amounts of the Loans comprising such Borrowing are not generally available in the London interbank market, (b) that the rates at which such Dollar deposits are being offered or Adjusted Term SOFR will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to the Required Lenders of making or maintaining Eurodollar Loans or SOFR Loans, as applicable, during such Interest Period or (c) that reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Adjusted LIBO Rate or Adjusted Term SOFR, as applicable, the Administrative Agent shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, give written or fax notice of such determination to the Borrower and the Lenders. In the event of any such determination, until the Administrative Agent shall have advised the Borrower and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist, any request by the Borrower for a Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing, as applicable, pursuant to Sections 2.03 or 2.10 shall be deemed to be a request for an ABR Borrowing. Each determination by the Administrative Agent under this Section 2.08 shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

SECTION 2.09. ***Termination or Reduction of Commitments.*** (a) The Initial Term Loan Commitments and the Initial Revolving Credit Commitments shall automatically terminate upon the Commitment Termination Date and any Incremental Loan Commitments, Refinancing Commitments, Extended Revolving Credit Commitments or Commitments with respect to Extended Term Loans shall terminate as provided in the related Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, Refinancing Amendment or Extension Amendment, as applicable. The Revolving Credit Commitment of each Revolving Credit Lender shall automatically terminate on the Maturity Date for the applicable Class of Revolving Credit Commitments; *provided* that (x) the foregoing shall not release any Revolving Credit Lender from any liability it may have for its failure to fund Revolving Credit Loans, L/C Advances or participations in Swing Line Loans that were required to be funded by it on or prior to such Maturity Date and (y) the foregoing will not release any Revolving Credit Lender from any obligation to fund its portion of L/C Advances or participations in Swing Line Loans with respect to Letters of Credit issued or Swing Line Loans made prior to such Maturity Date.

(b) Upon at least three Business Days' prior written or fax notice to the Administrative Agent, the Borrower may at any time in whole permanently terminate, or from time to time in part permanently reduce, the unused Commitments of any Class; *provided, however*, that (i) each partial reduction of Commitments shall be in an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 and in a minimum amount of \$5,000,000 (or in such lower minimum amounts or multiples as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion) and (ii) if, after giving effect to any reduction of Revolving Credit Commitments, the Letter of Credit Sublimit or the Swing Line Sublimit exceeds the amount of the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments, such sublimit shall be automatically reduced by the amount of such excess. Except as provided in the immediately preceding sentence, the amount of any such Revolving Credit Commitment reduction shall not be applied to the Letter of Credit Sublimit or the Swing Line Sublimit unless otherwise specified by the Borrower. Any such notice of termination or reduction pursuant to this Section 2.09(b) may state that it is conditioned upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event specified therein (including the effectiveness of other credit facilities), in which case such notice may be revoked by the Borrower or the Borrower may delay the date of prepayment identified therein to a later date reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (in each case by written notice to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied or the satisfaction of such condition is delayed.

(c) Upon any reduction of unused Commitments of any Class, the Commitment of each Lender of such Class shall be reduced on a pro rata basis (determined on the basis of the aggregate Commitments under such Class) (other than the termination of the Commitment of any Lender as provided in Section 2.21). Any commitment fees accrued until the effective date of any termination of the Revolving Credit Commitments shall be paid on the effective date of such termination.

SECTION 2.10. ***Conversion and Continuation of Borrowings.*** (a) The Borrower shall have the right at any time upon prior irrevocable notice (including by telephone or e-mail, which in the case of telephonic notice, shall be promptly followed by written notice) to the Administrative Agent (x) not later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, one Business Day prior

to conversion, to convert any Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing into an ABR Borrowing, (y) not later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, three Business Days prior to conversion or continuation (or such shorter period as may be agreed by the Administrative Agent), to convert any ABR Borrowing into a Eurodollar Borrowing or to convert any ABR Borrowing consisting of Initial Revolving Credit Loans into a SOFR Borrowing or to continue any Eurodollar Borrowing as a Eurodollar Borrowing or a SOFR Borrowings as a SOFR Borrowing for an additional Interest Period and (z) not later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, three Business Days prior to conversion (or such shorter period as may be agreed by the Administrative Agent), to convert the Interest Period with respect to any Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing to another permissible Interest Period, subject in each case to the following:

- (i) no SOFR Borrowing may be converted into Eurodollar Borrowing;
- (ii) ~~(ii)~~ each conversion or continuation shall be made *pro rata* among the Lenders in accordance with the respective principal amounts of the Loans comprising the converted or continued Borrowing;
- (iii) ~~(iii)~~ if less than all the outstanding principal amount of any Borrowing shall be converted or continued, then each resulting Borrowing shall satisfy the limitations specified in Section 2.02 regarding the principal amount and maximum number of Borrowings of the relevant Type;
- (iv) ~~(iii)~~ each conversion shall be effected by each Lender and the Administrative Agent by recording for the account of such Lender the new Loan of such Lender resulting from such conversion and reducing the Loan (or portion thereof) of such Lender being converted by an equivalent principal amount; accrued interest on any Eurodollar Loan or SOFR Loan (or, in each case, portion thereof) being converted shall be paid by the Borrower at the time of conversion;
- (v) ~~(iv)~~ if any Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing is converted at a time other than the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto, the Borrower shall pay, upon demand, any amounts due to the Lenders pursuant to Section 2.16;
- (vi) ~~(v)~~ any portion of a Eurodollar Borrowing, SOFR Borrowing or ABR Borrowing maturing or required to be repaid in less than one month may not be converted into or continued as a Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing;
- (vii) ~~(vi)~~ any portion of a Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing that cannot be converted into or continued as a Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing by reason of the immediately preceding clause shall be automatically converted at the end of the Interest Period in effect into an ABR Borrowing;
- (viii) ~~(vii)~~ no Interest Period may be selected for any Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing that would end later than a Repayment Date occurring on or after the first day of such Interest Period if, after giving effect to such selection, the aggregate outstanding amount of (A) the Eurodollar Borrowings or SOFR Borrowings comprised of

Loans or Other Loans, as applicable, with Interest Periods ending on or prior to such Repayment Date and (B) the ABR Borrowings comprised of Loans or Other Loans, as applicable, would not be at least equal to the principal amount of Borrowings to be paid on such Repayment Date;

(ix) ~~(viii)~~ upon notice to the Borrower from the Administrative Agent given at the request of the Required Lenders, after the occurrence and during the continuance of a Default or Event of Default, no outstanding Loan may be converted into, or continued as, a Eurodollar Loan; ~~and~~ or SOFR Loan;

(x) ~~(ix)~~ all Eurodollar Loans or SOFR Loans comprising a Borrowing shall at all times have the same Interest Period; ~~and~~

(xi) no Interest Period for any Eurodollar Borrowing may begin after June 30, 2023.

(b) Each notice pursuant to this Section 2.10 shall be irrevocable and shall refer to this Agreement and specify (i) the identity and amount of the Borrowing that the Borrower requests be converted or continued, (ii) whether such Borrowing is to be converted to or continued as a Eurodollar Borrowing, SOFR Borrowing or an ABR Borrowing, (iii) if such notice requests a conversion, the date of such conversion (which shall be a Business Day) and

(iv) if such Borrowing is to be converted to or continued as a Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing, the Interest Period with respect thereto. If no Interest Period is specified in any such notice with respect to any conversion to or continuation as a Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing, the Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. The Administrative Agent shall advise the Lenders of any notice given pursuant to this Section 2.10 and of each Lender's portion of any converted or continued Borrowing. If the Borrower shall not have given notice in accordance with this Section 2.10 to continue any Borrowing into a subsequent Interest Period (and shall not otherwise have given notice in accordance with this Section 2.10 to convert such Borrowing), such Borrowing shall, at the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto (unless repaid pursuant to the terms hereof), if a Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing, automatically be converted to an ABR Borrowing effective as of the expiration date of such current Interest Period.

SECTION 2.11. **Repayment of Borrowings.** (a) (i) The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Lenders holding Initial Term Loans (A) on April 15th, July 15th, October 15th and January 15th of each year (each such date being called a "**Repayment Date**"), commencing with the first such date occurring during the first full fiscal quarter following the Closing Date, and on each such date thereafter through the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date; *provided* that if such day is not a Business Day, the Repayment Date shall be the next succeeding Business Day, amortization installments equal to 0.25% of the aggregate principal amount of such Initial Term Loans outstanding on the Funding Date; as adjusted from time to time pursuant to Sections 2.12(b), 2.13(e) and 2.22(d), and which payments shall be further reduced as a result of the application of prepayments in accordance with the order of priority set forth in Section 2.12 and (B) on the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, the aggregate

unpaid principal amount of all Initial Term Loans on such date, together with accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount to be paid to but excluding such date. For the avoidance of doubt the aggregate principal amount of the Loans extended on the draw date thereof shall be the face amount of such Loans without giving effect to any upfront fees or OID.

(ii) The repayment dates and amounts for any Incremental Loans, Loans of an Extended Class or Refinancing Loans shall be set forth in the applicable Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, Extension Amendment or Refinancing Amendment, subject to any limitations set forth, as applicable, in Sections 2.22, 2.23 or 2.24.

(iii) The Borrower shall repay to the Administrative Agent for the ratable account of the Appropriate Lenders on the Maturity Date for any Class of Revolving Credit Commitments the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all Revolving Credit Loans made in respect of such Revolving Credit Commitments.

(iv) The Borrower shall repay the aggregate principal amount of each Swing Line Loan on the earlier to occur of (A) the date five Business Days after such Loan is made, (B) the Latest Maturity Date for the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments and (C) the date a Revolving Credit Loan is made to the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.01(b); *provided* that such repayment may be made from the proceeds of a Revolving Credit Borrowing.

(b) To the extent not previously paid, all Initial Loans, Incremental Loans and Loans of an Extended Class shall be due and payable on their respective Maturity Date, the Incremental Loan Maturity Date and the maturity date of the Loans of such Extended Class, respectively, together with accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount to be paid to but excluding the date of payment.

(c) All repayments pursuant to this Section 2.11 shall be subject to Section 2.16, but shall otherwise be without premium or penalty.

SECTION 2.12. ***Voluntary Prepayments***. (a) The Borrower shall have the right at any time and from time to time to prepay any Borrowing, in whole or in part, upon at least three Business Days' prior written or fax notice (or telephone notice promptly confirmed by written or fax notice) in the case of Eurodollar Loans or SOFR Loans, or written or fax notice (or telephone notice promptly confirmed by written or fax notice) at least one Business Day prior to the date of prepayment in the case of ABR Loans, to the Administrative Agent before 12:00 noon, New York City time; *provided, however*, that each partial prepayment shall be in an amount that is an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 and not less than \$5,000,000 (or in such lower minimum amounts or multiples as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion). All voluntary prepayments, including all optional prepayments under this Section 2.12 shall be subject to Section 2.16, but otherwise without premium (except as set forth in Section 2.12(d)) or penalty. Any such notice of prepayment pursuant to this Section 2.12(a) may state that it is conditioned upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event specified therein (including the effectiveness of other credit facilities), in which case such notice may be revoked by the Borrower or the Borrower may delay the date of prepayment identified therein to a later date

reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (in each case by written notice to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied or the satisfaction of such condition is delayed.

(b) Voluntary prepayments of any Class of outstanding Loans shall be applied to such Classes of Loans as the Borrower may direct, or in the absence of direction, ratable among the Classes, and thereafter to the remaining amortization payments under such Class, as the Borrower may direct, and in the absence of such direction, in direct order of maturity thereof.

(c) Notwithstanding anything in any Loan Document to the contrary, so long as no Specified Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from such prepayment, the Borrower may prepay the outstanding Term Loans (which shall, for the avoidance of doubt, be automatically and permanently cancelled immediately upon such prepayment) on the following basis:

(i) The Borrower shall have the right to make a voluntary prepayment of Term Loans at a discount to par pursuant to a Borrower Offer of Specified Discount Prepayment, Borrower Solicitation of Discount Range Prepayment Offers or Borrower Solicitation of Discounted Prepayment Offers (any such prepayment, the “**Discounted Term Loan Prepayment**”), in each case made in accordance with this Section 2.12(c).

(ii) (A) The Borrower may from time to time offer to make a Discounted Term Loan Prepayment by providing the Auction Manager with three Business Days’ notice in the form of a Specified Discount Prepayment Notice; *provided that* (B) any such offer shall be made available, at the sole discretion of the Borrower, to (x) each Term Lender and/or (y) each Term Lender with respect to any Class of Term Loans on an individual Class basis (but in any event such prepayment need not be *pro rata* among all Classes), (C) any such offer shall specify the aggregate principal amount offered to be prepaid (the “**Specified Discount Prepayment Amount**”) with respect to each applicable Class, the Class or Classes of Term Loans subject to such offer and the specific percentage discount to par (the “**Specified Discount**”) of such Term Loans to be prepaid (it being understood that different Specified Discounts and/or Specified Discount Prepayment Amounts may be offered with respect to different Classes of Term Loans and, in such event, each such offer will be treated as a separate offer pursuant to the terms of this Section 2.12(c)(ii)), (D) the Specified Discount Prepayment Amount shall be in an aggregate amount not less than \$10,000,000 and whole increments of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof (or in such lower minimum amounts or multiples as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion) and (E) each such offer shall remain outstanding through the Specified Discount Prepayment Response Date. The Auction Manager will promptly provide each Appropriate Lender with a copy of such Specified Discount Prepayment Notice and a form of the Specified Discount Prepayment Response (such form a “**Specified Discount Prepayment Response**”) to be completed and returned by each such Term Lender to the Auction Manager (or its delegate) by no later than 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day after the date of delivery of such notice to such Term Lenders (which date may be extended for a period not exceeding

three Business Days upon notice by the Borrower to, and with the consent of, the Auction Manager) (the “***Specified Discount Prepayment Response Date***”).

(F) Each Term Lender receiving such offer shall notify the Auction Manager (or its delegate) by the Specified Discount Prepayment Response Date whether or not it agrees to accept a prepayment of any of its applicable then outstanding Term Loans at the Specified Discount and, if so (such accepting Term Lender, a “***Discount Prepayment Accepting Term Lender***”), the amount and the Classes of such Term Lender’s Term Loans to be prepaid at such offered discount. Each acceptance of a Discounted Term Loan Prepayment by a Discount Prepayment Accepting Term Lender shall be irrevocable. Any Term Lender whose Specified Discount Prepayment Response is not received by the Auction Manager by the Specified Discount Prepayment Response Date shall be deemed to have declined to accept the applicable Borrower Offer of Specified Discount Prepayment.

(G) If there is at least one Discount Prepayment Accepting Term Lender, the Borrower will make a prepayment of outstanding Term Loans pursuant to this paragraph (ii) to each Discount Prepayment Accepting Term Lender on the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date in accordance with the respective outstanding amount and Classes of Term Loans specified in such Term Lender’s Specified Discount Prepayment Response given pursuant to subsection (B) above; *provided that*, if the aggregate principal amount of Term Loans accepted for prepayment by all Discount Prepayment Accepting Term Lenders exceeds the Specified Discount Prepayment Amount, such prepayment shall be made *pro rata* among the Discount Prepayment Accepting Term Lenders in accordance with the respective principal amounts accepted to be prepaid by each such Discount Prepayment Accepting Term Lender and the Auction Manager (in consultation with the Borrower and subject to rounding requirements of the Auction Manager made in its reasonable discretion) will calculate such proration (the “***Specified Discount Proration***”). The Auction Manager shall promptly, and in any case within three Business Days following the Specified Discount Prepayment Response Date, notify (1) the Borrower of the respective Term Lenders’ responses to such offer, the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date and the aggregate principal amount of the Discounted Term Loan Prepayment and the Classes to be prepaid, (2) each Term Lender of the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date, and the aggregate principal amount and the Classes of Term Loans to be prepaid at the Specified Discount on such date and (3) each Discount Prepayment Accepting Term Lender of the Specified Discount Proration, if any, and confirmation of the principal amount, Class and Type of Term Loans of such Term Lender to be prepaid at the Specified Discount on such date. Each determination by the Auction Manager of the amounts stated in the foregoing notices to the Borrower and such Term Lenders shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes absent manifest error. The payment amount specified in such notice to the Borrower shall be due and payable by the Borrower on the

Discounted Prepayment Effective Date in accordance with subsection (iv) below (subject to subsection (x) below).

(iii) (A) The Borrower may from time to time solicit Discount Range Prepayment Offers by providing the Auction Manager with three Business Days' notice in the form of a Discount Range Prepayment Notice; *provided* that (B) any such solicitation shall be extended, at the sole discretion of the Borrower, to (x) each Term Lender and/or (y) each Term Lender with respect to any Class of Term Loans on an individual Class basis, (C) any such notice shall specify the maximum aggregate principal amount of the relevant Term Loans (the "**Discount Range Prepayment Amount**"), the Class or Classes of Term Loans subject to such offer and the maximum and minimum percentage discounts to par (the "**Discount Range**") of the principal amount of such Term Loans with respect to each relevant Class of Term Loans willing to be prepaid by the Borrower (it being understood that different Discount Ranges and/or Discount Range Prepayment Amounts may be offered with respect to different Classes of Term Loans and, in such event, each such offer will be treated as a separate offer pursuant to the terms of this Section 2.12(c)(iii)), (D) the Discount Range Prepayment Amount shall be in an aggregate amount not less than \$10,000,000 and whole increments of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof (or in such lower minimum amounts or multiples as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion) and (E) each such solicitation by the Borrower shall remain outstanding through the Discount Range Prepayment Response Date. The Auction Manager will promptly provide each Appropriate Lender with a copy of such Discount Range Prepayment Notice and a form of the Discount Range Prepayment Offer to be submitted by a responding Term Lender to the Auction Manager (or its delegate) by no later than 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day after the date of delivery of such notice to such Term Lenders (which date may be extended for a period not exceeding three Business Days upon notice by the Borrower to, and with the consent of, the Auction Manager) (the "**Discount Range Prepayment Response Date**"). Each Term Lender's Discount Range Prepayment Offer shall be irrevocable and shall specify a discount to par within the Discount Range (the "**Submitted Discount**") at which such Term Lender is willing to allow prepayment of any or all of its then outstanding Term Loans of the applicable Class or Classes and the maximum aggregate principal amount and Classes of such Term Lender's Term Loans (the "**Submitted Amount**") such Term Lender is willing to have prepaid at the Submitted Discount. Any Term Lender whose Discount Range Prepayment Offer is not received by the Auction Manager by the Discount Range Prepayment Response Date shall be deemed to have declined to accept a Discounted Term Loan Prepayment of any of its Term Loans at any discount to their par value within the Discount Range.

(F) The Auction Manager shall review all Discount Range Prepayment Offers received on or before the applicable Discount Range Prepayment Response Date and shall determine (in consultation with the Borrower and subject to rounding requirements of the Auction Manager made in its sole reasonable discretion) the Applicable Discount and Term Loans to be prepaid at such Applicable Discount in accordance with this subsection (B). The Borrower agrees

to accept on the Discount Range Prepayment Response Date all Discount Range Prepayment Offers received by the Auction Manager within the Discount Range by the Discount Range Prepayment Response Date, in the order from the Submitted Discount that is the largest discount to par to the Submitted Discount that is the smallest discount to par, up to and including the Submitted Discount that is the smallest discount to par within the Discount Range (such Submitted Discount that is the smallest discount to par within the Discount Range being referred to as the “**Applicable Discount**”) which yields a Discounted Term Loan Prepayment in an aggregate principal amount equal to the lower of (1) the Discount Range Prepayment Amount and (2) the sum of all Submitted Amounts. Each Term Lender that has submitted a Discount Range Prepayment Offer to accept prepayment at a discount to par that is larger than or equal to the Applicable Discount shall be deemed to have irrevocably consented to prepayment of Term Loans equal to its Submitted Amount (subject to any required proration pursuant to the following subsection (C)) at the Applicable Discount (each such Term Lender, a “**Participating Term Lender**”).

(G) If there is at least one Participating Term Lender, the Borrower will prepay the respective outstanding Term Loans of each Participating Term Lender on the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date in the aggregate principal amount and of the Classes specified in such Term Lender’s Discount Range Prepayment Offer at the Applicable Discount; *provided* that if the Submitted Amount by all Participating Term Lenders offered at a discount to par greater than the Applicable Discount exceeds the Discount Range Prepayment Amount, prepayment of the principal amount of the relevant Term Loans for those Participating Term Lenders whose Submitted Discount is a discount to par greater than or equal to the Applicable Discount (the “**Identified Participating Term Lenders**”) shall be made *pro rata* among the Identified Participating Term Lenders in accordance with the Submitted Amount of each such Identified Participating Term Lender and the Auction Manager (in consultation with the Borrower and subject to rounding requirements of the Auction Manager made in its sole reasonable discretion) will calculate such proration (the “**Discount Range Proration**”). The Auction Manager shall promptly, and in any case within five Business Days following the Discount Range Prepayment Response Date, notify (1) the Borrower of the respective Term Lenders’ responses to such solicitation, the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date, the Applicable Discount, and the aggregate principal amount of the Discounted Term Loan Prepayment and the Classes to be prepaid, (2) each Term Lender of the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date, the Applicable Discount, and the aggregate principal amount and Classes of Term Loans to be prepaid at the Applicable Discount on such date, (3) each Participating Term Lender of the aggregate principal amount and Classes of such Term Lender to be prepaid at the Applicable Discount on such date and (4) if applicable, each Identified Participating Term Lender of the Discount Range Proration. Each determination by the Auction Manager of the amounts stated in the foregoing notices to the Borrower and Term Lenders shall be conclusive and

binding for all purposes absent manifest error. The payment amount specified in such notice to the Borrower shall be due and payable by the Borrower on the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date in accordance with subsection (vi) below (subject to subsection (x) below).

(iv) (A) The Borrower may from time to time solicit Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers by providing the Auction Manager with three Business Days' notice (a "***Solicited Discounted Prepayment Notice***"); *provided* that (B) any such solicitation shall be extended, at the sole discretion of the Borrower, to (x) each Term Lender and/or (y) each Term Lender with respect to any Class of Term Loans on an individual Class basis, (C) any such notice shall specify the maximum aggregate amount of the Term Loans (the "***Solicited Discounted Prepayment Amount***") and the Class or Classes of Term Loans the Borrower is willing to prepay at a discount (it being understood that different Solicited Discounted Prepayment Amounts may be offered with respect to different Classes of Term Loans and, in such event, each such offer will be treated as a separate offer pursuant to the terms of this Section 2.12(c)(iv)), (D) the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Amount shall be in an aggregate amount not less than \$10,000,000 and whole increments of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof (or in such lower minimum amounts or multiples as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion) and (E) each such solicitation by the Borrower shall remain outstanding through the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Response Date. The Auction Manager will promptly provide each Appropriate Lender with a copy of such Solicited Discounted Prepayment Notice and a form of the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offer to be submitted by a responding Term Lender to the Auction Manager (or its delegate) by no later than 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day after the date of delivery of such notice to such Term Lenders (which date may be extended for a period not exceeding three Business Days upon notice by the Borrower to the Auction Manager) (the "***Solicited Discounted Prepayment Response Date***"). Each Term Lender's Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offer shall (x) be irrevocable, (y) remain outstanding until the Acceptance Date and (z) specify both a discount to par (the "***Offered Discount***") at which such Term Lender is willing to allow prepayment of its then outstanding Term Loan and the maximum aggregate principal amount and Classes of such Term Loans (the "***Offered Amount***") such Term Lender is willing to have prepaid at the Offered Discount. Any Term Lender whose Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offer is not received by the Auction Manager by the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Response Date shall be deemed to have declined prepayment of any of its Term Loans at any discount.

(F) The Auction Manager shall promptly provide the Borrower with a copy of all Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers received on or before the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Response Date. The Borrower shall review all such Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers and select the smallest of the Offered Discounts specified by the relevant responding Term Lenders in the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers that is acceptable to the Borrower in its sole discretion (the "***Acceptable Discount***"), if any. If the Borrower elects, in its sole discretion, to accept any Offered Discount as the Acceptable Discount, then

as soon as practicable after the determination of the Acceptable Discount, but in no event later than by the third Business Day after the date of receipt by the Borrower from the Auction Manager of a copy of all Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers pursuant to the first sentence of this subsection (B) (the “**Acceptance Date**”), the Borrower shall submit a notice to the Auction Manager setting forth the Acceptable Discount (an “**Acceptance and Prepayment Notice**”). If the Auction Manager shall fail to receive an Acceptance and Prepayment Notice from the Borrower by the Acceptance Date, the Borrower shall be deemed to have rejected all Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers.

(G) Based upon the Acceptable Discount and the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers received by Auction Manager by the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Response Date, within three Business Days after receipt of an Acceptance and Prepayment Notice (the “**Discounted Prepayment Determination Date**”), the Auction Manager will determine (in consultation with the Borrower and subject to rounding requirements of the Auction Manager made in its sole reasonable discretion) the aggregate principal amount and the Classes of Term Loans (the “**Acceptable Prepayment Amount**”) to be prepaid by the Borrower at the Acceptable Discount in accordance with this Section 2.12(c)(iv). If the Borrower elects to accept any Acceptable Discount, then the Borrower agrees to accept all Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers received by Auction Manager by the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Response Date, in the order from largest Offered Discount to smallest Offered Discount, up to and including the Acceptable Discount. Each Term Lender that has submitted a Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offer with an Offered Discount that is greater than or equal to the Acceptable Discount shall be deemed to have irrevocably consented to prepayment of Term Loans equal to its Offered Amount (subject to any required pro-rata reduction pursuant to the following sentence) at the Acceptable Discount (each such Term Lender, a “**Qualifying Term Lender**”). The Borrower will prepay outstanding Term Loans pursuant to this subsection (iv) to each Qualifying Term Lender in the aggregate principal amount and of the Classes specified in such Term Lender’s Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offer at the Acceptable Discount; *provided* that if the aggregate Offered Amount by all Qualifying Term Lenders whose Offered Discount is greater than or equal to the Acceptable Discount exceeds the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Amount, prepayment of the principal amount of the Term Loans for those Qualifying Term Lenders whose Offered Discount is greater than or equal to the Acceptable Discount (the “**Identified Qualifying Term Lenders**”) shall be made *pro rata* among the Identified Qualifying Term Lenders in accordance with the Offered Amount of each such Identified Qualifying Term Lender and the Auction Manager (in consultation with the Borrower and subject to rounding requirements of the Auction Manager made in its sole reasonable discretion) will calculate such proration (the “**Solicited Discount Proration**”). On or prior to the Discounted Prepayment Determination Date, the Auction Manager shall promptly notify (1) the Borrower of the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date and Acceptable

Prepayment Amount comprising the Discounted Term Loan Prepayment and the Classes to be prepaid, (2) each Term Lender of the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date, the Acceptable Discount, and the Acceptable Prepayment Amount of all Term Loans and the Classes to be prepaid at the Applicable Discount on such date, (3) each Qualifying Term Lender of the aggregate principal amount and the Classes of such Term Lender to be prepaid at the Acceptable Discount on such date and (4) if applicable, each Identified Qualifying Term Lender of the Solicited Discount Proration. Each determination by the Auction Manager of the amounts stated in the foregoing notices to the Borrower and Term Lenders shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes absent manifest error. The payment amount specified in such notice to the Borrower shall be due and payable by the Borrower on the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date in accordance with subsection (vi) below (subject to subsection (x) below).

(v) In connection with any Discounted Term Loan Prepayment, the Group Members and the Term Lenders acknowledge and agree that the Auction Manager may require as a condition to any Discounted Term Loan Prepayment, the payment of customary and documented fees and out-of-pocket expenses from the Borrower in connection therewith.

(vi) If any Term Loan is prepaid in accordance with paragraphs (ii) through (iv) above, the Borrower shall prepay such Term Loans on the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date without premium or penalty, except as set forth in Section 2.12(d). The Borrower shall make such prepayment to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Discount Prepayment Accepting Lenders, Participating Term Lenders, or Qualifying Term Lenders, as applicable, at the Administrative Agent's office in immediately available funds not later than 1:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date and all such prepayments shall be applied to the remaining scheduled installments of principal of the relevant Class of Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.11 on a *pro rata* basis across the installments applicable to the Class of Term Loans so prepaid. The Term Loans so prepaid shall be, as set forth in this Section 2.12(c), accompanied by all accrued and unpaid interest on the par principal amount so prepaid up to, but not including, the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date. Each prepayment of the outstanding Term Loans pursuant to this Section 2.12(c) shall be paid to the Discount Prepayment Accepting Lenders, Participating Term Lenders, or Qualifying Term Lenders, as applicable, and shall be applied to the relevant Borrowings of Term Loans of the applicable Class of such Term Lenders ratably. The aggregate principal amount of the Classes and installments of the relevant Term Loans outstanding shall be deemed reduced by the full par value of the aggregate principal amount of the Classes of Term Loans prepaid on the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date in any Discounted Term Loan Prepayment.

(vii) To the extent not expressly provided for herein, each Discounted Term Loan Prepayment shall be consummated pursuant to procedures consistent with the

provisions in this Section 2.12(c), established by the Auction Manager acting in its reasonable discretion and as reasonably agreed by the Borrower.

(viii) Notwithstanding anything in any Loan Document to the contrary, for purposes of this Section 2.12(c), each notice or other communication required to be delivered or otherwise provided to the Auction Manager (or its delegate) shall be deemed to have been given upon the Auction Manager's (or its delegate's) actual receipt during normal business hours of such notice or communication; *provided* that any notice or communication actually received outside of normal business hours shall be deemed to have been given as of the opening of business on the next Business Day.

(ix) Each of the Group Members and the Term Lenders acknowledge and agree that the Auction Manager may perform any and all of its duties under this Section 2.12(c) by itself or through any Affiliate of the Auction Manager and expressly consents to any such delegation of duties by the Auction Manager to such Affiliate and the performance of such delegated duties by such Affiliate. The exculpatory provisions pursuant to this Agreement shall apply to each Affiliate of the Auction Manager and its respective activities in connection with any Discounted Term Loan Prepayment provided for in this Section 2.12(c) as well as activities of the Auction Manager.

(x) The Borrower shall have the right, by written notice to the Auction Manager, to revoke or modify its offer to make a Discounted Term Loan Prepayment and rescind the applicable Specified Discount Prepayment Notice, Discount Range Prepayment Notice or Solicited Discounted Prepayment Notice therefor at its discretion at any time on or prior to the applicable Specified Discount Prepayment Response Date (and if such offer is revoked pursuant to the preceding clauses, any failure by the Borrower to make any prepayment to a Term Lender, as applicable, pursuant to this Section 2.12(c) shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default under Section 7.01 of this Agreement or otherwise).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, any Borrower Offer of Specified Discount Prepayment, Borrower Solicitation of Discount Range Prepayment Offers or Borrower Solicitation of Discounted Prepayment Offers pursuant to this Section 2.12 may state that it is conditioned upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event specified therein (including the effectiveness of other credit facilities), in which case such notice may be revoked by the Borrower or the Borrower may delay the date of Borrower Offer of Specified Discount Prepayment, Borrower Solicitation of Discount Range Prepayment Offers or Borrower Solicitation of Discounted Prepayment Offers identified therein (by written notice to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied or the satisfaction of such condition is delayed.

(d) In the event that on or prior to the date that is six months from the Funding Date either (i) the Borrower makes any prepayment of Initial Term Loans in connection with a Repricing Transaction (including by way of a Refinancing Amendment) or (ii) effects any amendment of this Agreement resulting in a Repricing Transaction, the Borrower shall pay to the

Administrative Agent for the ratable account of the Lenders, in the case of clause (i) 1.00% of the principal amount of the Initial Term Loans so repaid, or in the case of clause (ii) a payment equal to 1.00% of the aggregate amount of the Initial Term Loans subject to such Repricing Transaction.

SECTION 2.13. **Mandatory Prepayments.** (a) (i) Any Net Available Cash from Asset Dispositions that is not applied or invested or committed to be applied or invested as provided in Section 4.08(b) of Annex I hereof will be deemed to constitute “Excess Proceeds”.

(ii) On or prior to the 366th day (or the 546th day, in the case of any Net Available Cash committed to be used pursuant to a definitive binding agreement or commitment approved by the Board of Directors of the Borrower pursuant to clauses (2) or (3) of Section 4.08(b) of Annex I hereof) after the later of (A) the date of such Asset Disposition and (B) the receipt of such Net Available Cash, if the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$35 million, the Borrower shall (1) deliver a notice of prepayment to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 2.13(g) and (2) to the extent the Borrower elects, or the Borrower or a Guarantor is required by the terms of other outstanding Pari Passu Indebtedness, deliver a notice of prepayment or redemption, or make an offer, to all holders of such other outstanding Pari Passu Indebtedness, in each case, to prepay or purchase the maximum principal amount of Term Loans and any such Pari Passu Indebtedness to which such notice or offer apply that may be prepaid or purchased out of the Excess Proceeds, on a *pro rata* basis, calculated in accordance with Section 2.13(h).

(iii) The Borrower shall (x) in the case of Term Loans, no earlier than 10 days and no later than 35 days following the notice referred to in Section 2.13(a)(ii)(B)(1) above and subject to Section 2.13(h) and (y) in the case of any Pari Passu Indebtedness, within the time periods required by such Pari Passu Indebtedness and subject to any provisions under any agreement or governing such Pari Passu Indebtedness that are analogous to Section 2.13(h), prepay or purchase the Term Loans and such Pari Passu Indebtedness in accordance with such notice or offer at an offer price equal to (and, in the case of any Pari Passu Indebtedness, an offer price of no more than) 100% of the principal amount of thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the date of purchase, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Agreement or the agreements governing the Pari Passu Indebtedness, as applicable.

(b) If the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary Incurs any Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness not prohibited to be Incurred under Section 4.04 of Annex I of this Agreement), the Borrower shall cause to be offered to be prepaid an aggregate principal amount of Term Loans in an amount equal to 100% of all Net Cash Proceeds received therefrom on or prior to the date which is five Business Days after the receipt by the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary of such Net Cash Proceeds.

(c) No later than 10 days after the date on which the financial statements are required to be delivered pursuant to Section 4.10(a)(1) of Annex I hereof (such date the “*ECF Prepayment Date*”), commencing with the financial statements delivered with respect to the

fiscal year of the Borrower ending December 31, 2021, the Borrower shall prepay outstanding Term Loans in accordance with Section 2.13(f) with the Pari Ratable Share of an amount equal to 50% (the “**ECF Percentage**”) of Excess Cash Flow for the fiscal year then ended; *provided* that (x) in calculating such Pari Ratable Share, outstanding revolving indebtedness that is Pari Passu Indebtedness shall not be included in the calculation of outstanding Pari Passu Indebtedness except to the extent such revolving indebtedness is prepaid or offered to be prepaid (with a permanent reduction of corresponding commitments) no later than the ECF Prepayment Date with its Pari Ratable Share of an amount equal to 50% of Excess Cash Flow for the fiscal year then ended and (y) such Pari Ratable Share shall be reduced by (without duplication of prepayments contemplated in clause (x) above or by any such amounts deducted pursuant to this Section 2.13(c) in a previous year) (i) the aggregate principal amount of any voluntary prepayments, repurchases or redemptions of Loans pursuant to Section 2.12 and any voluntary prepayments, repurchases or redemptions of Pari Passu Indebtedness pursuant to any equivalent voluntary prepayment provision in the documentation governing such other Pari Passu Indebtedness (and in the case of any revolving indebtedness, solely to the extent the corresponding commitments are permanently reduced); (ii) repayments or prepayments of Revolving Credit Loans made on the Closing Date, the proceeds of which were used to fund any original issue discount or upfront fees required in connection with the “market flex” provisions of the Fee Letter or in connection with the issuance of the Senior Notes, the Senior Secured Notes or otherwise were used to fund the Transactions on or prior to the Closing Date; (iii) the amount of any reductions in the outstanding principal amount of any Loans and Pari Passu Indebtedness (and in the case of any revolving indebtedness, solely to the extent the corresponding commitments are permanently reduced), in each case resulting from any assignments made in accordance with Section 9.04(k) or (l) (or any equivalent provision in the documentation governing such other Pari Passu Indebtedness) made or effected during such fiscal year and on or after the end of such fiscal year but prior to the ECF Prepayment Date (the “**Applicable ECF Deduct Period**”); (iv) the amount of any Permitted Investment made in cash (other than any Permitted Investments pursuant to clauses (a)(i) and (c) of the definition thereof) and any Restricted Payment made in cash pursuant to Section 4.05 of Article IV in Annex I hereof, in each case, that are made during such Applicable ECF Deduct Period by the Borrower or, in the case of Permitted Investments, the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary thereof with Internally Generated Cash and (v) the aggregate amount of Permitted Expenditures to the extent expected to be consummated or made, as applicable, during the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Borrower following the end of such fiscal year for which the Excess Cash Flow is being calculated, and expected in good faith to be financed with Internally Generated Cash; *provided* that to the extent that the aggregate amount of Permitted Expenditures financed with Internally Generated Cash and paid in cash during such following period of four consecutive fiscal quarters is less than the aggregate amount of Planned Expenditures expected to be financed with Internally Generated Cash, the amount of such shortfall shall be added to the ECF Payment Amount at the end of such following period of four consecutive fiscal quarters; *provided* that, in each case, such prepayments are not funded with proceeds of long-term Indebtedness (other than revolving indebtedness) (the “**ECF Payment Amount**”); *provided, further*, that (x) a prepayment of Term Loans pursuant to this Section 2.13(c) in respect of any fiscal year shall only be required in the amount (if any) by which the ECF Payment Amount for such fiscal year exceeds \$15.0 million, (y) the ECF Percentage for any fiscal year with respect to which Excess Cash Flow is

measured shall be reduced to (i) 25% if the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio as of the last day of such fiscal year is less than or equal to 4.50 to 1.00, and greater than 4.25 to 1.00 (with the ECF Percentage being calculated after giving effect to such prepayment at a rate of 50%) and (ii) to zero if the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio as of the last day of such fiscal year is less than or equal to 4.25 to 1.00 (with the ECF Percentage being calculated after giving effect to such prepayment at a rate of 25%). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, when calculating the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio for the purposes of this Section 2.13(c), Specified Indebtedness shall be determined after giving *pro forma* effect to any voluntary prepayments made pursuant to Section 2.12 and any voluntary prepayments of Pari Passu Indebtedness, in each case, after the end of the Borrower's most recently ended full fiscal year and prior to the ECF Prepayment Date and assuming such payments had been made on the last day of such fiscal year. For purposes of this Section 2.13(c), any voluntary prepayments of Loans or other Pari Passu Indebtedness shall include purchases of Loans or other Pari Passu Indebtedness by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary at or below par, in accordance with Section 2.12(c) in the case of the Term Loans, or any equivalent provision in the documentation governing such other Pari Passu Indebtedness, in which case the amount of voluntary prepayments of Loans or other Pari Passu Indebtedness shall be deemed not to exceed the actual purchase price of such Loans or other Pari Passu Indebtedness below par.

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, for purposes of this Section 2.13, (i) to the extent that any or all of the Excess Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow realized by a direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Borrower that is not a U.S. Person are prohibited or delayed by applicable local law from being repatriated to the United States, the portion of such Excess Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow so affected will not be required to be applied to repay Term Loans at the times provided in this Section 2.13(a) or (c), as applicable, but may be retained by the applicable Subsidiary so long, but only so long, as the applicable local law will not permit repatriation to the United States (the Borrower hereby agreeing to cause the applicable Subsidiary to promptly take all actions reasonably required by the applicable local law to permit such repatriation), and once such repatriation of any of such affected Excess Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow is permitted under the applicable local law, an amount equal to such Excess Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow permitted to be repatriated will be promptly (and in any event no later than two Business Days after any such repatriation) applied (net of additional taxes that are or would be payable or reserved against as a result thereof) to the repayment of the Term Loans pursuant to this Section 2.13 to the extent otherwise provided herein or (ii) to the extent that the Borrower determines in good faith that repatriation of an amount equal to any or all of the Excess Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow by such Subsidiary that is not a U.S. person would have material adverse tax consequences with respect to such Excess Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow, the Excess Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow so affected shall not be required to be applied to repay Loans at the times provided in accordance with Sections 2.13(a) or (c), as applicable, and may be deducted from any amounts otherwise due under Sections 2.13(a) or (c), as applicable, so long, but only so long, as the Borrower believes in good faith that repatriation of such amount would have material adverse tax consequences; *provided* that if repatriation of any affected portion of the Excess Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow would no longer have material adverse tax consequences, as determined by the Borrower in good faith, the Borrower shall promptly (and in

any event within five Business Days) prepay the Loans in an amount equal to any such portion no longer affected.

(e) In the event and on such occasion that (i) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Class exceeds the aggregate amount of the Revolving Credit Commitments of such Class or (ii) the Revolving Credit Exposure under Participating Revolving Credit Commitments exceeds the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments, the Borrower shall promptly (and in any event within five Business Days) prepay (or in the case of L/C Exposure, cash collateralize) the Revolving Credit Loans, L/C Exposure and/or Swing Line Loans in an aggregate amount equal to such excess (it being understood that the Borrower shall prepay Revolving Credit Loans and/or Swing Line Loans prior to cash collateralization of L/C Exposure).

(f) Mandatory prepayments of outstanding Loans under this Agreement pursuant to Section 2.13(a) through (c) shall be allocated to any Class of Term Loans outstanding as directed by the Borrower, shall be applied *pro rata* to Term Lenders within such Class of Term Loans, based upon the outstanding principal amounts owing to each such Term Lender under such Class of Term Loans, and shall be applied against the remaining scheduled installments of principal due in respect of such Class of Term Loans as directed by the Borrower (and in the absence of such direction, in direct order of maturity); *provided* that, unless otherwise permitted under this Agreement, such prepayments may not be directed to a later maturing Class of Term Loans without at least a *pro rata* repayment of any earlier maturing Classes of Term Loans (except that any Class of Incremental Term Loans, Extended Term Loans or Refinancing Term Loans may specify that one or more other Classes of later maturing Term Loans may be prepaid prior to such Class of earlier maturing Term Loans).

(g) The Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent, at the time of each prepayment required under this Section 2.13 (other than Section 2.13(e)), (i) a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower setting forth in reasonable detail the calculation of the amount of such prepayment and (ii) to the extent practicable (except in respect of prepayments required under Section 2.13(a)), at least three Business Days prior written notice of such prepayment. Any such notice of prepayment may state that such notice is conditioned upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event specified therein (including the effectiveness of other credit facilities), in which case such notice may be revoked by the Borrower or the Borrower may delay the date of prepayment identified therein (by written notice to the Administrative Agent, on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied or the satisfaction of such condition is delayed. Each notice of prepayment shall specify the prepayment date, the Type of each Loan being prepaid and the principal amount of each Loan (or portion thereof) to be prepaid. All prepayments of Borrowings under this Section 2.13 shall be subject to Section 2.16, but shall otherwise be without premium or penalty, and shall be accompanied by accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount to be prepaid to but excluding the date of payment.

(h) The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of the contents of any prepayment notices delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to clause (a) of this Section 2.13 and of such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the prepayment. Each Lender may reject all

or a portion of its Pro Rata Share of any mandatory prepayment (such declined amounts, the “**Declined Proceeds**”) of Term Loans required to be made pursuant to clause (a) of this Section 2.13 by providing written notice (each, a “**Rejection Notice**”) to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower no later than 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the date that is three Business Days (or such shorter period as may be agreed by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion) prior to the proposed prepayment date. Each Rejection Notice from a given Lender shall specify the principal amount of the mandatory repayment of Loans to be rejected by such Lender. If a Lender fails to deliver a Rejection Notice to the Administrative Agent within the time frame specified above or such Rejection Notice fails to specify the principal amount of the Loans to be rejected, any such failure will be deemed an acceptance of the total amount of such mandatory prepayment of Loans. Any Declined Proceeds shall be retained by the Borrower and may be applied in any manner that is not prohibited by this Agreement. If the aggregate principal amount of the Term Loans to be prepaid and other Pari Passu Indebtedness required to be prepaid or redeemed or in respect of which the Borrower is required to make an offer to purchase or redeem, collectively, exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Excess Proceeds shall be allocated among the Term Loans and Pari Passu Indebtedness to be purchased on a *pro rata* basis on the basis of the aggregate principal amount of Loans and Pari Passu Indebtedness to be prepaid or purchased. Upon making any prepayment required by Section 2.13(a), subject to this clause (h), the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset at zero.

(i) In the event that any portion of the Initial Term Loans have funded into the Loan Escrow Account and have not yet been released from the Loan Escrow Agreement and (i) the Disposition does not take place on or prior to the Longstop Date; (ii) the Disposition is abandoned; or (iii) there is an Event of Default under Section 7.01(g) with respect to the Borrower (the date of any such event being the “**Loan Escrow Termination Date**”), the Borrower will no later than one Business Day following the Loan Escrow Termination Date deliver notice of the Loan Escrow Termination Date to the Loan Escrow Agent and the Administrative Agent and will provide that the Initial Term Loans outstanding at such time shall be repaid at a price equal to the Special Mandatory Repayment Amount for such Term Loans no later than the fifth Business Day after such notice is given by the Borrower in accordance with the terms of the Loan Escrow Agreement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Lenders hereby agree that upon payment of the Special Mandatory Repayment Amount (which the Lenders acknowledge and agree may be less than the face value of the Initial Term Loans), the full principal amount of such Term Loans will be deemed to have been paid in full and discharged.

SECTION 2.14. **Reserve Requirements; Change in Circumstances.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if any Change in Law shall impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, liquidity requirement, Tax (other than Indemnified Taxes indemnified pursuant to Section 2.20 and Excluded Taxes) or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of or credit extended by any Lender or shall impose on such Lender or the London interbank market any other condition affecting this Agreement, Eurodollar Loans [or SOFR Loans](#) made by such Lender, and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Lender of making or maintaining any

Eurodollar [Loan or SOFR](#) Loan or increase the cost to any Lender or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender hereunder (whether of principal, interest or otherwise) by an amount deemed by such Lender to be material, then the Borrower will pay to such Lender upon demand such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

(b) If any Lender shall have determined that any Change in Law (other than a Change in Law relating to Taxes) regarding capital adequacy or liquidity has had or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's capital or on the capital of such Lender's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement or the Loans made by such Lender pursuant hereto to a level below that which such Lender or such Lender's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's policies and the policies of such Lender's holding company with respect to capital adequacy and liquidity) by an amount deemed by such Lender to be material, then from time to time the Borrower shall pay to such Lender upon demand such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or such Lender's holding company for any such reduction suffered.

(c) A certificate of a Lender setting forth (i) the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or its holding company, as applicable, and (ii) the calculations supporting such amount or amounts, as specified in Sections 2.14(a) or (b) shall be delivered to the Borrower and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender the amount shown as due on any such certificate delivered by it within 10 days after its receipt of the same.

(d) Failure or delay on the part of any Lender to demand compensation for any increased costs or reduction in amounts received or receivable or reduction in return on capital shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's right to demand such compensation; *provided* that the Borrower shall not be under any obligation to compensate any Lender under Sections 2.14(a) or (b) with respect to increased costs or reductions with respect to any period prior to the date that is 180 days prior to such request if such Lender knew or would reasonably have been expected to know of the circumstances giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of the fact that such circumstances would result in a claim for increased compensation by reason of such increased costs or reductions; *provided, further*, that the foregoing limitation shall not apply to any increased costs or reductions arising out of the retroactive application of any Change in Law within such 180-day period. The protection of this Section 2.14 shall be available to each Lender regardless of any possible contention of the invalidity or inapplicability of the Change in Law that shall have occurred or been imposed.

SECTION 2.15. ***Change in Legality.*** (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if any Change in Law shall make it unlawful for any Lender to make or maintain any Eurodollar Loan or [SOFR Loan or](#) to give effect to its obligations as contemplated hereby with respect to any Eurodollar Loan [or SOFR Loan](#), then, by written notice to the Borrower and to the Administrative Agent:

(i) such Lender may declare that Eurodollar Loans [or SOFR Loans, as applicable](#), will not thereafter (for the duration of such unlawfulness) be made by such

Lender hereunder (or be continued for additional Interest Periods) and ABR Loans will not thereafter (for such duration) be converted into Eurodollar Loans [or SOFR Loans](#), whereupon any request for a Eurodollar Borrowing [or SOFR Borrowing](#) (or to convert an ABR Borrowing to a Eurodollar Borrowing or [SOFR Borrowing or](#) to continue a Eurodollar [Borrowing or a SOFR Borrowing](#) for an additional Interest Period) shall, as to such Lender only be deemed in the event of Eurodollar Borrowings [or SOFR Borrowings](#), a request for an ABR Loan (or a request to continue an ABR Loan as such for an additional Interest Period or to convert a Eurodollar Loan [or a SOFR Loan](#) into an ABR Loan, as the case may be); and

(ii) such Lender may require that all outstanding Eurodollar Loans [or SOFR Loans](#) made by it be converted to ABR Loans, in which event all such Eurodollar Loans [or SOFR Loans](#) shall be automatically converted to ABR Loans as of the effective date of such notice as provided in Section 2.15(b).

In the event any Lender shall exercise its rights under clauses (i) or (ii) above, all payments and prepayments of principal that would otherwise have been applied to repay the Eurodollar Loans [or the SOFR Loans](#) that would have been made by such Lender or the converted Eurodollar Loans [or SOFR Loans](#) of such Lender shall instead be applied to repay the ABR Loans made by such Lender in lieu of, or resulting from the conversion of, such Eurodollar Loans [or SOFR Loans](#).

(b) For purposes of this Section 2.15, a notice to the Borrower by any Lender shall be effective as to each Eurodollar Loan [or SOFR Loan](#) made by such Lender, if lawful, on the last day of the Interest Period then applicable to such Eurodollar Loan [or SOFR Loan](#); in all other cases such notice shall be effective on the date of receipt by the Borrower.

SECTION 2.16. **Breakage.** The Borrower shall indemnify each Lender against any loss or expense that such Lender may sustain or incur as a consequence of (a) any event, other than a default by such Lender in the performance of its obligations hereunder, which results in (i) such Lender receiving or being deemed to receive any amount on account of the principal of any Eurodollar Loan [or SOFR Loan](#) prior to the end of the Interest Period in effect therefor, (ii) the conversion of any Eurodollar Loan [or SOFR Loan](#) to an ABR Loan, or the conversion of the Interest Period with respect to any Eurodollar Loan [or SOFR Loan](#), in each case other than on the last day of the Interest Period in effect therefor or (iii) any Eurodollar Loan [or SOFR Loan](#) to be made by such Lender (including any Eurodollar Loan [or SOFR Loan](#) to be made pursuant to a conversion or continuation under Section 2.10) not being made after notice of such Loan shall have been given by the Borrower hereunder (any of the events referred to in this clause (a) being called a “**Breakage Event**”) or (b) any default in the making of any payment or prepayment of any Eurodollar Loan [or SOFR Loan](#) required to be made hereunder. In the case of any Breakage Event, such loss shall include an amount equal to the excess, as reasonably determined by such Lender, of (i) its cost of obtaining funds for the Eurodollar [Loan or SOFR Loan](#) that is the subject of such Breakage Event for the period from the date of such Breakage Event to the last day of the Interest Period in effect (or that would have been in effect) for such Loan over (ii) the amount of interest likely to be realized by such Lender in redeploying the funds released or not

utilized by reason of such Breakage Event for such period. Each Lender shall provide a certificate setting forth any amount or amounts which such Lender is entitled to receive pursuant to this Section 2.16 to the Borrower within 180 days after the Breakage Event and such certificate shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

SECTION 2.17. ***Pro Rata Treatment.*** Except as set forth in Section 2.12, as required under Section 2.15 or otherwise stated herein, each Borrowing, each payment or prepayment of principal of any Borrowing, each payment of interest on the Loans and each conversion of any Borrowing to or continuation of any Borrowing as a Borrowing of any Type shall be allocated *pro rata* among the Lenders in accordance with their respective applicable Commitments (or, if such Commitments shall have expired or been terminated, in accordance with the respective principal amounts of their outstanding Loans). Each Lender agrees that in computing such Lender's portion of any Borrowing to be made hereunder, the Administrative Agent may, in its discretion, round each Lender's percentage of such Borrowing to the next higher or lower whole Dollar amount.

SECTION 2.18. ***Sharing of Setoffs.*** Each Lender agrees that if it shall, through the exercise of a right of banker's lien, setoff or counterclaim against the Borrower or any other Loan Party, or pursuant to a secured claim under Section 506 of Title 11 of the United States Code or other security or interest arising from, or in lieu of, such secured claim, received by such Lender under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law or otherwise, or by any other means, obtain payment (voluntary or involuntary) in respect of any Loan or Loans, or participations in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans held by it, as a result of which the unpaid principal portion of its Loans, or participations in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans held by it, shall be proportionately less than the unpaid principal portion of the Loans of any other Lender, or participations in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans held by such other Lender, it shall be deemed simultaneously to have purchased from such other Lender at face value, and shall promptly pay to such other Lender the purchase price for, a participation in the Loans of such other Lender (or a sub-participation in the participations in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans held by such other Lender), so that the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Loans and participations held by each Lender shall be in the same proportion to the aggregate unpaid principal amount of all Loans and participations then outstanding as the principal amount of its Loans and participations prior to such exercise of banker's lien, setoff or counterclaim or other event was to the principal amount of all Loans and participations outstanding prior to such exercise of banker's lien, setoff or counterclaim or other event; *provided, however*, that (a) if any such purchase or purchases or adjustments shall be made pursuant to this Section 2.18 and the payment giving rise thereto shall thereafter be recovered, such purchase or purchases or adjustments shall be rescinded to the extent of such recovery and the purchase price or prices or adjustment restored without interest and (b) the provisions of this Section 2.18 shall not be construed to apply to any payment made by the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Loans to any assignee or participant, other than to any Affiliates of the Borrower (as to which the provisions of this Section 2.18 shall apply); *provided, further*, that in the event that any Defaulting Lender shall exercise any such right of setoff, (x) all amounts so set off shall be paid over immediately to the Administrative

Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.25 and, pending such payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders and (y) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to the Administrative Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the Obligations owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. The Borrower expressly consents to the foregoing arrangements and agrees that any Lender holding a participation in a Loan deemed to have been so purchased may exercise any and all rights of banker's lien, setoff or counterclaim with respect to any and all moneys owing by the Borrower to such Lender by reason thereof as fully as if such Lender had made a Loan directly to the Borrower in the amount of the participation.

SECTION 2.19. **Payments.** (a) The Borrower shall make each payment (including principal of or interest on any Borrowing or any fees or other amounts) hereunder and under any other Loan Document not later than 1:00 p.m., New York City time, on the date when due in immediately available Dollars, without setoff, defense or counterclaim. Each such payment shall be made to the Administrative Agent at its offices described on Schedule 9.01(b) (or as otherwise notified by the Administrative Agent in writing to the Borrower from time to time). Any payments received by the Administrative Agent after 1:00 p.m., New York City time, may, in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion, be deemed received on the next succeeding Business Day. Subject to Article VIII, the Administrative Agent shall promptly distribute to each Lender any payments received by the Administrative Agent on behalf of such Lender.

(b) Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, whenever any payment (including principal of or interest on any Borrowing or any fees or other amounts) hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall become due, or otherwise would occur, on a day that is not a Business Day, such payment may be made on the next succeeding Business Day, and such extension of time shall in such case be included in the computation of interest or fees, if applicable. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all fees referred to herein (including in Sections 2.05, 2.26(h) and 2.26(i)) shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year and the actual number of days elapsed.

SECTION 2.20. **Taxes.** (a) Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower or any other Loan Party hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall, except to the extent required by law, be made without any Tax Deduction; *provided that*, if any Indemnified Taxes are required to be deducted from such payments, then (i) the sum payable by the Borrower or other Loan Party shall be increased as necessary so that after making all required deductions, (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section 2.20) the Administrative Agent and each Lender (as the case may be) receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions been made, (ii) the Administrative Agent or such Loan Party shall make such Tax Deduction and any payment required in connection with that Tax Deduction within the time allowed and in the minimum amount required by law and (iii) the Administrative Agent or such Loan Party shall pay the full amount deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.

(b) In addition, and without duplication of any other amounts hereunder, the Borrower and any other Loan Party, as the case may be, shall pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law or, at the option of the Administrative Agent, timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.

(c) The Loan Parties shall jointly and severally indemnify the Administrative Agent and each Lender, within 30 days after written demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes paid by the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, on or with respect to any payment by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower or any other Loan Party hereunder or otherwise with respect to any Loan Document (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section 2.20) and, to the extent not arising due to the gross negligence or willful neglect of the Administrative Agent or Lenders, any penalties, interest and reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) or by the Administrative Agent on behalf of itself or a Lender shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Administrative Agent and each Lender shall not be indemnified for any Indemnified Taxes that have already been compensated for by an increased payment in accordance with Section 2.20(a) above.

(d) Not later than 30 days after a Tax Deduction or any payment required in connection with a Tax Deduction by the Borrower or any other Loan Party to a Governmental Authority, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent evidence reasonably satisfactory that the Tax Deduction has been made or (as applicable) that any appropriate payment to the Governmental Authority has been paid.

(e) (i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in clause (ii)(A) and (ii)(B) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender, (it being understood that the completion, execution and submission of any documentation no more burdensome than that required for U.S. federal income tax withholding will not give rise to an

exception from the preceding sentence or otherwise be considered prejudicial to the position of a Lender).

(ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing,

(A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed copies of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax;

(B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the “interest” article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Documents, IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the “business profits” or “other income” article of such tax treaty;

(2) executed copies of IRS Form W-8ECI;

(3) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit H-1 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a “bank” within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, a “10 percent shareholder” of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or a “controlled foreign corporation” described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code (a “**U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate**”) and (y) executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E; or

(4) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, executed copies of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN or W-BEN-E, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit H-2 or Exhibit H-3, IRS

Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; *provided* that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit H-4 on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

(C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed copies of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made.

Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification, provide any necessary successor form, or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

(f) If a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (f), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

(g) On or before the date the Administrative Agent becomes a party to this Agreement, the Administrative Agent shall provide to the Borrower, two duly signed, properly completed copies of the documentation prescribed in clause (i) or (ii) below, as applicable (together with all required attachments thereto): (i) IRS Form W-9 or any successor thereto, or (ii) (A) IRS Form W-8ECI or any successor thereto, and (B) with respect to payments received on account of any Lender, a U.S. branch withholding certificate on IRS Form W-8IMY or any successor thereto evidencing its agreement with the Borrower to be treated as a U.S. Person for U.S. federal withholding purposes. At any time thereafter, the Administrative Agent shall

provide updated documentation previously provided (or, a successor form thereto) when any documentation previously delivered has expired or become obsolete or invalid or otherwise upon a reasonable request of the Borrower.

(h) If any party determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.20 (including by the payment of additional amounts pursuant to this Section 2.20) it shall pay to the indemnifying party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) of such indemnified party and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund). Such indemnifying party, upon the request of such indemnified party, shall repay to such indemnified party the amount paid over pursuant to the first sentence of this paragraph (h) (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) in the event that such indemnified party is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph (h), in no event will the indemnified party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to paragraph (h) the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This paragraph (h) shall not be construed to require any indemnified party to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the indemnifying party or any other Person.

SECTION 2.21. ***Assignment of Commitments Under Certain Circumstances; Duty to Mitigate.*** (a) In the event (i) any Lender delivers a certificate requesting compensation pursuant to Section 2.14, (ii) any Lender delivers a notice described in Section 2.15, (iii) the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority on account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.20, (iv) any Lender is a Non-Consenting Lender or (v) any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, in each case, the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort (including with respect to the processing and recordation fee referred to in Section 9.04(b)), upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, (A) require such Lender to transfer and assign, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in Section 9.04), all of its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement (or, in the case of clause (iv) above, all of its interests, rights and obligations with respect to the Class of Loans or Commitments that is the subject of the related consent, amendment, waiver or other modification) to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such assigned obligations and, with respect to clause (iv) above, shall consent to such requested amendment, waiver or other modification of any Loan Documents (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment); *provided* that (x) such assignment shall not conflict with any law, rule or regulation or order of any court or other Governmental Authority having jurisdiction, (y) the Borrower shall have received the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed and (z) the Borrower or such assignee shall have paid to the affected Lender in immediately available funds an amount equal to the sum

of the principal of and interest accrued to the date of such payment on the outstanding Loans of such Lender plus all fees and other amounts accrued for the account of such Lender hereunder with respect thereto (including any amounts under Sections 2.14 and 2.16 and, in the case of any such assignment occurring in connection with a Repricing Transaction occurring prior to the six-month anniversary of the Funding Date, the prepayment fee pursuant to Section 2.12(d) (with such assignment being deemed to be a voluntary prepayment for purposes of determining the applicability of Section 2.12(d), such amount to be payable by the Borrower)), or (B) terminate the Commitment of such Lender and (x) in the case of a Lender other than an L/C Issuer, repay all Obligations of the Borrower owing to such Lender relating to the Loans and participations held by such Lender as of such termination date and (y) in the case of an L/C Issuer, repay all Obligations of the Borrower owing to such L/C Issuer relating to the Loans and participations held by such L/C Issuer as of such termination date and Cash Collateralize, cancel or backstop, or provide for the deemed reissuance under another facility, on terms satisfactory to such L/C Issuer any Letters of Credit issued by it; *provided, further*, that if prior to any such transfer and assignment the circumstances or event that resulted in such Lender's claim for compensation under Section 2.14, notice under Section 2.15 or the amounts paid pursuant to Section 2.20, as the case may be, cease to cause such Lender to suffer increased costs or reductions in amounts received or receivable or reduction in return on capital, or cease to have the consequences specified in Section 2.15, or cease to result in amounts being payable under Section 2.20, as the case may be (including as a result of any action taken by such Lender pursuant to Section 2.21(b)), or if such Lender shall waive its right to claim further compensation under Section 2.14 in respect of such circumstances or event or shall withdraw its notice under Section 2.15 or shall waive its right to further payments under Section 2.20 in respect of such circumstances or event or shall consent to the proposed amendment, waiver, consent or other modification, as the case may be, then such Lender shall not thereafter be required to make any such transfer and assignment hereunder. Each Lender hereby grants to the Administrative Agent an irrevocable power of attorney (which power is coupled with an interest) to execute and deliver, on behalf of such Lender, as assignor, any Assignment and Acceptance necessary to effectuate any assignment of such Lender's interests hereunder in the circumstances contemplated by this Section 2.21(a).

(b) If (i) any Lender shall request compensation under Section 2.14, (ii) any Lender delivers a notice described in Section 2.15 or (iii) the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority on account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.20, then such Lender or Administrative Agent shall use reasonable efforts (which shall not require such Lender or Administrative Agent to incur an unreimbursed loss or unreimbursed cost or expense or otherwise take any action inconsistent with its internal policies or legal or regulatory restrictions or suffer any disadvantage or burden deemed by it to be significant) (x) to file any certificate or document reasonably requested in writing by the Borrower or (y) to assign its rights and delegate and transfer its obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if such filing or assignment would reduce its claims for compensation under Section 2.14 or enable it to withdraw its notice pursuant to Section 2.15 or would reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 2.20, as the case may be, in the future. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such filing or assignment, delegation and transfer.

SECTION 2.22. **Incremental Loans.** (a) The Borrower may, by written notice to the Administrative Agent and the Person appointed by the Borrower to arrange Incremental Loan Commitments (such Person (who may be (i) the Administrative Agent, if it so agrees or (ii) any other Person appointed by the Borrower after consultation with the Administrative Agent), the “**Incremental Arranger**”) from time to time, request from one or more existing or additional Lenders, all of which must be Eligible Assignees: (A) one or more new commitments for new Term Loans which may be of the same Class as any outstanding Class of Term Loans or a new Class of Term Loans (the “**Incremental Term Loan Commitments**”) and/or (B) the establishment of one or more new revolving credit commitments (any such new commitments, the “**Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments**” and the Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments, collectively with any Incremental Term Loan Commitments, the “**Incremental Loan Commitments**”), in an amount not to exceed the Incremental Loan Amount (in the case of Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments, assuming a borrowing of the maximum amount of Incremental Revolving Loans available); *provided* that Incremental Loan Commitments may be incurred in the Available Currency or an alternative currency pursuant to procedures and on terms to be agreed with the applicable Incremental Arranger. The Incremental Arranger shall promptly deliver a copy of such notice to each of the Lenders. Such notice shall set forth (i) the amount of the Incremental Loan Commitments being requested (which shall be in minimum increments of, \$1,000,000 and a minimum amount of \$5,000,000 (or in such lower minimum amounts or multiples as agreed to by the Incremental Arranger in its reasonable discretion), or such lesser amount equal to the Incremental Loan Amount at such time), (i) the date on which such Incremental Loan Commitments are requested to become effective (which shall not be less than five Business Days (or such shorter period as agreed by the Incremental Arranger) after the date of such notice) and (i) whether such Incremental Loan Commitments are commitments to make additional Loans of the same Class which shall be extended in a manner so as to be fungible with an existing Class of Loans hereunder or commitments to make Loans with terms different from such Loans which shall constitute a separate Class of Loans hereunder (“**Other Loans**”). On the applicable date specified in any Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement (the “**Incremental Facility Closing Date**”), subject only to the satisfaction of the terms and conditions in this Section 2.22 and in the applicable Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, (1) each Incremental Term Lender of such Class shall make a Loan to the Borrower (an “**Incremental Term Loan**”) in an amount equal to its Incremental Term Loan Commitment of such Class and (1) each Incremental Term Lender of such Class shall become a Lender hereunder with respect to the Incremental Term Loan Commitment of such Class and the Incremental Term Loans of such Class made pursuant thereto and (A) (1) each Incremental Revolving Credit Lender of such Class shall make its Commitment available to the Borrower (when borrowed, an “**Incremental Revolving Loan**” and collectively with any Incremental Term Loan, an “**Incremental Loan**”) in an amount equal to its Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment of such Class and (1) each Incremental Revolving Credit Lender of such Class shall become a Lender hereunder with respect to the Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment of such Class and the Incremental Revolving Loans of such Class made pursuant thereto.

(b) The Borrower may seek Incremental Loan Commitments from existing Lenders (each of which shall be entitled to agree or decline to participate in its sole discretion) and additional banks, financial institutions and other institutional lenders who will become

Incremental Lenders in connection therewith; *provided* that (i) the Borrower and the Administrative Agent shall have consented to such additional banks, financial institutions and other institutional lenders to the extent the consent of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, would be required if such institution were receiving an assignment of Loans pursuant to Section 9.04 (*provided, further*, that the consent of the Administrative Agent shall not be required with respect to an additional bank, financial institution, or other institutional lender that is an Affiliate of a Lender or a Related Fund), (ii) with respect to Incremental Term Loan Commitments, any Affiliated Lender providing an Incremental Term Loan Commitment shall be subject to the same restrictions set forth in Section 9.04 as they would otherwise be subject to with respect to any purchase by or assignment to such Affiliated Lender of Term Loans and (iii) Affiliated Lenders may not provide Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments. The Borrower and each Incremental Lender shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent and the Incremental Arranger an Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement and such other documentation as the Incremental Arranger shall reasonably specify to evidence the Incremental Loan Commitment of each Incremental Lender. The Other Loans and any Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments providing for Incremental Revolving Loans that are Other Loans (such commitments, “**Other Revolving Credit Loan Commitments**” and such loans, “**Other Revolving Credit Loans**”) (i) shall have fees and margin and/or interest rate determined by the Borrower and the Incremental Lenders providing such Loans, (i) shall rank *pari passu* in right of payment with the Loans or Commitments existing prior the incurrence of such Other Loans and Other Revolving Credit Loan Commitments and be secured by the Collateral on a *pari passu* basis and (i) (A) in the case of Incremental Term Loans, (x) may participate on a *pro rata* basis, less than *pro rata* basis or greater than *pro rata* basis in any mandatory prepayment of Term Loans (except that, unless otherwise permitted under this Agreement, such Incremental Term Loans may not participate on a greater than *pro rata* basis as compared to any earlier maturing Class of Term Loans) and (y) may participate on a *pro rata* basis, less than *pro rata* basis or greater than *pro rata* basis in any voluntary prepayment of Term Loans and (A) in the case of Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments and Incremental Revolving Loans, (x) shall provide that the borrowing and repayment (except for (A) payments of interest and fees at different rates on Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments (and related outstandings), (B) repayments required upon the Maturity Date of the Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments and (C) repayment made in connection with a permanent repayment and termination of commitments (subject to clause (y) below)) of Loans with respect to Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments after the associated Incremental Facility Closing Date shall be made on a *pro rata* basis or less than *pro rata* basis (but not more than a *pro rata* basis) with all other Revolving Credit Commitments then existing on the Incremental Facility Closing Date and (y) may provide that the permanent repayment of Revolving Credit Loans with respect to, and termination or reduction of, Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments after the associated Incremental Facility Closing Date be made on a *pro rata* basis, less than *pro rata* basis or greater than *pro rata* basis with all other Revolving Credit Commitments. Without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, (A) the final maturity date of any Other Loans that are Term Loans (the “**Other Term Loans**”), shall be no earlier than the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, (B) the final maturity date of any Other Revolving Credit Loans or Other Revolving Credit Loan Commitments shall be no earlier than the Initial Revolving Credit Commitment Maturity Date, (C) the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Other Term Loans shall be no shorter than the remaining Weighted

Average Life to Maturity of the Initial Term Loans, (D) the All-In Yield applicable to the Other Loans shall be determined by the Borrower and the applicable Incremental Lenders and shall be set forth in each applicable Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement; *provided, however*, that on or prior to the date that is 12 months from the Funding Date, the All-In Yield applicable to such Other Term Loans of the same currency as the Initial Term Loans (other than Other Term Loans (w) Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(a) of Annex I, Section 4.04(b)(1)(B)(y) of Annex I, (x) having a maturity date that is more than two years after the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date or (y) Incurred in connection with an acquisition or other Investment) shall not be greater than the applicable All-In Yield payable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement as amended through the date of such calculation with respect to the Initial Term Loans plus 75 basis points per annum unless the interest rate (together with, as provided in the proviso below, the Adjusted LIBO Rate floor or Adjusted Term SOFR floor) with respect to such Loans is increased so as to cause the then applicable All-In Yield under this Agreement on such Loans to equal the All-In Yield then applicable to the Other Term Loans minus 75 basis points; *provided* that any increase in All-In Yield to any Loan due to the application or imposition of an Adjusted LIBO Rate floor, Adjusted Term SOFR floor or an Alternate Base Rate floor on any Other Term Loans shall be effected, at the Borrower's option, (x) through an increase in (or implementation of, as applicable) any Adjusted LIBO Rate floor, Adjusted Term SOFR floor or Alternate Base Rate floor, as applicable, applicable to such Loan, (y) through an increase in the Applicable Margin for such Loan or (z) any combination of (x) and (y) above and (E) the other terms and documentation in respect of such Other Loans (except for covenants or other provisions (i) conformed (or added) in the Loan Documents pursuant to the related Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement for the benefit of all of the Lenders; *provided* that (x) in the case of any Class of Incremental Term Loans and Incremental Term Loan Commitments, "soft-call" provisions may be added solely for the benefit of the Term Lenders and (y) in the case of any Class of Incremental Revolving Loans and Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments, financial maintenance covenants may be added solely for the benefit of the Revolving Credit Lenders or (ii) applicable only to periods after the Latest Maturity Date as of the Incremental Facility Closing Date (collectively the "**Additional Covenants**") which may be added without the consent of any other party)), to the extent not consistent with the Term Facilities or the Revolving Credit Facilities, as applicable, shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Incremental Arranger; *provided* that such other terms and documentation shall be deemed to be reasonably satisfactory to such Incremental Arranger if they reflect market terms and conditions (taken as a whole) at the time of incurrence of such Other Loans (as determined by the Borrower in good faith)). The Incremental Arranger shall promptly notify each Lender that has Incremental Loan Commitments and the Borrower as to the effectiveness of each Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement and each such effective Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement may be provided to the Lenders and the Administrative Agent. Notwithstanding anything in Section 9.08 to the contrary, each of the parties hereto hereby agrees that, upon the effectiveness of any Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, (i) this Agreement shall be deemed amended to the extent (but only to the extent) necessary to reflect the existence and terms of the Incremental Loan Commitment and the Incremental Loans evidenced thereby including the Additional Covenants, (ii) each Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement may, without the consent of any other Loan Party, Agent or Lender, effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the reasonable opinion of the applicable Incremental Arranger and

the Borrower, to effect the provisions of this Section 2.22, including to effect technical and corresponding amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and (iii) at the option of the Borrower in consultation with the applicable Incremental Arranger, incorporate terms that would be favorable to existing Lenders of the applicable Class or Classes for the benefit of such existing Lenders of the applicable Class or Classes, in each case under this clause (iii), so long as the applicable Incremental Arranger reasonably agrees that such modification is favorable to the applicable Lenders. Incremental Loans and Other Loans shall rank *pari passu* in right of payment and security (but without regard to the control of remedies) with the other Obligations under this Agreement, shall not at any time be guaranteed by any Subsidiary of the Borrower other than Subsidiaries that are Guarantors, and the obligations in respect thereof shall not be secured by any property or assets of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary other than the Collateral.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Incremental Loan Commitment shall become effective under this Section 2.22 unless on the date of such effectiveness (or earlier, as determined in accordance with Section 1.05, in the case of an Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement the primary purpose of which is to finance a Limited Condition Transaction), (i) (x) the representations and warranties set forth in Article III and in each other Loan Document shall be true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects to the extent qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect) on and as of such date with the same effect as though made on and as of such date, except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects to the extent qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect) on and as of such earlier date; *provided* that, with respect to any Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement the primary purpose of which is to finance a Limited Condition Transaction, a Permitted Investment or an acquisition not prohibited by this Agreement, the condition set forth in this sub-clause (i)(x) shall only be required to the extent included (and in the form set forth in) in the relevant Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement (and, if included, may be waived by Incremental Lenders holding more than 50% of the applicable aggregate Incremental Loan Commitments); and (y) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; *provided* that (other than in the case of an Event of Default specified in Section 7.01(a) and (g)), the condition in this sub-clause (i)(x) may be waived by Incremental Lenders holding more than 50% of the applicable aggregate Incremental Loan Commitments, and the Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate to that effect dated such date and executed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower, (ii) all fees and expenses owing to the Administrative Agent in respect of such increase shall have been paid, (iii) the Incremental Arranger shall have received legal opinions addressed to the Incremental Lenders and the Incremental Arranger, board resolutions and other closing certificates reasonably requested by the Incremental Arranger and consistent with those delivered on the Funding Date under Section 4.02, other than changes to such legal opinions resulting from a change in law, change in fact or change to counsel's form of opinion reasonably satisfactory to the Incremental Arranger and (iv) the Incremental Arranger shall have received reaffirmation agreements and/or such amendments to the Security Documents as may be reasonably requested by the Incremental Arranger in order to ensure that such Incremental Lenders are provided with the benefit of the applicable Loan Documents.

(d) Each of the parties hereto hereby agrees that the Administrative Agent and the Incremental Arranger, as applicable, may, in consultation with the Borrower, take any and all action as may be reasonably necessary to ensure that all Incremental Loans (other than Other Loans), when originally made, are included in each Borrowing of outstanding Loans of the same currency on a *pro rata* basis. This may be accomplished by requiring each outstanding Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing to be converted into an ABR Borrowing on the date of each Incremental Loan, or by allocating a portion of each Incremental Loan to each outstanding Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing on a *pro rata* basis. Any conversion of Eurodollar Loans or SOFR Loans to ABR Loans required by the preceding sentence (unless, solely with respect to Incremental Lenders, as otherwise agreed by the Incremental Lenders) shall be subject to Section 2.16. If any Incremental Loan is to be allocated to an existing Interest Period for a Eurodollar Borrowing or SOFR Borrowing, then the interest rate thereon for such Interest Period and the other economic consequences thereof shall be as set forth in the applicable Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement. In addition, to the extent any Incremental Loans are not Other Loans and are fungible with any other Class of Term Loans, the scheduled amortization payments under Section 2.11(a)(i) required to be made to such other Class after the making of such Incremental Loans may be ratably increased by the aggregate principal amount of such Incremental Loans and may be further increased for all Lenders of such other Class on a *pro rata* basis to the extent necessary to avoid any reduction in the amortization payments to which the Lenders of such other Class were entitled before such recalculation.

(e) Upon any Incremental Facility Closing Date on which Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments are effected through an increase of an existing Loan pursuant to this Section 2.22, (i) each of the Revolving Credit Lenders shall assign to each of the Incremental Revolving Credit Lenders, and each of the Incremental Revolving Credit Lenders shall purchase from each of the Revolving Credit Lenders, at the principal amount thereof, such interests in the Incremental Revolving Loans outstanding on such Incremental Facility Closing Date as shall be necessary in order that, after giving effect to all such assignments and purchases, such Revolving Credit Loans will be held by existing Revolving Credit Lenders and Incremental Revolving Credit Lenders ratably in accordance with their Revolving Credit Commitments after giving effect to the addition of such Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments to the Revolving Credit Commitments, (ii) each Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment shall be deemed for all purposes a Revolving Credit Commitment and each Loan made thereunder shall be deemed, for all purposes, a Revolving Credit Loan and (iii) each Incremental Revolving Credit Lender shall become a Lender with respect to the Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments and all matters relating thereto. The Administrative Agent and the Lenders hereby agree that the minimum borrowing and prepayment requirements in Sections 2.02 and 2.09 of this Agreement shall not apply to the transactions effected pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence.

(f) Other Revolving Credit Loan Commitments may be elected to be included as additional Participating Revolving Credit Commitments under the applicable Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, subject to the consent of each Swing Line Lender and each L/C Issuer, and on the Incremental Facility Closing Date on which such Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments are effected, all Swing Line Loans and Letters of Credit shall be participated on a *pro rata* basis by all Participating Revolving Credit Lenders in accordance with their percentage

of the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments existing after giving effect to such Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, provided, such election may be made conditional upon the termination of one or more other Participating Revolving Credit Commitments.

(g) This Section 2.22 shall supersede any provisions in Section 2.17 or 9.08 to the contrary.

SECTION 2.23. **Extension Amendments.** (a) So long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (after giving effect to any amendments and/or waivers that are or become effective on the date of the relevant conversion), the Borrower may at any time and from time to time request that (i) all or a portion of any Class of Term Loans then outstanding selected by the Borrower (the “**Original Term Loans**”) and/or (ii) all or a portion of any Class of Revolving Credit Commitments then outstanding selected by the Borrower (such Revolving Credit Commitments, the “**Original Revolving Credit Commitments**”, collectively with the Original Term Loans, an “**Original Class**”) be converted to extend the maturity date thereof and to provide for other terms permitted by this Section 2.23 (any portion thereof that have been so extended, the “**Extended Term Loans**” or “**Extended Revolving Credit Commitments**”, as the case may be, and collectively, the “**Extended Class**” and the remainder not so extended, the “**Non-Extended Term Loans**” or “**Non-Extended Revolving Credit Commitments**”, as the case may be, and collectively, the “**Non-Extended Class**”); *provided* that, with the consent of the Administrative Agent, the Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, may be designated as part of an existing Class of Loans. Prior to entering into any Extension Amendment with respect to any Original Class, the Borrower shall appoint a Person that is a financial institution or Affiliate thereof to arrange the Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments (who may be (i) the Administrative Agent, or (i) any other Person appointed by the Borrower in consultation with the Administrative Agent) (the “**Extension Arranger**”). The Extension Arranger shall provide a copy of such notice to each Lender who has Loans or Commitments of the Original Class and the Administrative Agent in such form as approved from time to time by the Borrower and the applicable Extension Arranger (each, an “**Extension Request**”) setting forth the terms of the proposed Extended Class, as applicable, which terms shall be identical to those applicable to the Original Class, except for Section 2.23 Additional Agreements or as otherwise permitted by this Section 2.23 and except (w) the maturity date of the Extended Class may be delayed to a date after the Maturity Date of the Original Class, (x) Extended Term Loans may have different amortization payments than the Original Term Loans; *provided* that the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of such Extended Term Loans shall be no shorter than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Original Term Loans from which they were converted, (y) All-In Yield with respect to any Loans or Commitments of the Extended Class may be higher or lower than the All-In Yield with respect to any Loans or Commitments of the Original Class and (z) (A) the Extended Term Loans (i) may participate on a *pro rata* basis, less than *pro rata* basis or greater than *pro rata* basis in any mandatory prepayment of Term Loans (except that, unless otherwise permitted under this Agreement, such Extended Term Loans may not participate on a greater than *pro rata* basis as compared to any earlier maturing Class of Term Loans) and (ii) may participate on a *pro rata* basis, less than *pro rata* basis or greater than *pro rata* basis in any voluntary prepayment of Term Loans and (B) the Extended Revolving Credit Commitments (i) shall provide that the borrowing

and repayment (except for (A) payments of interest and fees at different rates on Extended Revolving Credit Commitments (and related outstandings), (B) repayments required upon the Maturity Date of the Extended Revolving Credit Commitments and (C) repayment made in connection with a permanent repayment and termination of commitments (subject to clause (ii) below)) of Loans with respect to Extended Revolving Credit Commitments after the associated Extended Facility Closing Date shall be made on a *pro rata* basis or less than *pro rata* basis (but not more than a *pro rata* basis) with all other Revolving Credit Commitments then existing on the Extended Facility Closing Date and (ii) may provide that the permanent repayment of Revolving Credit Loans with respect to, and termination or reduction of, Extended Revolving Credit Commitments after the associated Extended Facility Closing Date be made on a *pro rata* basis, less than *pro rata* basis or greater than *pro rata* basis with all other Revolving Credit Commitments. In addition to any other terms and changes required or permitted by this Section 2.23, each Extension Amendment establishing a Class of Extended Term Loans shall amend the scheduled amortization payments provided under Section 2.11 with respect to the related Non-Extended Term Loans to reduce each scheduled installment for such Non-Extended Term Loans to an aggregate amount equal to the product of (A) the original aggregate amount of such installment with respect to the Original Term Loans, multiplied by (B) a fraction, the numerator of which is the aggregate principal amount of such related Non-Extended Term Loans and (C) the denominator of which is the aggregate principal amount of such Original Term Loans prior to the effectiveness of such Extension Amendment (it being understood that the amount of any installment payable with respect to any individual Non-Extended Term Loan shall not be reduced as a result thereof without the consent of the holder of such individual Non-Extended Term Loan). No Lender shall have any obligation to agree to have any of its Original Term Loans or Original Revolving Credit Commitments converted into Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments pursuant to any Extension Request.

(b) The Borrower shall provide the applicable Extension Request at least five Business Days prior to the date on which the applicable Lenders are requested to respond (or such shorter date as the applicable Extension Arranger may agree). Any Lender wishing to have all or a portion of its Original Term Loans or Original Revolving Credit Commitments converted into Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments (an “**Extending Lender**”) shall notify the applicable Extension Arranger (such notice to be in such form as approved from time to time by the Borrower and the Extension Arranger) (each, an “**Extension Election**”) on or prior to the date specified in such Extension Request (which shall in any event be no less than three Business Days prior to the effectiveness of the applicable Extension Amendment unless otherwise agreed by the Borrower) of the amount of its Original Term Loans or Original Revolving Credit Commitments that it has elected to convert into Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments. In the event that the aggregate amount of the applicable Original Term Loans or Original Revolving Credit Commitments subject to Extension Elections exceeds the amount of the applicable Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments requested pursuant to the Extension Request, the applicable Original Term Loans or Original Revolving Credit Commitments subject to such Extension Elections shall be converted to Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments on a *pro rata* basis based on the amount of the applicable Original Term Loans or Original Revolving Credit Commitments included in each such Extension Election.

(c) Subject to the requirements of this Section 2.23, an Extended Class may be established pursuant to a supplement (which shall set forth the effective date of such extension) to this Agreement (which, except to the extent otherwise expressly contemplated by this Section 2.23(c), shall require the consent only of the Lenders who elect to make the Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments established thereby) in such form as approved from time to time by the Borrower and the applicable Extension Arranger in the reasonable exercise of such applicable Person's discretion (each, an "***Extension Amendment***") executed by the Loan Parties, the applicable Extension Arranger and the Extending Lenders, so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (after giving effect to any amendments and/or waivers that are or become effective on the date that such Extended Term Loans are established) and (ii) the applicable Extension Arranger shall have received legal opinions addressed to such Extension Arranger and the Extending Lenders, board resolutions and other closing certificates reasonably requested by the applicable Extension Arranger and consistent with those delivered on the Funding Date under Section 4.02, other than changes to such legal opinions resulting from a change in law, change in fact or change to counsel's form of opinion reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Extension Arranger (the date on which such conditions, together with any other conditions set forth in the Extension Amendment, are satisfied shall be referred to as the "***Extended Facility Closing Date***").

(d) Any Extension Amendment may provide for additional terms, including different covenants and call protection (other than those referred to or contemplated in this Section 2.23) (each, a "***Section 2.23 Additional Agreement***") to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents; *provided* that no such Section 2.23 Additional Agreement shall become effective prior to the time that such Section 2.23 Additional Agreement has been consented to by such of the Lenders, Loan Parties and other parties (if any) as would be required (including under the requirements of Section 9.08) if such Section 2.23 Additional Agreement were a separate and independent amendment of this Agreement.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 9.08, (i) each Extension Amendment may, without the consent of any other Loan Party, Agent or Lender, effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the reasonable opinion of the applicable Extension Arranger and the Borrower, to effect the provisions of this Section 2.23, including to effect technical and corresponding amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and (ii) at the option of the Borrower in consultation with the applicable Extension Arranger incorporate terms that would be favorable to existing Lenders of the applicable Class or Classes for the benefit of such existing Lenders of the applicable Class or Classes, in each case under this clause (ii), so long as the applicable Extension Arranger reasonably agrees that such modification is favorable to the applicable Lenders.

(f) This Section 2.23 shall supersede any provisions in Section 2.17 or 9.08 (other than in the case of paragraph(e) above) to the contrary.

SECTION 2.24. ***Refinancing Amendments.*** (a) *Refinancing Commitments.* The Borrower may, at any time or from time to time, by notice to any Person appointed by the

Borrower to arrange Refinancing Commitments (such Person (who may be (i) the Administrative Agent, if it so agrees, or (ii) any other Person appointed by the Borrower in consultation with the Administrative Agent, the “**Refinancing Arranger**”, and together with any Incremental Arranger and any Extension Arranger, the “**Additional Arranger**”) (a “**Refinancing Loan Request**”), request (A) a new Class of term loans (any such commitment to make sure new Loans, “**Refinancing Term Commitments**”) or (B) the establishment of a new Class of revolving credit commitments (any such new Class, “**Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments**” and collectively with any Refinancing Term Commitments, “**Refinancing Commitments**”), in each case, established in exchange for, or to extend, renew, replace, repurchase, retire or refinance, in whole or in part, any Class of existing Loans or Commitments (with respect to a particular Refinancing Commitment or Refinancing Loan, such existing Loans or Commitments, “**Refinanced Debt**”), whereupon the Refinancing Arranger shall promptly deliver a copy to each of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent.

(b) *Refinancing Loans.* Each Class of Refinancing Loans made on any Refinancing Facility Closing Date shall be designated a separate Class of Loans for all purposes of this Agreement; *provided* that, with the consent of the Administrative Agent, Refinancing Loans may be designated as part of an existing Class of Loans. On any Refinancing Facility Closing Date on which any Refinancing Term Commitments of any Class are effected, subject to the satisfaction of the terms and conditions in this Section 2.24, (i) each Refinancing Term Lender of such Class shall make a Loan to the Borrower (a “**Refinancing Term Loan**”) in an amount equal to its Refinancing Term Commitment of such Class and (ii) each Refinancing Term Lender of such Class shall become a Lender hereunder with respect to the Refinancing Term Commitment of such Class and the Refinancing Term Loans of such Class made pursuant thereto. On any Refinancing Facility Closing Date on which any Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments of any Class are effected, subject to the satisfaction of the terms and conditions in this Section 2.24, (A) each Refinancing Revolving Credit Lender of such Class shall make its Commitment available to the Borrower (when borrowed, a “**Refinancing Revolving Loan**” and collectively with any Refinancing Term Loan, a “**Refinancing Loan**”) in an amount equal to its Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitment of such Class and (B) each Refinancing Revolving Credit Lender of such Class shall become a Lender hereunder with respect to the Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitment of such Class and the Refinancing Revolving Loans of such Class made pursuant thereto.

(c) *Refinancing Loan Request.* Each Refinancing Loan Request from the Borrower pursuant to this Section 2.24 shall set forth the requested amount and proposed terms of the relevant Refinancing Term Loans or Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments. Refinancing Term Loans may be made, and Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments may be provided, by any existing Lender (but no existing Lender will have an obligation to make any Refinancing Commitment, nor will the Borrower have any obligation to approach any existing Lender to provide any Refinancing Commitment) or by any Additional Lender (each such existing Lender or Additional Lender providing such Commitment or Loan, a “**Refinancing Revolving Credit Lender**” or “**Refinancing Term Lender**” as applicable, and, collectively, “**Refinancing Lenders**”); *provided* that (i) the Administrative Agent shall have consented (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to such Additional Lender’s making such Refinancing Term

Loans or providing such Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments, to the extent such consent, if any, would be required under Section 9.04 for an assignment of Term Loans or Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, to such Lender or Additional Lender, (ii) with respect to Refinancing Term Commitments, any Affiliated Lender providing a Refinancing Term Commitment shall be subject to the same restrictions set forth in Section 9.04 as they would otherwise be subject to with respect to any purchase by or assignment to such Affiliated Lender of Term Loans and (iii) Affiliated Lenders may not provide Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments.

(d) *Effectiveness of Refinancing Amendment.* The effectiveness of any Refinancing Amendment, and the Refinancing Commitments thereunder, shall be subject to the satisfaction on the date thereof (a “**Refinancing Facility Closing Date**”) of each of the following conditions, together with any other conditions set forth in the Refinancing Amendment:

(i) unless otherwise agreed by the Refinancing Arranger, each Refinancing Commitment shall be in an aggregate principal amount that is not less than \$25,000,000 and shall be in an increment of \$1,000,000 (*provided* that such amount may be less than \$25,000,000, and not in an increment of \$1,000,000, if such amount is equal to the entire outstanding principal amount of Refinanced Debt); and

(ii) to the extent reasonably requested by the Refinancing Arranger, receipt by the Refinancing Arranger of (A) customary legal opinions, board resolutions and officers’ certificates consistent with those delivered on the Funding Date (conformed as appropriate) other than changes to such legal opinions resulting from a change in law, change in fact or change to counsel’s form of opinion reasonably satisfactory to the Refinancing Arranger and (B) reaffirmation agreements and/or such amendments to the Security Documents as may be reasonably requested by the Refinancing Arranger in order to ensure that such Refinancing Lenders are provided with the benefit of the applicable Loan Documents.

(e) *Required Terms.* The terms, provisions and documentation of the Refinancing Term Loans and Refinancing Term Commitments or the Refinancing Revolving Loans and Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments, as the case may be, of any Class shall be as agreed between the Borrower and the applicable Refinancing Lenders providing such Refinancing Commitments, and except as otherwise set forth herein, to the extent not identical to any Class of Term Loans or Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, each existing on the Refinancing Facility Closing Date, shall be consistent with clauses (i)(A)-(G) below, as applicable and (i) reflect market terms and conditions (taken as a whole) at the time of incurrence of such Indebtedness (as determined by the Borrower in good faith) or (ii) otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Refinancing Arranger (except for covenants or other provisions (i) conformed (or added) in the Loan Documents pursuant to the related Refinancing Amendment, (x) in the case of any Class of Refinancing Term Loans and Refinancing Term Commitments, for the benefit of the Term Lenders and (y) in the case of any Class of Refinancing Revolving Loans and Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments, for the benefit of the Revolving Credit Lenders or

applicable only to periods after the Latest Maturity Date as of the Refinancing Facility Closing Date) which may be added without the consent of any other party.

In any event, (i) the Refinancing Term Loans:

(A) as of the Refinancing Facility Closing Date, shall not have a final scheduled maturity date earlier than the Maturity Date of the Refinanced Debt,

(B) as of the Refinancing Facility Closing Date, shall not have a Weighted Average Life to Maturity shorter than the remaining Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Refinanced Debt,

(C) shall have an interest rate (which may be fixed or variable), margin (if any) and interest rate floor (if any), and subject to clause (e)(i)(B) above, amortization determined by the Borrower and the applicable Refinancing Term Lenders,

(D) shall have fees determined by the Borrower and the applicable Refinancing Arrangers,

(E) (1) may participate on a *pro rata* basis, less than *pro rata* basis or greater than *pro rata* basis (except that, unless otherwise permitted under this Agreement, such Refinancing Term Loans may not participate on a greater than a *pro rata* basis as compared to any earlier maturing Class of Term Loans) in any mandatory prepayments of Term Loans and (2) may participate on a *pro rata* basis, less than *pro rata* basis or greater than *pro rata* basis in any voluntary prepayment of Term Loans,

(F) shall not have a greater principal amount than the principal amount of the Refinanced Debt plus accrued but unpaid interest, fees, premiums (if any) and penalties thereon and reasonable fees, expenses, OID and upfront fees associated with the refinancing, and

(G) shall rank *pari passu* in right of payment and security (but without regard to the control of remedies) with the other Obligations under this Agreement, shall not at any time be guaranteed by any Subsidiary of the Borrower other than Subsidiaries that are Guarantors, and the obligations in respect thereof shall not be secured by any property or assets of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary other than the Collateral; and

(ii) the Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments and Refinancing Revolving Loans:

(A) shall rank *pari passu* in right of payment and security (but without regard to the control of remedies) with the other Obligations under this Agreement, shall not at any time be guaranteed by any Subsidiary of the Borrower

other than Subsidiaries that are Guarantors, and the obligations in respect thereof shall not be secured by any property or assets of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary other than the Collateral,

(B) shall not have a final scheduled maturity date or commitment reduction date earlier than the Maturity Date or commitment reduction date, respectively, with respect to the Refinanced Debt and shall not have any scheduled amortization or mandatory Commitment reductions prior to the maturity date of the Refinanced Debt,

(C) shall provide that the borrowing and repayment (except for (1) payments of interest and fees at different rates on Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments (and related outstandings), (2) repayments required upon the Maturity Date of the Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments and (3) repayment made in connection with a permanent repayment and termination of commitments (subject to clause (E) below)) of Loans with respect to Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments after the associated Refinancing Facility Closing Date shall be made on a *pro rata* basis or less than a *pro rata* basis (but not more than a *pro rata* basis) with all other Revolving Credit Commitments then existing on the Refinancing Facility Closing Date,

(D) may be elected to be included as additional Participating Revolving Credit Commitments under the Refinancing Amendment, subject to the consent of each Swing Line Lender and each L/C Issuer, and on the Refinancing Facility Closing Date all Swing Line Loans and Letters of Credit shall be participated on a *pro rata* basis by all Participating Revolving Credit Lenders in accordance with their percentage of the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments existing after giving effect to such Refinancing Amendment, *provided*, such election may be made conditional upon the termination of one or more other Participating Revolving Credit Commitments,

(E) may provide that the permanent repayment of Revolving Credit Loans with respect to, and termination or reduction of, Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments after the associated Refinancing Facility Closing Date be made on a *pro rata* basis, less than *pro rata* basis or greater than *pro rata* basis with all other Revolving Credit Commitments,

(F) shall provide that assignments and participations of Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments and Refinancing Revolving Loans shall be governed by the same assignment and participation provisions applicable to Revolving Credit Commitments and Revolving Credit Loans then existing on the Refinancing Facility Closing Date,

(G) shall have an interest rate (which may be fixed or variable), margin (if any) and interest rate floor (if any), determined by the Borrower and the applicable Refinancing Revolving Credit Lenders,

(H) shall have fees determined by the Borrower and the applicable Refinancing Arrangers, and

(I) shall not have a greater principal amount of Commitments than the principal amount of the Commitments of the Refinanced Debt plus accrued but unpaid interest, fees, premiums (if any) and penalties thereon and reasonable fees, expenses, OID and upfront fees associated with the refinancing.

(f) *Refinancing Amendment.* Commitments in respect of Refinancing Term Loans and Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments shall become additional Commitments pursuant to an amendment (a “**Refinancing Amendment**”) to this Agreement and, as appropriate, the other Loan Documents, executed by the Borrower, each Refinancing Lender providing such Commitments, and the Refinancing Arranger. The Refinancing Amendment may, without the consent of other Loan Party, Agent or Lender, (i) effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the reasonable opinion of the Refinancing Arranger and the Borrower, to effect the provisions of this Section 2.24, including amendments as deemed necessary by the Refinancing Arranger in consultation with the Administrative Agent in its reasonable judgment to address technical issues relating to funding and payments, including adjusting Interest Periods and other provisions to allow such Refinancing Loans to be part of an Existing Class of Loans and (ii) at the option of the Borrower in consultation with the applicable Refinancing Arranger, incorporate terms that would be favorable to existing Lenders of the applicable Class or Classes for the benefit of such existing Lenders of the applicable Class or Classes, in each case under this clause (ii), so long as the applicable Refinancing Arranger reasonably agrees that such modification is favorable to the applicable Lenders. The Borrower will use the proceeds of the Refinancing Term Loans and Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments to extend, renew, replace, repurchase, retire or refinance the applicable Refinanced Debt no later than the later to occur of (a) five Business Days following the incurrence of such Refinancing Term Loans or Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments and (b) the last day of the interest period applicable to the loans outstanding in respect of such Refinanced Debt.

(g) This Section 2.24 shall supersede any provisions in Section 2.17 or 9.08 to the contrary.

SECTION 2.25. **Defaulting Lenders.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as that Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by applicable Law:

(a) That Defaulting Lender’s right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in Section 9.08.

(b) Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Administrative Agent for the account of that Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Article VII or otherwise), shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Administrative Agent as follows: *first*, to the payment of any amounts owing by that Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder; *second*, as the

Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing), to the funding of any Loan in respect of which that Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Administrative Agent; *third*, if so determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a non-interest bearing deposit account and released in order to satisfy obligations of that Defaulting Lender to fund Loans under this Agreement; *fourth*, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender against that Defaulting Lender as a result of that Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; *fifth*, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against that Defaulting Lender as a result of that Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and *sixth*, to that Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; *provided* that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans in respect of which that Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share and (y) such Loans were made at a time when the conditions set forth in Sections 4.02 or 4.03, as applicable, were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a *pro rata* basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of that Defaulting Lender. Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender shall be deemed paid to and redirected by that Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

(c) During any period in which there is a Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender's participation Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Pro Rata Shares (calculated without regard to such Defaulting Lender's Commitment); *provided* that after giving effect to such reallocation, each Non-Defaulting Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure shall not exceed (i) the Participating Revolving Credit Commitment of that Non-Defaulting Lender minus (ii) the sum of (A) the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Loans of that Non-Defaulting Lender under such Participating Revolving Credit Commitments plus (B) such Non-Defaulting Lender's Pro Rata Share of the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations and Swing Line Obligations at such time. Subject to Section 9.22, no reallocation hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder against a Defaulting Lender arising from the Lender having become a Defaulting Lender, including any claim of a Non-Defaulting Lender as a result of such Non-Defaulting Lender's increased exposure following such reallocation.

(d) If the Borrower and the Administrative Agent agree in writing in their sole discretion that a Defaulting Lender should no longer be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender, the Administrative Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein, that Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase that portion of outstanding Loans of the other Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Loans to be held on a *pro rata* basis by the Lenders in accordance with their Pro Rata Share of Commitments, whereupon that Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; *provided* that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on

behalf of the Borrower while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and provided, further, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.

SECTION 2.26. **Letters of Credit.** (a) *The Letter of Credit Commitment.* (i) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, (A) each L/C Issuer agrees, in reliance upon the agreements of the other Revolving Credit Lenders set forth in this Section 2.26, (1) from time to time on any Business Day during the period from and including the Closing Date until the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, to issue Letters of Credit at sight denominated in Dollars for the account of the Borrower (or so long as the Borrower is the primary obligor, for the account of any Subsidiary or the Parent Guarantor) and to amend or renew Letters of Credit previously issued by it, in accordance with Section 2.26(b) and (2) to honor drawings under the Letters of Credit and (B) the Participating Revolving Credit Lenders severally agree to participate in Letters of Credit issued pursuant to this Section 2.26; *provided* that no L/C Issuer shall be obligated to issue trade or commercial Letters of Credit; and *provided, further*, that no L/C Issuer shall be obligated to make any L/C Credit Extension with respect to any Letter of Credit, and no Lender shall be obligated to participate in any Letter of Credit if as of the date of such L/C Credit Extension, (x) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Revolving Credit Lender under its Participating Revolving Credit Commitments would exceed its Participating Revolving Credit Commitments (it being understood that with respect to a Swing Line Lender, its Swing Line Exposure for purposes of this clause (x) shall be deemed to be its Pro Rata Share (after giving effect when a Defaulting Lender shall exist to any reallocation effected in accordance with Section 2.25(c)) of the total Swing Line Exposure), (y) with respect to any Swing Line Lender that is a Participating Revolving Credit Lender, the aggregate of its Swing Line Exposure (in its capacity as a Swing Line Lender and a Revolving Credit Lender), plus the aggregate principal amount of its outstanding Revolving Credit Loans (in its capacity as a Revolving Credit Lender), plus its L/C Exposure would exceed its Revolving Credit Commitment or (z) the Outstanding Amount of the L/C Obligations would exceed the Letter of Credit Sublimit; *provided, further*, that no L/C Issuer shall be obligated to make any L/C Credit Extension with respect to any Letter of Credit if as of the date of such L/C Credit Extension, after such L/C Credit Extension, the Outstanding Amount of the L/C Obligations in respect of Letters of Credit issued by such L/C Issuer would exceed such L/C Issuer's Letter of Credit Issuer Sublimit. Within the foregoing limits, and subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower's ability to obtain Letters of Credit shall be fully revolving, and accordingly the Borrower may, during the foregoing period, obtain Letters of Credit to replace Letters of Credit that have expired or that have been drawn upon and reimbursed.

(ii) An L/C Issuer shall be under no obligation to issue any Letter of Credit if:

(A) any order, judgment or decree of any Governmental Authority or arbitrator shall by its terms purport to enjoin or restrain such L/C Issuer from issuing such Letter of Credit, or any Law applicable to such L/C Issuer or any directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over such L/C Issuer shall prohibit, or direct that such

L/C Issuer refrain from, the issuance of letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular or shall impose upon such L/C Issuer with respect to such Letter of Credit any restriction, reserve or capital requirement (for which such L/C Issuer is not otherwise compensated hereunder) not in effect on the Effective Date, or shall impose upon such L/C Issuer any unreimbursed loss, cost or expense which was not applicable on the Effective Date (for which such L/C Issuer is not otherwise compensated hereunder);

(B) subject to Section 2.26(b)(iii), the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit would occur more than 12 months after the date of issuance or then-current expiration date unless (1) each Appropriate Lender has approved of such expiration date or (2) the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations in respect of such requested Letter of Credit has been Cash Collateralized or back-stopped by a letter of credit reasonably satisfactory to such L/C Issuer;

(C) (1) the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit would occur after the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, unless (I) each Appropriate Lender has approved such expiry date or (II) the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations in respect of such requested Letter of Credit has been Cash Collateralized or back-stopped by a letter of credit reasonably satisfactory to such L/C Issuer and the Administrative Agent or (2) at any time when there is more than one Maturity Date in effect in respect of Revolving Credit Commitments, there are not sufficient Participating Revolving Credit Commitments maturing more than five Business Days after the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit to cover the L/C Obligations in respect of such Letter of Credit (after taking into account all other outstanding Letters of Credit and their respective expiry dates), unless (I) each Appropriate Lender has approved such expiry date or (II) the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations in respect of such requested Letter of Credit has been Cash Collateralized or back-stopped by a letter of credit reasonably satisfactory to such L/C Issuer and the Administrative Agent;

(D) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate any policies of the L/C Issuer applicable to letters of credit generally;

(E) any Participating Revolving Credit Lender is at that time a Defaulting Lender, unless such L/C Issuer has entered into arrangements reasonably satisfactory to it and the Borrower to eliminate such L/C Issuer's actual or potential Fronting Exposure (after giving effect to Section 2.25(c)) with respect to the participation in Letters of Credit by such Defaulting Lender, including by cash collateralizing such Defaulting Lender's Pro Rata Share of the L/C Obligations;

(F) such Letter of Credit is denominated in a currency other than an Available Currency; or

(G) such Letter of Credit is a trade letter of credit or a bank guarantee.

(iii) An L/C Issuer shall be under no obligation to amend any Letter of Credit if (A) such L/C Issuer would have no obligation at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its amended form under the terms hereof, or (B) the beneficiary of such Letter of Credit does not accept the proposed amendment to such Letter of Credit.

(b) *Procedures for Issuance and Amendment of Letters of Credit; Auto-Extension Letters of Credit.* (i) Each Letter of Credit shall be issued or amended, as the case may be, upon the request of the Borrower delivered to an L/C Issuer (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) in the form of a Letter of Credit Application, appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower. Such Letter of Credit Application must be received by the relevant L/C Issuer and the Administrative Agent not later than 12:30 p.m., New York City time, at least two Business Days prior to the proposed issuance date or date of amendment, as the case may be; or, in each case, such later date and time as the relevant L/C Issuer may agree in a particular instance in its sole discretion. In the case of a request for an initial issuance of a Letter of Credit, such Letter of Credit Application shall specify in form and detail reasonably satisfactory to the relevant L/C Issuer: (A) the proposed issuance date of the requested Letter of Credit (which shall be a Business Day); (B) the amount thereof; (C) the expiry date thereof; (D) the name and address of the beneficiary thereof; (E) the documents to be presented by such beneficiary in case of any drawing thereunder; (F) the full text of any certificate to be presented by such beneficiary in case of any drawing thereunder; (G) the Available Currency in which the requested Letter of Credit is to be issued will be denominated; and (H) such other matters as the relevant L/C Issuer may reasonably request. In the case of a request for an amendment of any outstanding Letter of Credit, such Letter of Credit Application shall specify in form and detail reasonably satisfactory to the relevant L/C Issuer (1) the Letter of Credit to be amended; (2) the proposed date of amendment thereof (which shall be a Business Day); (3) the nature of the proposed amendment; and (4) such other matters as the relevant L/C Issuer may reasonably request.

(ii) Promptly after receipt of any Letter of Credit Application, the relevant L/C Issuer will confirm with the Administrative Agent (by telephone or in writing) that the Administrative Agent has received a copy of such Letter of Credit Application from the Borrower and, if not, such L/C Issuer will provide the Administrative Agent with a copy thereof. Upon receipt by the relevant L/C Issuer of confirmation from the Administrative Agent that the requested issuance or amendment is permitted in accordance with the terms hereof, then, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, such L/C Issuer shall, on the requested date, issue a Letter of Credit for the account of the Borrower (and, if applicable, its applicable Subsidiary) or enter into the applicable amendment, as the case may be. Immediately upon the issuance of each Letter of Credit, each Participating Revolving Credit Lender shall be deemed to, and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to, purchase from the relevant L/C Issuer a risk participation in such Letter of Credit in an amount equal to the product of such Lender's Pro Rata Share times the stated amount of such Letter of Credit.

(iii) If the Borrower so requests in any applicable Letter of Credit Application, the relevant L/C Issuer shall agree to issue a Letter of Credit that has automatic extension provisions (each, an “*Auto-Extension Letter of Credit*”); *provided that* any such Auto-

Extension Letter of Credit must permit the relevant L/C Issuer to prevent any such extension at least once in each 12-month period (commencing with the date of issuance of such Letter of Credit) by giving prior notice to the beneficiary thereof not later than a day (the “**Non-extension Notice Date**”) in each such 12-month period to be agreed upon at the time such Letter of Credit is issued. Unless otherwise directed by the relevant L/C Issuer, the Borrower shall not be required to make a specific request to the relevant L/C Issuer for any such extension. Once an Auto-Extension Letter of Credit has been issued, the Lenders shall be deemed to have authorized (but may not require) the relevant L/C Issuer to permit the extension of such Letter of Credit at any time to an expiry date that is, unless the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations in respect of such requested Letter of Credit has been Cash Collateralized or back-stopped by a letter of credit reasonably satisfactory to the relevant L/C Issuer, not later than the Letter of Credit Expiration Date; *provided* that the relevant L/C Issuer shall not permit any such extension if (A) the relevant L/C Issuer has determined that it would not be permitted at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its extended form under the terms hereof (by reason of the provisions of Section 2.26(a)(ii) or otherwise) or (B) it has received notice on or before the day that is seven Business Days before the Non-extension Notice Date from the Administrative Agent, any Participating Revolving Credit Lender or the Borrower that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in Section 4.03 is not then satisfied.

(iv) Promptly after issuance of any Letter of Credit or any amendment to a Letter of Credit, the relevant L/C Issuer will also deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent a true and complete copy of such Letter of Credit or amendment.

(c) *Drawings and Reimbursements; Funding of Participations.* (i) Upon receipt from the beneficiary of any Letter of Credit of any notice of a drawing under such Letter of Credit, the relevant L/C Issuer shall notify promptly the Borrower and the Administrative Agent thereof. Not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the second Business Day following any payment by an L/C Issuer under a Letter of Credit with notice to the Borrower (each such date, an “**Honor Date**”), the Borrower shall reimburse such L/C Issuer through the Administrative Agent in an amount equal to the amount of such drawing in Dollars; *provided* that if such reimbursement is not made on the date of drawing, the Borrower shall pay interest to the relevant L/C Issuer on such amount at the rate applicable to ABR Loans under the applicable Participating Revolving Credit Commitments (without duplication of interest payable on L/C Borrowings). The L/C Issuer shall notify the Borrower of the amount of the drawing promptly following the determination or revaluation thereof. If the Borrower fails to so reimburse such L/C Issuer by such time, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Appropriate Lender of the Honor Date, the amount of the unreimbursed drawing (the “**Unreimbursed Amount**”), and the amount of such Appropriate Lender’s Pro Rata Share or other applicable share provided for under this Agreement thereof. In such event, the Borrower shall be deemed to have requested a Revolving Credit Borrowing of ABR Loans under the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments to be disbursed on the Honor Date in an amount equal to the Unreimbursed Amount, without regard to the minimum and multiples specified in Section 2.02 for the principal amount of ABR Loans, [SOFR Loans](#) or Eurodollar Loans, as the case may be, but subject to the amount of the unutilized portion of the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments of the Appropriate Lenders and the conditions set forth in Section 4.03 (other than the delivery of a

Borrowing Request). Any notice given by an L/C Issuer or the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section 2.26(c)(i) may be given by telephone if immediately confirmed in writing; *provided* that the lack of such an immediate confirmation shall not affect the conclusiveness or binding effect of such notice.

(ii) Each Appropriate Lender (including any Lender acting as an L/C Issuer) shall upon any notice pursuant to Section 2.26(c)(i) make funds available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the relevant L/C Issuer in Dollars, at the Administrative Agent's office for payments in an amount equal to its Pro Rata Share of the Unreimbursed Amount not later than 1:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Business Day specified in such notice by the Administrative Agent, whereupon, subject to the provisions of Section 2.26(c)(iii), each Appropriate Lender that so makes funds available shall be deemed to have made an ABR Loan under the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments to the Borrower in such amount. The Administrative Agent shall remit the funds so received to the relevant L/C Issuer.

(iii) With respect to any Unreimbursed Amount that is not fully refinanced by a Revolving Credit Borrowing of ABR Loans because the conditions set forth in Section 4.03 cannot be satisfied or for any other reason, the Borrower shall be deemed to have incurred from the relevant L/C Issuer an L/C Borrowing in the amount of the Unreimbursed Amount that is not so refinanced, which L/C Borrowing shall be due and payable on demand (together with interest) and shall bear interest at the rate calculated pursuant to Section 2.07. In such event, each Appropriate Lender's payment to the Administrative Agent for the account of the relevant L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.26(c)(ii) shall be deemed payment in respect of its participation in such L/C Borrowing and shall constitute an L/C Advance from such Lender in satisfaction of its participation obligation under this Section 2.26.

(iv) Until each Appropriate Lender funds its Revolving Credit Loan or L/C Advance pursuant to this Section 2.26(c) to reimburse the relevant L/C Issuer for any amount drawn under any Letter of Credit, interest in respect of such Lender's Pro Rata Share of such amount shall be solely for the account of the relevant L/C Issuer.

(v) Each Participating Revolving Credit Lender's obligation to make Revolving Credit Loans or L/C Advances to reimburse an L/C Issuer for amounts drawn under Letters of Credit, as contemplated by this Section 2.26(c), shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance, including (A) any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right which such Lender may have against the relevant L/C Issuer, the Borrower or any other Person for any reason whatsoever; (B) the occurrence or continuance of a Default or an Event of Default; (C) any adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise) of the Loan Parties; (D) any breach of this Agreement or any other Loan Document by the Borrower, any other Loan Party or any other L/C Issuer; or (E) any other circumstance, occurrence, event or condition, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing; *provided* that each Participating Revolving Credit Lender's obligation to make Revolving Credit Loans pursuant to this Section 2.26(c) is subject to the conditions set forth in Section 4.03 (other than delivery by the Borrower of a Borrowing Request). No such making of an L/C Advance shall relieve or

otherwise impair the obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the relevant L/C Issuer for the amount of any payment made by such L/C Issuer under any Letter of Credit, together with interest as provided herein.

(vi) If any Participating Revolving Credit Lender fails to make available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the relevant L/C Issuer any amount required to be paid by such Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.26(c) by the time specified in Section 2.26(c)(ii), such L/C Issuer shall be entitled to recover from such Lender (acting through the Administrative Agent), on demand, such amount with interest thereon for the period from the date such payment is required to the date on which such payment is immediately available to such L/C Issuer at the Bank Rate. A certificate of the relevant L/C Issuer submitted to any Participating Revolving Credit Lender (through the Administrative Agent) with respect to any amounts owing under this Section 2.26(c) (vi) shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(d) *Repayment of Participations.* (i) If, at any time after an L/C Issuer has made a payment under any Letter of Credit and has received from any Participating Revolving Credit Lender such Lender's L/C Advance in respect of such payment in accordance with Section 2.26(c), the Administrative Agent receives for the account of such L/C Issuer any payment in respect of the related Unreimbursed Amount or interest thereon (whether directly from the Borrower or otherwise, including proceeds of Cash Collateral applied thereto by the Administrative Agent), the Administrative Agent will distribute to such Lender its Pro Rata Share thereof (appropriately adjusted to reflect (x) any reallocation effected in accordance with Section 2.25(c) and (y) in the case of interest payments, the period of time during which such Lender's L/C Advance was outstanding) in the amount received by the Administrative Agent.

(ii) If any payment received by the Administrative Agent for the account of an L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.26(c)(i) is required to be returned under any of the circumstances described in Section 9.06 (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by such L/C Issuer in its discretion), each Appropriate Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of such L/C Issuer its Pro Rata Share thereof on demand of the Administrative Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such amount is returned by such Lender, at the Bank Rate.

(e) *Obligations Absolute.* The obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the relevant L/C Issuer for each drawing under each Letter of Credit issued by it and to repay each L/C Borrowing shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be paid strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under all circumstances, including the following:

(i) any lack of validity or enforceability of such Letter of Credit, this Agreement, or any other agreement or instrument relating thereto;

(ii) the existence of any claim, counterclaim, setoff, defense or other right that any Loan Party may have at any time against any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit (or any Person for whom any such beneficiary or any such transferee may be acting), the relevant L/C Issuer or any other Person, whether in connection with this

Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby or by such Letter of Credit or any agreement or instrument relating thereto, or any unrelated transaction;

(iii) any draft, demand, certificate or other document presented under such Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent, invalid or insufficient in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect; or any loss or delay in the transmission or otherwise of any document required in order to make a drawing under such Letter of Credit;

(iv) any payment by the relevant L/C Issuer under such Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or certificate that does not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit; or any payment made by the relevant L/C Issuer under such Letter of Credit to any Person purporting to be a trustee in bankruptcy, debtor-in-possession, assignee for the benefit of creditors, liquidator, receiver or other representative of or successor to any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit;

(v) any exchange, release or non-perfection of any Collateral, or any release or amendment or waiver of or consent to departure from the Guaranty or any other guarantee, for all or any of the Obligations of any Loan Party in respect of such Letter of Credit; or

(vi) any other circumstance or happening whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, including any other circumstance that might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, any Loan Party;

provided that the foregoing shall not excuse any L/C Issuer from liability to Borrower to the extent of any direct damages (as opposed to consequential, punitive, special or exemplary damages, claims in respect of which are waived by the Borrower to the extent permitted by applicable Law) suffered by the Borrower that are caused by such L/C Issuer's gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined in a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction when determining whether drafts and other documents presented under a Letter of Credit comply with the terms thereof.

(f) *Role of L/C Issuers.* Each Lender and the Borrower agree that, in paying any drawing under a Letter of Credit, the relevant L/C Issuer shall not have any responsibility to obtain any document (other than any sight draft, certificates and documents expressly required by the Letter of Credit) or to ascertain or inquire as to the validity or accuracy of any such document or the authority of the Person executing or delivering any such document. None of the L/C Issuers, nor any of the respective correspondents, participants or assignees of any L/C Issuer shall be liable to any Lender for (i) any action taken or omitted in connection herewith at the request or with the approval of the Lenders or the Lenders holding a majority of the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable; (ii) any action taken or omitted in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined in a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction; or (iii) the due execution, effectiveness, validity or enforceability of any document or instrument related to any Letter of Credit or Letter of Credit

Application. The Borrower hereby assumes all risks of the acts or omissions of any beneficiary or transferee with respect to its use of any Letter of Credit; *provided* that this assumption is not intended to, and shall not, preclude the Borrower's pursuing such rights and remedies as it may have against the beneficiary or transferee at law or under any other agreement. None of the L/C Issuers, nor any of the respective correspondents, participants or assignees of any L/C Issuer, shall be liable or responsible for any of the matters described in clauses (i) through (vi) of Section 2.26(e); *provided* that anything in such clauses to the contrary notwithstanding, the Borrower may have a claim against an L/C Issuer, and such L/C Issuer may be liable to the Borrower, to the extent, but only to the extent, of any direct, as opposed to consequential, punitive or exemplary, damages suffered by the Borrower which the Borrower proves were caused by such L/C Issuer's willful misconduct or gross negligence or such L/C Issuer's willful or grossly negligent failure to pay under any Letter of Credit after the presentation to it by the beneficiary of document(s) strictly complying with the terms and conditions of a Letter of Credit, in each case as determined in a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction. In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, each L/C Issuer may accept documents that appear on their face to be in order, without responsibility for further investigation, regardless of any notice or information to the contrary, and no L/C Issuer shall be responsible for the validity or sufficiency of any instrument transferring or assigning or purporting to transfer or assign a Letter of Credit or the rights or benefits thereunder or proceeds thereof, in whole or in part, which may prove to be invalid or ineffective for any reason.

(g) *Cash Collateral.* (i) If, as of any Letter of Credit Expiration Date, any applicable Letter of Credit for any reason remains outstanding and partially or wholly undrawn, (ii) if any Event of Default occurs and is continuing and the Administrative Agent or the Lenders holding a majority of the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, require the Borrower to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations pursuant to Section 7.01 or (iii) if an Event of Default set forth under Section 7.01(g) occurs and is continuing, the Borrower shall Cash Collateralize the then Outstanding Amount of all of its (or, in the case of clause (i), the applicable) L/C Obligations (in an amount equal to such Outstanding Amount determined as of the date of such Event of Default or the applicable Letter of Credit Expiration Date, as the case may be), and shall do so not later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on (x) in the case of the immediately preceding clauses (i) or (ii), (A) the Business Day that the Borrower receives notice thereof, if such notice is received on such day prior to 12:00 noon, New York City time, or (B) if clause (A) above does not apply, the Business Day immediately following the day that the Borrower receives such notice and (y) in the case of the immediately preceding clause (iii), the Business Day on which an Event of Default set forth under Section 7.01(g) occurs or, if such day is not a Business Day, the Business Day immediately succeeding such day. At any time that there shall exist a Defaulting Lender, immediately upon the request of the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent Cash Collateral in an amount sufficient to cover all Fronting Exposure (after giving effect to Section 2.25 and any Cash Collateral provided by the Defaulting Lender). For purposes hereof, "**Cash Collateralize**" means to pledge and deposit with or deliver to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the relevant L/C Issuer and the Appropriate Lenders, as collateral for the relevant L/C Obligations, cash or deposit account balances ("**Cash Collateral**") pursuant to documentation in form, amount and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the relevant

L/C Issuer (which documents are hereby consented to by the Appropriate Lenders). Derivatives of such term have corresponding meanings. The Borrower hereby grants to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the L/C Issuers and the Participating Revolving Credit Lenders, a security interest in all such cash, deposit accounts and all balances therein and all proceeds of the foregoing. Cash Collateral shall be maintained in blocked accounts at the Administrative Agent and may be invested in readily available Cash Equivalents. If at any time the Administrative Agent determines that any funds held as Cash Collateral are expressly subject to any right or claim of any Person other than the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Secured Parties) or that the total amount of such funds is less than the aggregate Outstanding Amount of all relevant L/C Obligations, the Borrower will, forthwith upon demand by the Administrative Agent, pay to the Administrative Agent, as additional funds to be deposited and held in the deposit accounts at the Administrative Agent as aforesaid, an amount equal to the excess of (1) such aggregate Outstanding Amount over (2) the total amount of funds, if any, then held as Cash Collateral that the Administrative Agent reasonably determines to be free and clear of any such right and claim. Upon the drawing of any Letter of Credit for which funds are on deposit as Cash Collateral, such funds shall be applied, to the extent permitted under applicable Law, to reimburse the relevant L/C Issuer. To the extent the amount of any Cash Collateral exceeds the then Outstanding Amount of such L/C Obligations and so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the excess shall be refunded to the Borrower. To the extent any Event of Default giving rise to the requirement to Cash Collateralize any Letter of Credit pursuant to this Section 2.26(g) is cured or otherwise waived, then so long as no other Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, all Cash Collateral pledged to Cash Collateralize such Letter of Credit shall be refunded to the Borrower. If at any time the Administrative Agent determines that Cash Collateral is subject to any right or claim of any Person other than the Administrative Agent as herein provided, or that the total amount of such Cash Collateral is less than the applicable Fronting Exposure and other obligations secured thereby, the Borrower or the relevant Defaulting Lender will, promptly upon demand by the Administrative Agent, pay or provide to the Administrative Agent additional Cash Collateral in an amount sufficient to eliminate such deficiency. In addition, the Administrative Agent may request at any time and from time to time after the initial deposit of Cash Collateral that additional Cash Collateral be provided by the Borrower in order to protect against the results of exchange rate fluctuations with respect to Letters of Credit denominated in currencies other than Dollars.

(h) *Letter of Credit Fees.* The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Participating Revolving Credit Lender in accordance with its Pro Rata Share a Letter of Credit fee for each Letter of Credit issued pursuant to this Agreement equal to the Applicable Margin then in effect for Eurodollar Loans [or SOFR Loans](#) that are Revolving Credit Loans times the daily maximum amount then available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit (whether or not such maximum amount is then in effect under such Letter of Credit if such maximum amount increases periodically pursuant to the terms of such Letter of Credit); *provided, however*, any Letter of Credit fees otherwise payable for the account of a Defaulting Lender with respect to any Letter of Credit as to which such Defaulting Lender has not provided Cash Collateral satisfactory to the L/C Issuer pursuant to this Section 2.26 shall be payable, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable Law, to the other Lenders in accordance with the upward adjustments in their respective Pro Rata Share allocable to such Letter of Credit pursuant

to Section 2.25, with the balance of such fee, if any, payable to the L/C Issuer for its own account. Such Letter of Credit fees shall be computed on a quarterly basis in arrears. Such Letter of Credit fees shall be due and payable in Dollars on the 15th day of each of April, July, October and January, commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, on the applicable Letter of Credit Expiration Date and thereafter on demand; *provided* that if any such day is not a Business Day, payment shall be due on the next succeeding Business Day. If there is any change in the applicable Rate during any quarter, the daily maximum amount of each Letter of Credit shall be computed and multiplied by the applicable Rate separately for each period during such quarter that such applicable Rate was in effect.

(i) *Fronting Fee and Documentary and Processing Charges Payable to L/C Issuers.* The Borrower shall pay directly to each L/C Issuer for its own account a fronting fee with respect to each Letter of Credit issued by it equal to 0.125% per annum of the maximum amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit (whether or not such maximum amount is then in effect under such Letter of Credit if such maximum amount increases periodically pursuant to the terms of such Letter of Credit). Such fronting fees shall be computed on a quarterly basis in arrears. Such fronting fees shall be due and payable in Dollars on the 15th day of each of April, July, October and January, commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, on the Letter of Credit Expiration Date and thereafter on demand; *provided* that if any such day is not a Business Day, payment shall be due on the next succeeding Business Day. In addition, the Borrower shall pay directly to each L/C Issuer for its own account with respect to each Letter of Credit the customary issuance, presentation, amendment and other processing fees, and other standard costs and charges, of such L/C Issuer relating to letters of credit as from time to time in effect. Such customary fees and standard costs and charges are due and payable within 10 Business Days of demand and are non-refundable.

(j) *Conflict with Letter of Credit Application.* Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary in this Agreement or any Letter of Credit Application, in the event of any conflict between the terms hereof and the terms of any Letter of Credit Application, the terms hereof shall control.

(k) *Addition or Replacement of an L/C Issuer.*

(i) A Revolving Credit Lender reasonably acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent may become an additional L/C Issuer hereunder pursuant to a written agreement among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and such Revolving Credit Lender. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Participating Revolving Credit Lenders of any such additional L/C Issuer.

(ii) Any L/C Issuer may resign in its capacity as an L/C Issuer hereunder solely with the consent of the Borrower (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), and any L/C Issuer may be replaced at any time by written agreement among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the replaced L/C Issuer and the successor L/C Issuer. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Participating Revolving Credit Lenders of any such resignation or replacement. At the time any such resignation or replacement shall become effective, the Borrower shall pay all unpaid fees accrued for the account of the resigning

or replaced L/C Issuer, as applicable, pursuant to Section 2.26(h). In the case of the replacement of an L/C Issuer, from and after the effective date of any such replacement, (A) the successor L/C Issuer shall have all the rights and obligations of an L/C Issuer under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit to be issued thereafter and (B) references herein to the term "L/C Issuer" shall be deemed to refer to such successor L/C Issuer or to such replaced L/C Issuer, or to such successor L/C Issuer and such replaced L/C Issuer, as the context shall require. After the resignation or replacement of an L/C Issuer hereunder, the resigned or replaced L/C Issuer, as applicable, shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of an L/C Issuer under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit issued by it prior to such resignation or replacement, but shall not be required to issue additional Letters of Credit.

(l) *Provisions Related to Extended Revolving Credit Commitments.* If the Maturity Date in respect of any Participating Revolving Credit Commitments occurs prior to the expiry date of any Letter of Credit, then (i) if one or more other Participating Revolving Credit Commitments are then in effect (or will automatically be in effect upon such maturity), such Letters of Credit shall automatically be deemed to have been issued (including for purposes of the obligations of the Participating Revolving Credit Lenders to purchase participations therein and to make Revolving Credit Loans and payments in respect thereof pursuant to Sections 2.26(c) and (d)) under (and ratably participated in by Participating Revolving Credit Lenders pursuant to) the non-terminating Participating Revolving Credit Commitments up to an aggregate amount not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of the unutilized Participating Revolving Credit Commitments continuing at such time (it being understood that no partial face amount of any Letter of Credit may be so reallocated) and (ii) to the extent not reallocated pursuant to immediately preceding clause (i) and unless provisions reasonably satisfactory to the applicable L/C Issuer for the treatment of such Letter of Credit as a letter of credit under a successor credit facility have been agreed upon, the Borrower shall, on or prior to the applicable Maturity Date, cause all such Letters of Credit to be replaced and returned to the applicable L/C Issuer undrawn and marked "cancelled" or to the extent that the Borrower is unable to so replace and return any Letter(s) of Credit, such Letter(s) of Credit shall be secured by a "back to back" letter of credit reasonably satisfactory to the applicable L/C Issuer or the Borrower shall Cash Collateralize any such Letter of Credit in accordance with Section 2.26(g). Commencing with the Maturity Date of any Class of Revolving Credit Commitments, the Letter of Credit Sublimit shall be in an amount agreed solely with the L/C Issuers.

(m) *Letters of Credit Issued for Subsidiaries.* Notwithstanding that a Letter of Credit issued or outstanding hereunder is in support of any obligations of, or is for the account of, a Subsidiary or the Parent Guarantor, the Borrower shall be obligated to reimburse the applicable L/C Issuer hereunder for any and all drawings under such Letter of Credit. The Borrower hereby acknowledges that the issuance of Letters of Credit for the account of Subsidiaries or the Parent Guarantor inures to the benefit of the Borrower, and that the Borrower's business derives substantial benefits from the businesses of such Subsidiaries.

SECTION 2.27. ***Swing Line Loans.*** (a) *The Swing Line.* Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Swing Line Lender severally agrees to make loans in Dollars to

the Borrower (each such loan, a “**Swing Line Loan**”), from time to time on any Business Day during the period beginning on the Business Day after the Closing Date until the date which is one Business Day prior to the Maturity Date of the Participating Revolving Credit Commitments (taking into account the Maturity Date of any Participating Revolving Credit Commitment that will automatically come into effect on such Maturity Date) in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the amount of the Swing Line Sublimit; *provided* that, after giving effect to any Swing Line Loan (i) with respect to any Revolving Credit Lender, the Revolving Credit Exposure under its Participating Revolving Credit Commitments shall not exceed its aggregate Participating Revolving Credit Commitments (it being understood that with respect to a Swing Line Lender, its Swing Line Exposure for purposes of this clause (i) shall be deemed to be its Pro Rata Share (after giving effect when a Defaulting Lender shall exist to any reallocation effected in accordance with Section 2.25(c)) of the total Swing Line Exposure), (ii) with respect to any Revolving Credit Lender, the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Revolving Credit Loans of such Lender, plus such Lender’s L/C Exposure, plus such Lender’s Pro Rata Share (after giving effect when a Defaulting Lender shall exist to any reallocation effected in accordance with Section 2.25(c)) of the Outstanding Amount of the Swing Line Loans shall not exceed such Lender’s Revolving Credit Commitment then in effect and (iii) with respect to any Swing Line Lender, the aggregate of its Swing Line Exposure (in its capacity as a Swing Line Lender and a Revolving Credit Lender), plus the aggregate principal amount of its outstanding Revolving Credit Loans (in its capacity as a Revolving Credit Lender), plus its L/C Exposure shall not exceed its Revolving Credit Commitment; *provided, further*, that the Borrower shall not use the proceeds of any Swing Line Loan to refinance any outstanding Swing Line Loan. Within the foregoing limits, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower may borrow, prepay and reborrow Swing Line Loans. Each Swing Line Loan shall be an ABR Loan. Immediately upon the making of a Swing Line Loan by any Swing Line Lender, each Participating Revolving Credit Lender shall be deemed to, and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to, purchase from such Swing Line Lender a risk participation in such Swing Line Loan in an amount equal to the product of such Lender’s Pro Rata Share times the amount of such Swing Line Loan.

(b) *Borrowing Procedures.* Each Swing Line Borrowing shall be made upon the Borrower’s irrevocable written notice (such notice a “**Swing Line Loan Notice**”) to the Swing Line Lenders and the Administrative Agent. Each such notice must be appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower and received by the Swing Line Lenders and the Administrative Agent not later than 1:00 p.m., New York City time, on the requested borrowing date and shall specify (i) the amount to be borrowed, which shall be a minimum of \$500,000 (and any amount in excess of \$500,000 shall be an integral multiple of \$100,000) and (ii) the requested borrowing date, which shall be a Business Day. Promptly after receipt by any Swing Line Lender of any Swing Line Loan Notice, such Swing Line Lender will confirm with the Administrative Agent (by telephone or in writing) that the Administrative Agent has also received such Swing Line Loan Notice and such Swing Line Lender’s ratable portion of the amount of the Swing Line Loan to be made (and if the Administrative Agent has not received such Swing Line Loan Notice, such Swing Line Lender will notify the Administrative Agent (by telephone or in writing) of the contents thereof). Unless a Swing Line Lender has received notice (by telephone (if such Swing Line Lender agrees to accept telephonic notice) or in writing) from

the Administrative Agent (including at the request of any Revolving Credit Lender) prior to 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the date of the proposed Swing Line Borrowing (A) directing the Swing Line Lenders not to make such Swing Line Loan as a result of the limitations set forth in the first proviso to the first sentence of Section 2.27(a) or (B) that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in Section 4.03 is not then satisfied, then, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, such Swing Line Lender will, not later than 4:00 p.m., New York City time, on the borrowing date specified in such Swing Line Loan Notice, make its ratable portion of the amount of the Swing Line Loan available to the Borrower (such ratable portion to be calculated based upon such Swing Line Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment (in its capacity as a Revolving Credit Lender) to the total Revolving Credit Commitments of all of the Swing Line Lenders (in their respective capacities as Revolving Credit Lenders)). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 2.27 or elsewhere in this Agreement, no Swing Line Lender shall be obligated to make any Swing Line Loan at a time when a Participating Revolving Credit Lender is a Defaulting Lender unless such Swing Line Lender has entered into arrangements reasonably satisfactory to it and the Borrower to eliminate such Swing Line Lender's Fronting Exposure (after giving effect to Section 2.25) with respect to the Defaulting Lender's or Defaulting Lenders' participation in such Swing Line Loans, including by Cash Collateralizing, or obtaining a backstop letter of credit from an issuer reasonably satisfactory to such Swing Line Lender to support, such Defaulting Lender's or Defaulting Lenders' Pro Rata Share of the outstanding Swing Line Loans or other applicable share provided for under this Agreement. The Borrower shall repay to the Swing Line Lenders each Defaulting Lender's portion (after giving effect to Section 2.25) of each Swing Line Loan promptly following demand by any Swing Line Lender.

(c) *Refinancing of Swing Line Loans.*

(i) Each Swing Line Lender at any time in its sole and absolute discretion may request, on behalf of the Borrower (which hereby irrevocably authorizes the Swing Line Lenders to so request on its behalf), that each Participating Revolving Credit Lender make an ABR Loan in an amount equal to such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the amount of Swing Line Loans of the Borrower then outstanding. Such request shall be made in writing (which written request shall be deemed to be a Borrowing Request for purposes hereof) and in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.02, without regard to the minimum and multiples specified therein for the principal amount of ABR Loans, but subject to the unutilized portion of the aggregate Participating Revolving Credit Commitments and the conditions set forth in Section 4.03. Such Swing Line Lender shall furnish the Borrower with a copy of the applicable Borrowing Request promptly after delivering such notice to the Administrative Agent. Each Participating Revolving Credit Lender shall make an amount equal to its Pro Rata Share of the amount specified in such Borrowing Request available to the Administrative Agent in Same Day Funds for the account of the Swing Line Lenders at the Administrative Agent's office not later than 1:00 p.m., New York City time, on the day specified in such Borrowing Request, whereupon, subject to Section 2.27(c)(ii), each Participating Revolving Credit Lender that so makes funds available shall be deemed to have made an ABR Loan, as applicable, to the Borrower in such amount. The Administrative Agent shall remit the funds so

received ratably to the Swing Line Lenders in accordance with their outstanding Swing Line Loans. Upon the remission by the Administrative Agent to the Swing Line Lenders of the full amount specified in such Borrowing Request, the Borrower shall be deemed to have repaid the applicable Swing Line Loan.

(ii) If for any reason any Swing Line Loan cannot be refinanced by such a Revolving Credit Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.27(c)(i), the request for ABR Loans submitted by a Swing Line Lender as set forth herein shall be deemed to be a request by such Swing Line Lender that each of the Participating Revolving Credit Lenders fund its risk participation in the relevant Swing Line Loan and each Participating Revolving Credit Lender's payment to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Swing Line Lenders pursuant to Section 2.27(c)(i) shall be deemed payment in respect of such participation.

(iii) If any Participating Revolving Credit Lender fails to make available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Swing Line Lenders any amount required to be paid by such Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.27(c) by the time specified in Section 2.27(c)(i), the Swing Line Lenders shall be entitled to recover from such Lender (acting through the Administrative Agent), on demand, such amount with interest thereon for the period from the date such payment is required to the date on which such payment is immediately available to the Swing Line Lenders at the Bank Rate. If such Participating Revolving Credit Lender pays such amount, the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Revolving Credit Loan included in the relevant Borrowing or funded participation in the relevant Swing Line Loan, as the case may be. A certificate of any Swing Line Lender submitted to any Lender (through the Administrative Agent) with respect to any amounts owing under this clause (iii) shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(iv) Each Participating Revolving Credit Lender's obligation to make Revolving Credit Loans or to purchase and fund risk participations in Swing Line Loans pursuant to this Section 2.27(c) shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance, including (A) any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right which such Lender may have against any Swing Line Lender, the Borrower or any other Person for any reason whatsoever, (B) the occurrence or continuance of a Default or the failure to satisfy any condition in Article IV, (C) any adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise) of the Loan Parties, (D) any breach of this Agreement or (E) any other occurrence, event or condition, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing; *provided* that each Participating Revolving Credit Lender's obligation to make Revolving Credit Loans pursuant to this Section 2.27(c) (but not to purchase and fund risk participations in Swing Line Loans) is subject to the conditions set forth in Section 4.03. No such funding of risk participations shall relieve or otherwise impair the obligation of the Borrower to repay the applicable Swing Line Loans, together with interest as provided herein.

(d) *Repayment of Participations.*

(i) At any time after any Participating Revolving Credit Lender has purchased and funded a risk participation in a Swing Line Loan, if any Swing Line Lender receives any payment on account of such Swing Line Loan, such Swing Line Lender will distribute to such Lender its Pro Rata Share of such payment (appropriately adjusted to reflect (x) any reallocation effected in accordance with Section 2.25(c) and (y) in the case of interest payments, to reflect the period of time during which such Lender's risk participation was funded) in the same funds as those received by such Swing Line Lender.

(ii) If any payment received by any Swing Line Lender in respect of principal or interest on any Swing Line Loan is required to be returned by such Swing Line Lender under any of the circumstances described in Section 9.06 (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by such Swing Line Lender in its discretion), each Participating Revolving Credit Lender shall pay to such Swing Line Lender its Pro Rata Share thereof on demand of the Administrative Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such amount is returned, at a rate per annum equal to the Bank Rate. The Administrative Agent will make such demand upon the request of any Swing Line Lender.

(e) *Interest for Account of Swing Line Lenders.* Each Swing Line Lender shall be responsible for invoicing the Borrower for interest on the Swing Line Loans made by it. Until each Participating Revolving Credit Lender funds its ABR Loan or risk participation pursuant to this Section 2.27 to refinance such Lender's Pro Rata Share of any Swing Line Loan, interest in respect of such Pro Rata Share shall be solely for the ratable account of the Swing Line Lenders.

(f) *Payments Directly to Swing Line Lenders.* The Borrower shall make all payments of principal and interest in respect of the Swing Line Loans directly to the Swing Line Lenders.

(g) *Provisions Related to Extended Revolving Credit Commitments.* If the Maturity Date shall have occurred in respect of any Participating Revolving Credit Commitments (the "**Expiring Credit Commitment**") at a time when other Participating Revolving Credit Commitments are in effect (or will automatically be in effect upon such maturity) with a longer maturity date (each a "**Non-Expiring Credit Commitment**" and collectively, the "**Non-Expiring Credit Commitments**"), then each outstanding Swing Line Loan on the earliest occurring Maturity Date shall be deemed reallocated to the Non-Expiring Credit Commitments on a *pro rata* basis; *provided* that (x) to the extent that the amount of such reallocation would cause the aggregate credit exposure to exceed the aggregate amount of such Non-Expiring Credit Commitments, immediately prior to such reallocation (after giving effect to any repayments of Revolving Credit Loans and any reallocation of Letter of Credit participations as contemplated in Section 2.26(l)) the amount of Swing Line Loans to be reallocated equal to such excess shall be repaid or cash collateralized in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Swing Line Lender and (y) notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower shall still be obligated to pay Swing Line Loans allocated to the Participating Revolving Credit Lenders holding the Expiring Credit Commitments at the

Maturity Date of the Expiring Credit Commitment or if the Loans have been accelerated prior to the Maturity Date of the Expiring Credit Commitment.

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

To induce the Secured Parties to enter into this Agreement and to make Credit Extensions hereunder, each Loan Party represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties on the date of each Credit Extension hereunder that:

SECTION 3.01. ***Existence, Qualification and Power.*** (a) Each Loan Party and each Restricted Subsidiary (i) is a corporation, limited liability company, trust, partnership or limited partnership, duly incorporated, organized or formed, validly existing and, where applicable, in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, organization, or formation; (ii) has all requisite power and authority to (A) own or lease its assets and carry on its business and (B) execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party; (iii) has all requisite governmental licenses, permits, authorizations, consents and approvals to carry on its business and (iv) is duly qualified and is licensed and, where applicable, in good standing under the Laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification or license; except in each case referred to in clauses (i) (other than with respect to the Borrower), (ii)(A), (iii) and (iv), to the extent that failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) As of the Effective Date, Schedule 3.01 annexed hereto sets forth each Loan Party's name as it appears in official filings, state of incorporation or organization, organization type, organization number, if any, issued by its state of incorporation or organization, and its federal employer identification number, if any.

SECTION 3.02. ***Authorization; No Contravention.*** The execution, delivery and performance by each Loan Party of each Loan Document to which such Person is a party, have (i) been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and (ii) do not and will not (a) contravene the terms of any of such Person's Organization Documents; (b) conflict with or result in any breach, termination, or contravention of, or constitute a default under or require any payment to be made under (1) any Material Contract or any Material Indebtedness to which such Person is a party or affecting such Person or the properties of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries or (2) any order, injunction, writ or decree of any Governmental Authority or any arbitral award to which such Person or its property is subject, in each case under this clause (b), which has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; (c) result in or require the creation of any Lien upon any asset of any Loan Party or any guarantee by any Loan Party (other than Liens in favor of the Collateral Agent under the Security Documents or otherwise permitted to be incurred under Section 4.06 of Annex I and guarantees in favor of the Administrative Agent or otherwise permitted to be incurred under Sections 4.04 or 4.05 of Annex I); (d) violate any applicable Law where such violation has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; (e) result in any "change of control"

offer or similar offer being required to be made under any Material Indebtedness to which such Person is a party or affecting such Person or the properties of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries; or (f) result in the application of any of the consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease of assets (however so denominated) provisions of any Material Indebtedness to which such Person is a party or affecting such Person or the properties of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries, where in case of clauses (e) and (f), any such requirement or the application of any such provision has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.03. ***Governmental Authorization; Other Consents.*** No approval, consent (including, the consent of equity holders or creditors of any Loan Party or a Restricted Subsidiary), exemption, authorization, license or other action by, or notice to, or filing with, any Governmental Authority or regulatory body or any other Person is necessary or required for the grant of the security interest by such Loan Party or such Restricted Subsidiary of the Collateral pledged by it pursuant to the Security Documents or for the execution, delivery or performance by, or enforcement against, any Loan Party or any Restricted Subsidiary of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except for (a) filings or registrations necessary to perfect the Liens created under the Security Documents (including the first priority (subject to any Intercreditor Agreement (on and after the execution thereof)) nature thereof), (b) such approvals, consents, exemptions, authorizations, licenses, actions, notices or filings which have been obtained or made prior to the date of such pledge, execution, delivery or performance and are in full force and effect and (c) such approval, consent, exemption, authorization, license or other action by the failure of which to obtain or make has not had or would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.04. ***Binding Effect.*** This Agreement has been, and each other Loan Document, when delivered, will have been, duly executed and delivered by each Loan Party that is party thereto. This Agreement constitutes, and each other Loan Document when so delivered will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Loan Party, enforceable against each Loan Party that is party thereto in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

SECTION 3.05. ***Financial Statements; No Material Adverse Effect.*** (a) The Original Financial Statements delivered to the Lead Arrangers as of the Effective Date (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP, as applicable, consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein, and (ii) fairly present the financial condition of the entities therein (prior to giving effect to the Transactions) as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered thereby in accordance with GAAP, as applicable, consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein, subject to, with respect to financial statements that are not Audited Financial Statements, the absence of footnotes and to normal year-end audit adjustments; *provided, however*, that this representation is made only to the knowledge of the Borrower with respect to financial statements of entities that were not Subsidiaries of the Borrower as of the date of such financial statements.

(b) Since January 1, 2020, there has not occurred any Material Adverse Effect or any event, condition, change or effect that would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) As of the Funding Date, to the best knowledge of the Borrower, no Internal Control Event exists or has occurred since the date of the Audited Financial Statements that has resulted in or would reasonably be expected to result in a misstatement in any material respect, in any financial information contained in the Audited Financial Statements delivered or to be delivered to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders, of the assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of the Group Members on a Consolidated basis.

SECTION 3.06. **Litigation.** There are no actions, suits, proceedings, claims or disputes pending or, to the knowledge of the Loan Parties after due and diligent investigation, overtly threatened, at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority, by or against any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of its properties, rights or revenues that (a) purport to materially and adversely affect or pertain to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or any of the transactions contemplated hereby, or (b) either individually or in the aggregate would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.07. **No Default.** No Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary is in default under or with respect to any Material Indebtedness. No Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

SECTION 3.08. **Ownership of Properties; Liens; Debt.** (a) Each Loan Party and each Restricted Subsidiary has good and marketable title in fee simple to or valid leasehold interests in, or easements or other limited property interests in, all Real Estate necessary or used in the ordinary conduct of its business, free and clear of all Liens except for minor defects in title that do not materially interfere with its ability to conduct its business or to utilize such assets for their intended purposes and Liens permitted by Section 4.06 of Annex I and except as does not have and would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) There are no Liens on property or assets material to the conduct of the business of each Loan Party and each Restricted Subsidiary, other than Liens permitted pursuant to Section 4.06 of Annex I.

(c) As of the Effective Date, Schedule 3.08(c) sets forth a complete and accurate list of all Indebtedness of each Loan Party and its Restricted Subsidiaries, in each case in excess of \$35 million, showing the amount, obligor or issuer and maturity thereof and whether such Indebtedness is secured by a Lien. As of the Closing Date, no Loan Party has incurred any Indebtedness since the Effective Date, except for Indebtedness pursuant to this Agreement and the issuance of the Senior Notes and Senior Secured Notes or as would have been permitted pursuant to Section 4.04 of Annex I.

SECTION 3.09. **Environmental Compliance.** (a) No Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary (i) has failed to comply in all material respects with applicable Environmental Law or

to obtain, maintain or comply with any Environmental Permit, (ii) has become subject to any Environmental Liability, (iii) has received notice of any claim with respect to any material Environmental Liability or (iv) has a Responsible Officer with knowledge of any basis for any material Environmental Liability, except, in each case, as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) (i) None of the properties currently or formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary is or was listed or, to the knowledge of any Responsible Officer was proposed for listing on the NPL or on the CERCLIS or any analogous state or local list at any time while such property was owned by such Loan Party or, to the knowledge of any Responsible Officer, at any time prior to or after such property was owned by such Loan Party, and, to the knowledge of any Responsible Officer, no property currently owned or operated by any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary is adjacent to any such property, in each case in connection with any matter for which any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary would have any material Environmental Liability; (ii) there are no, or, to the knowledge of any Responsible Officer, never have been any underground or above-ground storage tanks or any surface impoundments, septic tanks, pits, sumps or lagoons in which Hazardous Materials are being or have been treated, stored or disposed on any property currently owned or operated by any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary in violation of any Environmental Laws or, to the knowledge of any Responsible Officer, on any property formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary; (iii) there is no friable asbestos or friable asbestos-containing material on any property currently owned or operated by any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary; (iv) Hazardous Materials have not been Released, discharged or disposed of on any property currently or formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary in violation of any Environmental Laws; and (v) to the knowledge of any Responsible Officer, there are no pending or threatened Liens under or pursuant to any applicable Environmental Laws on any real property or other assets owned or leased by any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary, and to the knowledge of any Responsible Officer, no actions by any Governmental Authority have been taken or are in process which would subject any of such properties or assets to such Liens, except, in the case of clauses (i) through (v) above, as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) No Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary is undertaking, and no Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary has completed, either individually or together with other potentially responsible parties, any investigation or assessment or remedial or response action relating to any actual or threatened Release, discharge or disposal of Hazardous Materials at any site, location or operation, either voluntarily or pursuant to the order of any Governmental Authority or the requirements of any Environmental Law that has or would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and all Hazardous Materials generated, used, treated, handled or stored at, or transported to or from, any property currently or formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary have been disposed of in a manner not reasonably expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.10. **Insurance.** The properties of the Loan Parties and the Restricted Subsidiaries are insured with financially sound and reputable insurance companies (including

any Captive Insurance Affiliate) in such amounts (after giving effect to any self-insurance), with such deductibles and covering such risks (including workers' compensation, commercial general liability, business interruption and property damage insurance) as are customarily carried by companies engaged in similar businesses and owning similar properties in localities where the applicable Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary operates. As of the Closing Date, each material insurance policy required to be maintained pursuant to Section 5.07 is in full force and effect and all premiums in respect thereof that are due and payable have been paid.

SECTION 3.11. **Taxes.** Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, the Loan Parties and the Restricted Subsidiaries have filed all US federal, state and other tax returns and reports (collectively, the "**Tax Returns**") required to be filed, and all such Tax Returns are true, correct and complete in all respects, and have paid when due and payable (subject to any grace periods) all US federal, state and other Taxes, assessments, fees and other governmental charges levied or imposed upon them or their properties, income or assets otherwise due and payable, except those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings being diligently conducted, for which adequate reserves have been provided in accordance with GAAP, as to which Taxes no Lien has been filed and which contest effectively suspends the collection of the contested obligation and the enforcement of any Lien securing such obligation. There is no proposed tax assessment against any Loan Party or any Restricted Subsidiary that would, if made, have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.12. **Benefit Plans.** No ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur that, when taken individually or together with all other such ERISA Events, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, the present value of all accumulated benefit obligations under each Plan, if such Plan or Plans were to be terminated (based on the assumptions used for purposes of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87 or any successor thereto) did not, as of the date of the most recent financial statements reflecting such amounts, exceed the fair market value of the assets of such Plan allocable to such accumulated benefit obligations.

SECTION 3.13. **Subsidiaries; Capital Stock.** As of the Effective Date, (a) the Loan Parties have no Subsidiaries other than those specifically disclosed in Part (a) of Schedule 3.13, which Schedule sets forth the legal name, jurisdiction of incorporation or formation and the percentage interest of such Loan Party therein; (b) the outstanding Capital Stock in such Subsidiaries described on Part (a) of Schedule 3.13 as owned by a Loan Party (or a Subsidiary of a Loan Party) have been validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned by a Loan Party (or a Subsidiary of a Loan Party) free and clear of all Liens, other than Permitted Liens; (c) except as set forth in Schedule 3.13, there are no outstanding rights to purchase any Capital Stock in any Restricted Subsidiary and (d) all of the outstanding Capital Stock in the Loan Parties have been validly issued, and are fully paid and non-assessable and, with respect to the Loan Parties and their direct Subsidiaries, are owned in the amounts specified on Part (c) of Schedule 3.13 free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Liens permitted to be incurred pursuant to Section 4.06 of Annex I; in each of the foregoing clauses (a) through (d), including

such modifications or supplements to Schedule 3.13 as have been delivered by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent from time to time. As of the Funding Date, the copies of the Organization Documents of each Loan Party and each amendment thereto provided pursuant to Section 4.02 are true and correct copies of each such document, each of which is valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.14. **Margin Regulations; Investment Company Act.** (a) No Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary is engaged or will be engaged, principally or as one of its important activities, in the business of purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U), or extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock. None of the proceeds of the Loans shall be used directly or indirectly for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any margin stock, for the purpose of reducing or retiring any Indebtedness that was originally incurred to purchase or carry any margin stock or for any other purpose that might cause any of the Loans to be considered a “purpose credit” within the meaning of Regulations T, U or X.

(b) None of the Loan Parties or any Restricted Subsidiary is or is required to be registered as an “investment company” under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

SECTION 3.15. **Disclosure.** No report, financial statement, certificate or other information furnished (whether in writing or orally) by or on behalf of any Loan Party to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and the negotiation of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or delivered hereunder or under any other Loan Document (in each case, as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished) contains any material misstatement of fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not materially misleading; *provided* that, with respect to projected financial information and pro forma financial information, the Loan Parties represent only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time furnished to the Lenders, it being understood that such projections may vary from actual results and that such variations may be material, and using due care in the preparation of such information, report, financial statement or certificate; *provided, further*, that with respect to any such information regarding the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries prior to the Closing Date, the foregoing representation and warranty shall be made to the knowledge of the Borrower.

SECTION 3.16. **Compliance with Laws.** Each of the Loan Parties and the Restricted Subsidiaries is in compliance in all material respects with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its properties, except in such instances in which the failure to comply therewith, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.17. **Intellectual Property; Licenses, Etc.** The Loan Parties and the Restricted Subsidiaries own, or possess the right to use, all of the intellectual property, licenses, permits and other authorizations that are reasonably necessary for the operation of their respective businesses, without conflict with the rights of any other Person. To the best of the knowledge of the Loan Parties, no slogan or other advertising device, product, process, method,

substance, part or other material now employed, or now contemplated to be employed, by any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary infringes upon any rights held by any other Person. No claim or litigation regarding any of the foregoing is pending or, to the best of the knowledge of the Loan Parties, threatened, which, either individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.18. **Labor Matters.** Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, there are no strikes, lockouts, slowdowns or other material labor disputes against any Loan Party or any Restricted Subsidiary pending or, to the knowledge of any Loan Party, threatened. The hours worked by and payments made to employees of the Loan Parties and the Restricted Subsidiaries have not been in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act and any other applicable federal, state, local or foreign Law dealing with such matters in any material respect.

SECTION 3.19. **Security Documents.** Subject to the Legal Reservations, the Security Documents create or will create when executed, to the extent purported to be created thereby, in favor of the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties referred to therein, a legal, valid, continuing and enforceable security interest in the Collateral, the enforceability of which is subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

SECTION 3.20. **Solvency.** (a) As of the Funding Date, after giving *pro forma* effect to the Transactions, the Borrower is Solvent.

(b) No transfer of property has been or will be made by any Loan Party and no obligation has been or will be incurred by any Loan Party in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the other Loan Documents with the intent to hinder, delay, or defraud either present or future creditors of any Loan Party.

SECTION 3.21. **Trade Relations.** There exists no actual or, to the knowledge of any Loan Party, threatened, termination or cancellation of, or any material adverse modification or change in the business relationship of any Loan Party with any supplier material to its operations.

SECTION 3.22. **Material Contracts.** No Loan Party is in breach or in default in any material respect of or under any Material Contract and has not received any notice of the intention of any other party thereto to terminate any Material Contract, in each case, that has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.23. **Financial Sanctions List.** No member of the Borrower Group or any of its Affiliates is on a Sanctions List.

SECTION 3.24. **Sanctions.** (a) No Group Member is using or will use the proceeds of this Agreement for the purpose of financing or making funds available directly or indirectly to any person or entity which is listed on a Sanctions List, or located in a Sanctioned Country, to

the extent such financing or provision of funds would be prohibited by Sanctions or would otherwise cause any person to be in breach of Sanctions, including but not limited to OFAC sanctions where such financing or provision of funds is or would be conducted by a person in the United States of America.

(b) No Group Member is contributing or will contribute or otherwise make available the proceeds of this Agreement to any other person or entity for the purpose of financing the activities of any person or entity which is listed on a Sanctions List, or located (or ordinarily resident) in a Sanctioned Country, to the extent such contribution or provision of proceeds would be prohibited by Sanctions or would otherwise cause any person to be in breach of Sanctions (including but not limited to OFAC sanctions where such contribution or provision of proceeds is or would be conducted by a person in the United States of America).

(c) To the best of its knowledge and belief (having made due and careful enquiry) no Group Member: (i) has been or is targeted under any Sanctions; or (ii) has violated or is violating any applicable Sanctions.

SECTION 3.25. ***Anti-Terrorism; Anti-Corruption***. To the extent applicable, each of the Loan Parties and the Restricted Subsidiaries is in compliance in all material respects with (a) the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, and each of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department (31 C.F.R., Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) and any other enabling legislation or executive order relating thereto, and (b) the USA PATRIOT Act; and (c) anti-corruption laws and regulations, including the Bribery Act 2010 (the “**BA**”) and the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (the “**FCPA**”). No part of the proceeds of the Loans will be used, directly or indirectly, for any payments to any governmental official or employee, political party, official of a political party, candidate for political office, or anyone else acting in an official capacity, in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage or otherwise in violation of any applicable anti-bribery laws and regulations, including the BA and FCPA. The Borrower confirms to each Lender that any Loans made to it under this Agreement will be made solely for its own account or for the account of a member of the Borrower Group.

ARTICLE IV

CONDITIONS OF LENDING

SECTION 4.01. ***Conditions to Effectiveness***. The effectiveness of this Agreement and the Commitments of the Lenders to make any Credit Extension on the Funding Date (subject to Section 4.02) hereunder are subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

(a) The Administrative Agent shall have received this Agreement duly executed and delivered (or counterparts hereof) by the Borrower.

(b) The Agent Fee Letter shall have been duly executed by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 4.02 ***Conditions to Funding.*** The obligations of the Lenders to make any Credit Extension hereunder on the Funding Date are subject to the satisfaction (or waiver by the Lead Arrangers) of the following conditions:

(a) The Funding Date shall be a Business Day on or before the Longstop Date (but no later than January 24, 2021 in the case of the Initial Term Loans.

(b) The Administrative Agent shall have received, on behalf of itself and the Lenders, a legal opinion of Ropes & Gray International LLP, New York counsel for the Borrower, in form reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (i) dated the Effective Date, (ii) addressed to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders and (iii) covering such other matters relating to the Loan Documents and the Transactions as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request, and the Borrower hereby requests such counsel to deliver such opinions.

(c) The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received:

(i) A copy of the Organization Documents of each Loan Party.

(ii) A certificate of good standing in respect of each Loan Party.

(iii) A copy of a resolution of the board or, if applicable, a committee of the board, of directors of each Loan Party (A) approving the terms of, and the transactions contemplated by, the Loan Documents to which it is a party and resolving that it execute, deliver and perform the Loan Documents to which it is a party; (B) authorizing a specified person or persons to execute the Loan Documents to which it is a party on its behalf; and (C) authorizing a specified person or persons, on its behalf, to sign and/or deliver all documents and notices (including, if relevant, any Borrowing Request) to be signed and/or delivered by it under or in connection with the Loan Documents to which it is a party.

(iv) A specimen of the signature of each person authorised by the resolution in relation to the Loan Documents and related documents.

(v) A secretary's certificate or officer's certificate (as applicable) of each Loan Party in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(vi) A Borrowing Request with respect to the Initial Term Loans and any Revolving Credit Loans to be made on the Funding Date meeting the requirements of Section 2.03 (subject solely to the conditions precedent for such Borrowing set forth in this Section 4.02).

(d) The Administrative Agent shall have received, at least three Business Days prior to the Funding Date, (i) all documentation and other information required by regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA PATRIOT Act and (ii) a Beneficial Ownership Certification for the Borrower to the extent that it qualifies as a "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial

Ownership Regulation, in each case, that has been reasonably requested by the Lenders at least 10 days prior to the Funding Date.

(e) If the Funding Date occurs prior to the Closing Date, the Administrative Agent shall have received (i) the Loan Escrow Agreement duly executed and delivered (or counterparts thereof) by the Borrower and the Loan Escrow Agent and (ii) the Loan Escrow Guarantee Agreement duly executed and delivered (or counterpart thereof) by the Loan Escrow Guarantor and the Borrower.

(f) (i) The Purchase Agreement shall not have been modified, amended or waived in any respect that is material and adverse to the Lead Arrangers or the Lenders without the prior consent of the Lead Arrangers (such consent not to be unreasonably, withheld, delayed or conditioned) and (ii) the Purchase Agreement remains in full force and effect.

(g) A certificate from the chief financial officer (or other Responsible Officer) of the Borrower, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit I hereto, certifying that the Borrower is Solvent (after giving effect to the Transactions on a *pro forma* basis).

(h) Each Major Representation and Specified Purchase Agreement Representation (collectively, the “**Funding Date Representations**”) is true and correct in all material respects (except for Funding Date Representations that are already qualified by materiality or “Material Adverse Effect”, which representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects after giving effect to such materiality or “Material Adverse Effect” qualification) as of the Funding Date (unless such Funding Date Representations relate to an earlier date, in which case, such Funding Date Representations shall have been true and correct in all material respects (except for Funding Date Representations that are already qualified by materiality or “Material Adverse Effect”, which representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects after giving effect to such materiality or “Material Adverse Effect” qualification) as of such earlier date); *provided* that to the extent any of the Specified Purchase Agreement Representations are qualified or subject to “Material Adverse Effect,” the definition thereof shall be “Material Adverse Effect” as defined in the Purchase Agreement for purposes of any such representations and warranties made or to be made on, or as of, the Funding Date.

(i) If the Funding Date occurs on the Closing Date, (i) the Borrower and the Parent Guarantor shall have duly executed the Facility Guaranty, the Pledge and Security Agreement and the Closing Date Intercreditor Agreement Supplement, (ii) all fees and expenses (in the case of expenses, to the extent invoiced at least three Business Days prior to the Closing Date but excluding any legal fees and expenses (except as otherwise reasonably agreed by the Borrower)) required to be paid to the Commitment Parties (as defined in the Commitment Letter) on the Closing Date shall have been paid, (iii) since January 1, 2020, there shall not have occurred or be continuing any “Material Adverse Effect” (as defined in the Purchase Agreement) and (iv) the Disposition shall have been consummated (or shall be consummated substantially concurrently) in accordance with the Purchase Agreement in all material respects.

Notwithstanding the foregoing and in the event the Funding Date occurs on the Closing Date, to the extent any security interest in any Collateral of the Borrower or the Parent Guarantor

(other than to the extent a Lien on such Collateral may be perfected by the filing of a financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code) is not or cannot be provided and/or perfected on or prior to the Closing Date after the Borrower's use of commercially reasonable efforts to do so or without undue burden or expense, the provision and/or perfection of security interests in such Collateral shall not constitute a condition precedent to the availability or initial funding of the Term Facilities or Revolving Credit Facilities on or prior to the Closing Date but shall instead be required to be delivered, provided, and/or perfected within 30 days after the Closing Date (or such later date as may be reasonably agreed by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent).

SECTION 4.03. **Conditions to All Credit Extensions.** The obligations of the Lenders to make Credit Extensions hereunder on any date (each, a "**Borrowing Date**") (other than on the Funding Date or on the Borrowing Date under any Incremental Loan Assumption Agreement, Extension Amendment or Refinancing Amendment) are subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

(a) (i) (x) in the case of any Revolving Credit Borrowing proposed to be made after the Funding Date but prior to the Closing Date, (1) the representations and warranties made by (A) the Borrower set forth in Sections 3.14, 3.24(a) and the second sentence of Section 3.25 (in the case of Section 3.24(a) and 3.25 solely with respect to the use of the proceeds of such Revolving Credit Borrowing) and (B) the Loan Escrow Guarantor set forth in Section 2.5 of the Loan Escrow Guarantee Agreement shall, in each case, be true and correct in all material respects (except that this materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representation or warranty that is already qualified by materiality or "**Material Adverse Effect**"), on and as of the date of such Borrowing with the same effect as though made on and as of such date, except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (except that this materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representation or warranty that is already qualified by materiality or "**Material Adverse Effect**"), on and as of such earlier date, (2) the Loan Escrow Guarantee Agreement remains in full force and effect and (3) the condition set forth in Section 4.02(f) is satisfied on and as of the date of such Borrowing and (y) in the case of any other Credit Extension, the representations and warranties set forth in Article III and in each other Loan Document shall be true and correct in all material respects (except that this materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representation or warranty that is already qualified by materiality or "**Material Adverse Effect**"), on and as of the date of such Borrowing with the same effect as though made on and as of such date, except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (except that this materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representation or warranty that is already qualified by materiality or "**Material Adverse Effect**"), on and as of such earlier date and (ii) other than in the case of any Revolving Credit Borrowing proposed to be made after the Funding Date and prior to the Closing Date, no Default shall exist or would result from such proposed Credit Extension or the application of the proceeds therefrom.

(b) The Administrative Agent shall have received a Request for Credit Extension as required by Article II.

Each Request for Credit Extension (other than a Borrowing Request requesting only a conversion of Loans to the other Type or a continuation of Eurodollar Loans [or SOFR Loans](#)) submitted by the Borrower after the Funding Date pursuant to this Section 4.03 shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty that the conditions specified in Sections 4.03(a) and (b) have been satisfied on and as of the date of the applicable Credit Extension.

ARTICLE V

COVENANTS

The Borrower and each Guarantor covenant and agree with each Lender that from and after the Closing Date, so long as this Agreement shall remain in effect, and until the Commitments have been terminated and the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees and all other expenses or amounts payable under any Loan Document shall have been paid in full (other than contingent indemnification obligations not then due and payable), or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding (unless the Outstanding Amount of the L/C Obligations related thereto has been Cash Collateralized or back-stopped by a letter of credit reasonably satisfactory to the applicable L/C Issuer or such Letter of Credit has been deemed reissued under another agreement reasonably acceptable to the L/C Issuer), or unless the Required Lenders shall otherwise consent in writing, the Borrower and each Guarantor will, and will, to the extent provided below, cause each of the Restricted Subsidiaries to comply with the covenants set forth in Annex I and to:

SECTION 5.01. **Projections.** Deliver to the Administrative Agent (for distribution to each Lender), together with the delivery of reports required to be delivered pursuant to Section 4.10(a)(1) of Annex I, forecasts prepared using fiscal periods for any applicable fiscal years (including, if applicable, the fiscal year in which the Maturity Date occurs) as customarily prepared by management of the Borrower for its internal use (the “**Projections**”), which shall be accompanied by a certificate of a Responsible Officer stating that such Projections have been prepared in good faith on the basis of the assumptions stated therein, which assumptions were believed to be reasonable at the time of preparation of such Projections, it being understood that actual results may vary from such Projections and that such variations may be material.

SECTION 5.02. **Certificates; Other Information.** (a) Deliver to the Administrative Agent and, upon the Administrative Agent’s request each Lender, in form and detail satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:

(i) promptly after the receipt thereof by the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, a copy of any “management letter” received by any such Person from its certified public accountants and the management’s response thereto;

(ii) promptly after the request by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, all documentation and other information that the Administrative Agent or such Lender reasonably requests in order to comply with its ongoing obligations under applicable “know your customer” and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA PATRIOT Act and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation; and

(iii) promptly, such additional information regarding the business affairs, financial condition or operations of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary, or compliance with the terms of the Loan Documents, as the Administrative Agent or any Lender may from time to time reasonably request.

(b) Documents required to be delivered pursuant to Section 4.10 of Annex I may be delivered electronically and if so delivered, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date (i) specified in Section 9.01 with respect to e-mail communications, (ii) on which the Borrower posts such documents, or provides a link thereto on the Borrower's website on the Internet at the website address listed on Schedule 9.01(a); or (iii) on which such documents are posted on the Borrower's behalf on an Internet or intranet website, if any, to which each Lender and the Administrative Agent have access (whether a commercial, third-party website or whether sponsored by the Administrative Agent); *provided* that (x) the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent and each Lender (by telecopier or e-mail) of the posting of any such documents and (y) if for any reason the Administrative Agent is unable to obtain electronic versions of the documents posted, promptly upon the Administrative Agent's request provide to the Administrative Agent by electronic mail electronic versions (i.e., soft copies) of such documents. The Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to request the delivery or to maintain copies of the documents referred to above, and in any event shall have no responsibility to monitor compliance by the Loan Parties with any such request for delivery, and each Lender shall be solely responsible for requesting delivery to it or maintaining its copies of such documents.

(c) The Borrower hereby acknowledges and agrees that all financial statements and certificates furnished pursuant to Section 4.10(a)(1) and Section 4.10(a)(2) of Annex I are hereby deemed to be Borrower Materials suitable for distribution, and to be made available, to Public Lenders, as contemplated by Section 9.01(f) and may be treated by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders as if the same has been marked "PUBLIC" in accordance with such paragraph.

SECTION 5.03. **Notices.** Promptly notify the Administrative Agent of: (a) as soon as possible after a Responsible Officer of the Borrower knows thereof, the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default, specifying the nature and extent thereof and the corrective action (if any) taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto;

(b) as soon as possible after a Responsible Officer of the Borrower knows thereof, any filing or commencement of, or any written threat or notice of intention of any person to file or commence, any action, suit, litigation or proceeding, whether at law or in equity by or before any Governmental Authority against the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; and

(c) (i) promptly upon becoming aware of the occurrence of any ERISA Event that would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, a written notice specifying the nature thereof, what action the Borrower, any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates has taken, is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto and, when known, any action taken or threatened by the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Labor or the PBGC with respect thereto; and (ii) with reasonable promptness, copies of such

documents and governmental reports and filings relating to any Plan or Multiemployer Plan as Administrative Agent shall reasonably request.

Each notice pursuant to this Section 5.03 shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action the Borrower has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto. Each notice pursuant to Section 5.03(a) shall describe with particularity any and all provisions of this Agreement and any other Loan Document that have been breached.

SECTION 5.04. *Payment of Obligations.* Pay and discharge as the same shall become due and payable, all its obligations and liabilities, including (a) all material Taxes, assessments and governmental charges or levies upon it or its properties, assets, income or profits before the same shall have become delinquent or in default, (b) all lawful claims (including claims of landlords, warehousemen, freight forwarders and carriers, and all claims for labor materials and supplies or otherwise) which, if unpaid, would by law become a Lien upon its property; and (c) all Indebtedness, as and when due and payable, but subject to any subordination provisions contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing such Indebtedness, except, in each case under clauses (a) or (b), where (i) (A) the validity or amount thereof is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (B) such Loan Party has set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto in accordance with GAAP and (C) such contest effectively suspends collection of the contested obligation and enforcement of any Lien securing such obligation or (ii) the failure to make payment pending such contest would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.05. *Preservation of Existence.* (a) Preserve, renew and maintain in full force and effect its legal existence and good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization or formation except in a transaction permitted by Article V of Annex I if, other than in respect of the Borrower, the failure to do so would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect; *provided, however*, that in no event shall the Borrower change its jurisdiction of organization to a jurisdiction other than the United States of America, or any State of the United States or the District of Columbia; (b) take all necessary action to maintain and keep in full force and effect all rights, privileges, permits, licenses and franchises material to the normal conduct of its business if the failure to do so would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect; and (c) preserve or renew all of its intellectual property, except to the extent such intellectual property (i) is no longer used or useful in the business of any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary and (ii) is not otherwise material to the business of the Loan Parties and Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in any respect.

SECTION 5.06. *Maintenance of Properties.* (a) Maintain, preserve and protect all of its material properties and equipment material to the operation of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted; and (b) make all repairs thereto and renewals, improvements, additions and replacements thereof necessary in order that the business carried on in connection therewith may be properly conducted at all times except, in each case, if

the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.07. **Maintenance of Insurance.** Maintain with insurance companies that the Borrower believes (in the good faith judgment of its management) are financially sound and reputable insurance companies at the time the relevant coverage is placed or renewed and that are not Affiliates of the Loan Parties, insurance with respect to its properties and business against loss or damage of the kinds customarily insured against by Persons engaged in the same or similar business and operating in the same or similar locations (after giving effect to any self-insurance reasonable and customary for similarly situated Persons engaged in a Similar Business).

SECTION 5.08. **Compliance with Laws.** Comply in all material respects with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its business or property, except in such instances in which the failure to comply therewith would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.09. **Books and Records; Accountants; Maintenance of Ratings.** (a) Maintain proper books of record and account, in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP, IFRS, or local generally accepted accounting principles, as the case may be, consistently applied shall be made of all financial transactions and matters involving the assets and business of the Loan Parties or such Subsidiary, as the case may be; and maintain such books of record and account in material conformity with all applicable requirements of any Governmental Authority having regulatory jurisdiction over the Loan Parties or such Subsidiary, as the case may be.

(b) At all times retain a Registered Public Accounting Firm which is reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and shall instruct such Registered Public Accounting Firm to cooperate with, and be available to, the Administrative Agent or its representatives to discuss, with a representative of the Borrower present, the Loan Parties' financial performance, financial condition, operating results, controls, and such other matters, within the scope of the retention of such Registered Public Accounting Firm, as may be raised by the Administrative Agent.

(c) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Term Facility to be continuously rated by S&P and Moody's, and use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain a corporate rating from S&P and a corporate family rating from Moody's, in each case in respect of the Borrower.

SECTION 5.10. **Inspection Rights.** Subject to any applicable confidentiality undertakings or stock exchange regulations, permit representatives and independent contractors of the Administrative Agent to visit and inspect any of its properties, to examine its corporate, financial and operating records, and make copies thereof or abstracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with its directors, officers, and Registered Public Accounting Firm at such reasonable times during normal business hours upon reasonable advance notice to the Borrower; *provided* that the Administrative Agent shall not exercise such rights more than twice

in any calendar year and only one such exercise will be at the expense of the Loan Parties; *provided, further*, that when an Event of Default exists, the Administrative Agent (or any of its representatives or independent contractors) may do any of the foregoing at the expense of the Loan Parties at any time during normal business hours upon reasonable advance notice to the Borrower.

SECTION 5.11. ***Use of Proceeds.*** (a) Upon release from the Loan Escrow Account, use all of the proceeds of the Initial Term Loans solely to consummate the Transactions.

(b) Apply any amount drawn under the Revolving Credit Facilities (i) on and after the Funding Date to fund any interest with respect to any Term Loans, the Senior Notes, Senior Secured Notes or any bridge loans or rollover loans in lieu thereof, and original issue discount or upfront fees required to be funded under the “market flex” provisions of the Arranger Fee Letter, (ii) on or prior to the Closing Date, to fund the Special Distribution and pay any fees and expenses in connection with the Transactions, in an aggregate amount for this clause (ii) not to exceed the Closing Date Revolving Available Amount and (iii) after the Closing Date, for working capital, capital expenditures and general corporate purposes (including acquisitions, Permitted Investments, Restricted Payments and other transactions not prohibited by this Agreement).

(c) The Borrower will not request any Borrowing, and the Borrower shall not use, directly or indirectly, and shall procure that no Group Member will, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of any Borrowing (i) for the purpose of funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any person or entity which is listed on a Sanctions List or owned or controlled by a person or entity listed on a Sanctions List, or in any Sanctioned Country or (ii) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

SECTION 5.12. ***[Reserved.]***

SECTION 5.13. ***Further Assurances.*** Execute any and all further documents, financing statements, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions (including the filing and recording of financing statements and other documents) which the Administrative Agent may reasonably request, to carry out the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and to establish, maintain, renew, preserve or protect the rights and remedies of Administrative Agent and other Secured Parties hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, or to grant, preserve, protect or perfect the Liens created or intended to be created by the Security Documents or the validity or priority of any such Lien, all at the expense of the Loan Parties. The Loan Parties agree to provide to the Administrative Agent, from time to time upon its reasonable request, evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent as to the perfection and priority of the Liens created or intended to be created by the Security Documents.

SECTION 5.14. ***Post-Closing Guarantee and Security Requirements.*** (a) (i) each Subsidiary of the Borrower set forth on Schedule 5.14(a) (an “***Initial Loan Party***”), (ii) each Material Subsidiary (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) and (iii) any other Restricted Subsidiary that guarantees any Public Debt or any syndicated credit facilities of the Borrower or the

Guarantors (except if the amount of such Public Debt or syndicated credit facilities is not greater than \$35 million) to (A) become a Guarantor hereunder by executing and delivering to the Administrative Agent a Facility Guaranty Joinder and execute and deliver a Closing Date Intercreditor Agreement Supplement to the Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent and grantor supplements or acknowledgements with respect to any other Intercreditor Agreement then in effect, (B) become a Grantor under the Pledge and Security Agreement by executing and delivering to the Collateral Agent (along with copies to the Administrative Agent) a Pledge Supplement, as may be required to confer on the Collateral Agent security over the Collateral no later than (x) three Business Days after the Closing Date (or 90 days after the Closing Date, with respect to network assets) in the case of the Initial Loan Parties or (y) 30 days after the date the relevant Restricted Subsidiary becomes a Material Subsidiary (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) or (z) in the case of clause (a)(iii) above, concurrently with the provision of such guarantee, or in each case, such later date as may be reasonably agreed by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent and (C) execute and/or deliver to the Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent as applicable (x) customary legal opinions of counsel to the Borrower, in form reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, addressed to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders and covering substantially the same matters relating to the Loan Documents as the matters covered in any opinion provided on the Funding Date pursuant to Section 4.02, other than where the customary practice in the relevant jurisdiction differs with respect to providing opinions, in which case such opinions may be provided by counsel to the Administrative Agent, (y) the documents specified in clauses Section 4.02(c)(i) – (v), substantially in the same form as agreed to be provided with respect to the Borrower as of the Funding Date, subject to any changes required by the law of the jurisdiction of organization of the relevant Loan Party or customary for such jurisdiction; and (z) if required by the relevant Security Documents, stock, share or membership certificates and corresponding blank powers or equivalent transfer forms as applicable with respect to the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries of the Borrower (except the extent constituting Excluded Assets pursuant to clause (l) of the definition thereof);

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, it is understood and agreed that (i) the Administrative Agent may grant extensions of time for the creation and perfection of security interests in, or obtaining of title insurance, legal opinions, surveys or other deliverables with respect to, particular assets or the provision of any Loan Guarantee by any Restricted Subsidiary (in connection with assets acquired, or Restricted Subsidiaries formed or acquired, after the Closing Date), and each Lender hereby consents to any such extension of time, (ii) any joinder or supplement to any Loan Guarantee, any Security Document or any other Loan Document executed by any Restricted Subsidiary that is required to become a Loan Party pursuant to this Section 5.14 may, with the consent of the Administrative Agent (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), include such schedules (or updates to schedules) or limitations as may be necessary to qualify any representation or warranty with respect to such Restricted Subsidiary set forth in any Loan Document to the extent necessary to ensure that such representation or warranty is true and correct to the extent required thereby or by the terms of any other Loan Document, (iii) no Loan Party shall be required to seek any landlord waiver, bailee letter, estoppel, warehouseman waiver or other collateral access, lien waiver or similar letter or agreement, (iv) no Loan Party shall be required to take any

supplemental perfection action with respect to Collateral constituting intellectual property, other than any supplemental filings with the U.S. Copyright Office or the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, (v) in no event shall notices be required to be sent, nor shall the Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent be permitted to send to account debtors or other contractual third-parties prior to the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, (vi) no Loan Party will be required to (A) take any action outside the U.S. to grant or perfect any security interest in any asset located outside of the U.S. (other than as may be perfected by the filing of a UCC financing statement), (B) execute any security agreement, pledge agreement, mortgage, deed or charge governed by the laws of a jurisdiction other than the U.S. or (C) make any intellectual property filing, conduct any intellectual property search or prepare any schedule of intellectual property, in each case, in a jurisdiction other than the U.S., (vii) in no event will the Collateral include any Excluded Asset, (viii) no Loan Party shall be required to perfect a security interest in any asset to the extent perfection of a security interest in such asset would be prohibited under any applicable Requirement of Law, (ix) any Lien required to be granted from time to time pursuant to this Section 5.14 shall be subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth in the Security Documents and (x) the Administrative Agent shall not require the taking of a Lien on, or require the perfection of any Lien granted in, those assets as to which the cost of obtaining or perfecting such Lien (including any mortgage, stamp, intangibles or other Tax or expenses relating to such Lien) is excessive in relation to the benefit to the Lenders of the security afforded thereby as reasonably agreed by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 5.15. ***Sanctions.*** (a) Not (i) contribute or otherwise make available the proceeds of this Agreement, directly or indirectly, to any person or entity (whether or not related to any member of the Borrower Group) for the purpose of financing the activities of any person or entity which is listed on a Sanctions List, or owned or controlled by a person or entity listed on a Sanctions List, or currently located in a Sanctioned Country, to the extent such contribution or provision of proceeds would be prohibited by Sanctions or would otherwise cause any person to be in breach of Sanctions, including but not limited to OFAC sanctions where such contribution or provision of proceeds is or would be conducted by a person in the United States of America; or (ii) fund all or part of any repayment under this Agreement out of proceeds derived from transactions which would be prohibited by Sanctions or would otherwise cause any person to be in breach of Sanctions.

(b) The Borrower and each Guarantor shall (and the Borrower shall ensure that each member of the Borrower Group will) ensure that appropriate controls and safeguards are in place designed to prevent any proceeds of this Agreement from being used contrary to Section 5.15(a).

ARTICLE VI

FINANCIAL COVENANT

From and after the Closing Date, so long as this Agreement shall remain in effect, and until the Commitments have been terminated and the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees and all other expenses or amounts payable under any Loan Document shall have been paid in full (other than contingent indemnification obligations not then due and payable), or any Letter of

Credit shall remain outstanding (unless the Outstanding Amount of the L/C Obligations related thereto has been Cash Collateralized or back-stopped by a letter of credit reasonably satisfactory to the applicable L/C Issuer or such Letter of Credit has been deemed reissued under another agreement reasonably acceptable to the L/C Issuer), the Borrower will not:

SECTION 6.01. ***Financial Covenant.*** Permit the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio to be greater than 7.3:1.0 as of any Compliance Date (the “***Financial Covenant***”). The provisions of this Section 6.01 are for the benefit of the Revolving Credit Lenders only and the Required Revolving Credit Lenders may amend, waive or otherwise modify this Section 6.01 or the defined terms used for purposes of this Section 6.01 or waive any Default or Event of Default resulting from a breach of this Section 6.01 without the consent of any Lenders other than such Required Revolving Credit Lenders in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.08. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, when calculating the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio for the purposes of this Section 6.01, the events described in clauses (a) through (c) of the definition of “Pro Forma EBITDA” that occurred subsequent to the end of the applicable Test Period shall not be given pro forma effect.

ARTICLE VII

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

SECTION 7.01. ***Events of Default.*** In case of the occurrence of any of the following events on or after the Funding Date (“***Events of Default***”):

(a) ***Non-Payment.*** Any Loan Party fails to pay when and as required to be paid herein, whether at the due date thereof or at a date fixed for prepayment thereof or by acceleration thereof or otherwise, (i) any amount of principal of any Loan or (ii) any interest on any Loan, or any fee due hereunder, within five Business Days of the due date or (iii) any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document, within five Business Days of the due date; or

(b) ***Specific Covenants.*** Any Loan Party or any Restricted Subsidiary fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in any of Sections 5.03(a), 5.05(a), 5.11(a) or 6.01 or Article IV of Annex I to this Agreement (other than Section 4.10 and 4.13 of Annex I); *provided* that the Financial Covenant is subject to cure pursuant to Section 7.03; *provided, further*, that the Borrower’s failure to comply with the Financial Covenant shall not constitute an Event of Default with respect to any Term Loans or Term Commitments unless and until the Required Revolving Credit Lenders shall have terminated their Revolving Credit Commitments and declared all amounts outstanding thereunder to be due and payable pursuant to the second to last paragraph of this Section 7.01; or

(c) ***Other Defaults.*** Any Loan Party or any Restricted Subsidiary fails to perform or observe (i) any term, covenant or agreement set forth in Section 5.14 of this Agreement and such failure continues for five Business Days or (ii) any other term, covenant or agreement (not specified in Sections 7.01(a) or (b) above) contained in any Loan Document on its part to be

performed or observed and such failure continues for 30 days after the date written notice thereof shall have been given to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders; or

(d) *Representations and Warranties.* Any representation, warranty, certification or statement of fact made or deemed made by or on behalf of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary herein (excluding (solely in respect of the Funding Date and any other date prior to the Closing Date on which any extension of credit is made hereunder) those representations and warranties in Article III hereof the accuracy of which is not a condition to the Funding Date set forth in Section 4.02 or the making of such extension of credit), or in any other Loan Document, or in any document, report, certificate, financial statement or other instrument required to be delivered in connection herewith or therewith shall be incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or deemed made, except that such materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representation or warranty that is already qualified by materiality or “Material Adverse Effect”; or

(e) *Invalidity of Loan Documents.* (i) Any provision of any Loan Document, at any time after its execution and delivery and for any reason other than as expressly permitted hereunder or thereunder or satisfaction in full of all the Obligations, ceases to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with its terms) and as a result thereof, a Material Adverse Effect would occur or would reasonably be expected to occur; or any Loan Party or any other Person contests in writing the validity or enforceability of any provision of any Loan Document; or any Loan Party denies in writing that it has any or further liability or obligation under any provision of any Loan Document (other than as a result of the discharge of such Loan Party in accordance with the terms of the applicable Loan Document), or purports in writing to revoke, terminate or rescind any provision of any Loan Document; (ii) any security interest under the Security Documents shall, at any time, cease to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with the terms of the relevant Security Document, any Intercreditor Agreement (on and after the execution thereof), any Additional Intercreditor Agreement (on and after the execution thereof) and this Agreement) with respect to Collateral having a Fair Market Value in excess of \$10 million for any reason other than the satisfaction in full of all obligations under this Agreement or the release of any such security interest in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, any Intercreditor Agreement (on and after the execution thereof), any Additional Intercreditor Agreement (on and after the execution thereof) or the Security Documents or any such security interest created thereunder shall be declared invalid or unenforceable and the Borrower shall assert in writing that any such security interest is invalid or unenforceable and any such Default continues for 10 days; or (iii) any Guarantee of the Loans of a Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Subsidiary Guarantors that taken together would constitute a Significant Subsidiary ceases to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with the terms of such Facility Guaranty or this Agreement) or is declared invalid or unenforceable in a judicial proceeding or any Guarantor denies or disaffirms in writing its obligations under its Facility Guaranty and any such Default continues for 10 days after the notice specified in this Agreement; or

(f) *Cross-Default.* (i) Any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary (A) fails to make any payment when due (regardless of amount and whether by scheduled maturity, required

prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise) in respect of any Material Indebtedness (including undrawn committed or available amounts and including amounts owing to all creditors under any combined or syndicated credit arrangement) prior to the expiration of any grace period provided in such Indebtedness, or (B) fails to observe or perform any other agreement or condition relating to any such Material Indebtedness or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event occurs, the effect of which default or other event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Material Indebtedness or the beneficiary or beneficiaries of any Guarantee thereof (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders or beneficiary or beneficiaries) to cause, with or without the giving of notice, lapse of time or both, such Indebtedness to be demanded, accelerated or to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Indebtedness to be made, prior to its stated maturity, or such Guarantee to become payable or cash collateral in respect thereof to be demanded; *provided* that this clause (B) shall not apply to secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness, if such sale or transfer is permitted hereunder; *provided, further*, that the failure referred to in clause (B) is unremedied and is not waived by the holders of such Indebtedness prior to any termination of the Commitments or acceleration of such Indebtedness or of the Loans pursuant to this Section 7.01 or (ii) there occurs under any Swap Contract an Early Termination Date (as defined in such Swap Contract) resulting from (A) any event of default under such Swap Contract as to which a Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof is the Defaulting Party (as defined in such Swap Contract) or (B) any Termination Event (as defined in such Swap Contract) under such Swap Contract as to which a Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof is an Affected Party (as defined in such Swap Contract) and, in either event, the Swap Termination Value owed by the Loan Party or such Subsidiary as a result thereof is greater than \$35 million; or

(g) *Bankruptcy*. In relation to the Borrower, a Guarantor or a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary (i) any corporate action, legal proceedings or other procedure or step is taken in relation to: (A) a voluntary case; (B) the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case; (C) the appointment of a custodian of it or for a substantial part of its property; (D) general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or (E) admission in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due; or (ii) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that: (A) is for relief against the Borrower, any Guarantor or any Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary in an involuntary case; (B) appoints a custodian or administrator of the Borrower, any Guarantor or any Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary or for a substantial part of the property of the Borrower, any Guarantor or any Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary; or (C) orders the liquidation or winding up of the Borrower, any Guarantor or any Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days; or

(h) *Judgments.* Failure by the Borrower, a Guarantor or any Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary to pay final judgments aggregating in excess of \$35 million (to the extent not covered by independent third-party insurance as to which the insurer has been notified of such judgment and has not denied coverage), which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days after the judgment becomes final; or

(i) *Change of Control.* There occurs a Change of Control; or

(j) *Employee Benefit Plans.* (i) There shall occur one or more ERISA Events which individually or in the aggregate results in or would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or (ii) there exists any fact or circumstance that would reasonably be expected to result in the imposition of a Lien or security interest under Section 430(k) of the Code or under ERISA;

then, and in every such event (other than an event with respect to the Borrower described in clause (g)), and at any time thereafter during the continuance of such event, the Administrative Agent may, and at the request of the Required Lenders shall, by notice to the Borrower, take any or all of the following actions, at the same or different times: (i) terminate forthwith the Commitments and any obligation of the L/C Issuers to make L/C Credit Extensions; Article I declare the Loans then outstanding to be forthwith due and payable in whole or in part, whereupon the principal of the Loans so declared to be due and payable, together with accrued interest thereon and any unpaid accrued fees, other amounts payable and all other liabilities of the Borrower accrued hereunder and under any other Loan Document, shall become forthwith due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or any other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower, anything contained herein or in any other Loan Document to the contrary notwithstanding; Article I require that the Borrower Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations (in an amount equal to the then Outstanding Amount thereof); and in any event with respect to the Borrower described in clause (g), the Commitments and any obligation of the L/C Issuers to make L/C Credit Extensions shall automatically terminate and the principal of the Loans then outstanding, together with accrued interest thereon and any unpaid accrued fees, other amounts payable and all other liabilities of the Borrower accrued hereunder and under any other Loan Document, shall automatically become due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or any other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower, anything contained herein or in any other Loan Document to the contrary notwithstanding and the obligation of the Borrower to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations as aforesaid shall automatically become effective; and Article I the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall have the right to take all or any actions and exercise any remedies available under the Loan Documents or applicable law or in equity.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, if the only Events of Default then having occurred and continuing are pursuant to a failure to observe the Financial Covenant, the Administrative Agent shall only take the actions set forth in this Section 7.01 at the request of the Required Revolving Credit Lenders (as opposed to Required Lenders).

SECTION 7.02. ***Application of Funds.*** After the exercise of remedies provided for in this Article VII (or after the Loans have automatically become immediately due and payable or the L/C Obligations have automatically been required to be Cash Collateralized as set forth in this Article VII), any amounts received on account of the Obligations shall (subject to any Intercreditor Agreement (on and after the execution thereof)) be applied by the Administrative Agent in the following order:

first, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the Administrative Agent and amounts payable under Section 2.20) payable to the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, in their respective capacities as such;

second, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting indemnities, expenses, and other amounts (other than principal, interest and fees) payable to the Lenders (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the respective Lenders and amounts payable under Section 2.20), ratably among them in proportion to the amounts described in this clause second payable to them;

third, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting accrued and unpaid interest on the Loans, L/C Borrowings and other Obligations, and fees, ratably among the Lenders in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause third payable to them;

fourth, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting unpaid principal of the Loans and L/C Borrowings (including to Cash Collateralize that portion of L/C Obligations comprised of the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit) and any breakage, termination or other payments under Treasury Services Agreements or Swap Contracts, ratably among the Secured Parties in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause fourth held by them;

fifth, to payment of all other Obligations ratably among the Secured Parties in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause fifth held by them; and

last, the balance, if any, after all of the Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full, to the Loan Parties or as otherwise required by Law.

Subject to Section 2.26(g), amounts used to Cash Collateralize the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit pursuant to clause fourth above shall be applied to satisfy drawings under such Letters of Credit as they occur. If any amount remains on deposit as Cash Collateral after all Letters of Credit have either been fully drawn or expired, such remaining amount shall be applied to the other Obligations, if any, in the order set forth above and, if no Obligations remain outstanding, to the Borrower.

SECTION 7.03. ***Borrower's Right to Cure.*** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 7.01 or Section 7.02:

(a) For the purpose of determining whether an Event of Default under a Financial Covenant has occurred, the Borrower may on one or more occasions:

(i) designate any portion of the net cash proceeds from a sale or issuance of Capital Stock, other than any Disqualified Stock of the Borrower or any contribution to the common capital of the Borrower (or from any other contribution to capital or sale or issuance of any other Capital Stock on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent) (the “**Cure Amount**”) as an increase to Consolidated EBITDA for the applicable fiscal quarter; *provided* that (A) such amounts to be designated are actually received by the Borrower on or after the first day of such applicable fiscal quarter and on or prior to the 10th Business Day after the date on which financial statements are required to be delivered with respect to such applicable fiscal quarter (the “**Cure Expiration Date**”), (B) such amounts do not exceed the aggregate amount necessary to cure any Event of Default under the relevant Financial Covenant as of such date and (C) the Borrower shall have provided notice to the Administrative Agent on the date such amounts are designated as a “**Cure Amount**” (it being understood that to the extent any such notice is provided in advance of delivery of a Compliance Certificate for the applicable period, the amount of such net cash proceeds that is designated as the Cure Amount may be different than the amount necessary to cure any Event of Default under the relevant Financial Covenant and may be modified, as necessary, in a subsequent corrected notice delivered on or before the Cure Expiration Date (it being understood that in any event the final designation of the Cure Amount shall continue to be subject to the requirements set forth in clauses (A) and (B) above)); *provided, further*, that the Cure Amount used to calculate Consolidated EBITDA for one fiscal quarter shall be used and included when calculating Consolidated EBITDA for each Test Period that includes such fiscal quarter.

(b) The parties hereby acknowledge that this Section 7.03 may not be relied on for purposes of calculating any financial ratios other than for determining actual compliance with Article VI (and not pro forma compliance with Article VI that is required by any other provision of this Agreement) and shall not result in any adjustment to any amounts (including the amount of Indebtedness) or increase in cash (and shall not be included for purposes of determining pricing, mandatory prepayments and the availability or amount permitted pursuant to any covenant under Article IV of Annex I) with respect to the quarter with respect to which such Cure Amount was made other than the amount of the Consolidated EBITDA referred to in the immediately preceding sentence.

(c) In furtherance of clause (a) above, (i) upon actual receipt and designation of the Cure Amount by the Borrower, the relevant Financial Covenant shall be deemed satisfied and complied with as of the end of the relevant fiscal quarter with the same effect as though there had been no failure to comply with the relevant Financial Covenant and any Event of Default under the relevant Financial Covenant (and any other Default arising solely as a result thereof) shall be deemed not to have occurred for purposes of the Loan Documents, and (ii) upon delivery to the Administrative Agent prior to the Cure Expiration Date of a notice from the Borrower stating its good faith intention to exercise its right set forth in this Section 7.03, neither the Administrative

Agent on or after the last day of the applicable quarter nor any Lender may exercise any rights or remedies under Section 7.01 or Section 7.02 (or under any other Loan Document) on the basis of any actual or purported Event of Default under the Financial Covenant (and any other Default as a result thereof) until and unless the Cure Expiration Date has occurred without the Cure Amount having been received and designated.

(d) (i) In each period of four consecutive fiscal quarters, there shall be at least two fiscal quarters in which no cure right set forth in this Section 7.03 is exercised and (ii) there shall be no pro forma reduction in Indebtedness (directly or by way of netting) with the Cure Amount for determining compliance with the applicable Financial Covenant for the fiscal quarter with respect to which such Cure Amount was made.

(e) There can be no more than five (5) fiscal quarters in which the cure rights set forth in this Section 7.03 are exercised during the term of the Initial Revolving Credit Commitments.

ARTICLE 8

THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT; ETC.

(a) Each Lender and the other Secured Parties hereby irrevocably designates and appoints the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent as its agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent (for purposes of this Article VIII, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent are referred to collectively as the “*Agents*”) to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are delegated to such Agent by the terms hereof and thereof, together with such other actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Article VIII (except for paragraphs (g) and (h)) are solely for the benefit of the Agents and the Lenders, and neither the Borrower, nor any other Loan Party shall have rights as a third-party beneficiary of any of such provisions. It is understood and agreed that the use of the term “agent” herein or in any other Loan Documents (or any other similar term) with reference to the Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent, as applicable, is not intended to connote any fiduciary or other implied (or express) obligations arising under agency doctrine of any applicable law. Instead such term is used as a matter of market custom, and is intended to create or reflect only an administrative relationship between contracting parties. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Agents are hereby expressly authorized to negotiate, enforce or settle any claim, action or proceeding affecting the Lenders in their capacity as such, at the direction of the Required Lenders, which negotiation, enforcement or settlement will be binding upon each Lender.

(b) Each Secured Party hereby further authorizes the Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent, as applicable, on behalf of and for the benefit of the Secured Parties, to be the agent for and representative of the Secured Parties with respect to the Collateral, the Security Documents, any Intercreditor Agreement and any Additional Intercreditor Agreement and to enter into the same at any time and from time to time. Subject to Section 9.08, Section 9.20 or

Section 12 of the Facility Guaranty (as applicable) without further written consent or authorization from any Lender, the Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent, as applicable, may execute any documents or instruments necessary to (i) release any Lien encumbering any item of Collateral in the circumstances set forth in Section 9.20, or with respect to which Required Lenders (or such other Lenders as may be required to give such consent under Section 9.08) have otherwise consented and/or (ii) release any Guarantor from the Loan Guarantee in the circumstances set forth in Section 12 of the Facility Guaranty, or with respect to which Required Lenders (or such other Lenders as may be required to give such consent under Section 9.08) have otherwise consented.

(c) The Person serving as the Administrative Agent and/or the Collateral Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not an Agent, and the term “Lender” or “Lenders” shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as an Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, own securities of, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for, and generally engage in any kind of business with the Borrower or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof (subject to securities law and other requirements of applicable law) as if it were not an Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders. The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent all fees and expenses in accordance with any separate agreement between the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

(d) Neither Agent shall have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the Loan Documents, and its duties hereunder and thereunder shall be administrative in nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (i) neither Agent shall be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) neither Agent shall have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby that such Agent is instructed in writing to exercise by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary under the circumstances as provided for herein or in the other Loan Documents); *provided* that neither Agent shall be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose such Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or applicable law and (iii) except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, neither Agent shall have any duty to disclose, nor shall it be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Borrower or any of the Subsidiaries that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as the Administrative Agent and/or the Collateral Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity. Without limiting the foregoing, neither Agent shall be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with any Intercreditor Agreement. Neither Agent (nor any of their respective Related Parties) shall be liable for any action taken or not taken by it with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as such Agent shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in Article VII or Section 9.08), or for any action lawfully taken or omitted to be taken by such Agent or otherwise hereunder or under any Loan Document in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a court of competent

jurisdiction by a final non-appealable judgment. Neither Agent (nor any of their respective Related Parties) shall be deemed to have knowledge of any Default or Event of Default unless and until written notice thereof is actually received by an office of such Agent directly responsible for the administration of this Agreement from the Borrower or a Lender and stating that such notice is a notice of default. Neither Agent shall be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (A) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (B) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered thereunder or in connection therewith, (C) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth in any Loan Document or the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default, (D) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of any Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document, (E) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere in any Loan Document, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to such Agent or (F) the perfection or priority of any security interest created or purported to be created under the Security Documents. The Agents shall have the right to request instructions from the Required Lenders at any time; which, in the case of the Collateral Agent, shall be determined by, and communicated by, the Administrative Agent. If any Agent shall request instructions from the Required Lenders with respect to any act or action (including failure to act) in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, such Agent shall be entitled to refrain from such act or taking such action unless and until such Agent shall have received instructions from the Required Lenders; and such Agent shall not incur liability to any Lender by reason of so refraining. Without limiting the foregoing, no Lender shall have any right of action whatsoever against any Agent or any of its Related Parties as a result of such Agent or such other person acting or refraining from acting hereunder or under any other Loan Document in accordance with the instructions of the Required Lenders. No Agent shall be under any obligation to any Lender to ascertain or to inquire as to the observance or performance of any of the agreements contained in, or conditions of, this Agreement or any other Loan Documents, or to inspect the properties, books or records of any Loan Party. The Collateral Agent shall not be under any obligation to the Administrative Agent or any Lender to ascertain or to inquire as to the observance or performance of any of the agreements contained in, or conditions of, this Agreement or any other Loan Documents, or to inspect the properties, books or records of any Loan Party. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary herein, whenever reference is made in this Agreement or any other Loan Document to any discretionary action by, consent, designation, specification, requirement or approval of, notice, request or other communication from, or other direction given or action to be undertaken or to be (or not to be) suffered or omitted by the Collateral Agent or to any election, decision, opinion, acceptance, use of judgment, expression of satisfaction, reasonable satisfaction or other exercise of discretion, rights or remedies to be made (or not to be made) by the Collateral Agent, it is understood that in all cases the Collateral Agent shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any such action under this Agreement if it shall not have received such written instruction, advice or concurrence of the Administrative Agent, as it deems appropriate. This provision is intended solely for the benefit of the Collateral Agent and its successors and permitted assigns and is not intended to and will not entitle the other parties hereto to any defense, claim or counterclaim, or confer any rights or benefits on any party hereto.

(e) Each Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. Each Agent may also rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender, each Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender unless such Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender prior to the making of such Loan. Each Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

(f) The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible or have any liability for, or have any duty to ascertain, inquire into, monitor or enforce, compliance with the provisions hereof relating to Disqualified Persons. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent shall not (i) be obligated to ascertain, monitor or inquire as to whether any Lender or prospective Lender is a Disqualified Person or (ii) have any liability with respect to or arising out of any assignment or participation of Loans, or disclosure of confidential information, to any Disqualified Person.

(g) Each Agent may perform any and all its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any other instrument or agreements referred herein or therein by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by it provided, however, that solely in the case where an Agent no longer serves as the applicable withholding agent, if a sub-agent has been appointed to serve as withholding agent, any such sub-agent that such Agent may appoint to receive payments shall be a U.S. Person and a “Financial Institution” within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1441-1 or any entity that has agreed to take “Primary Withholding Responsibility” within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1441-1 for all payments under the Loan Documents (it being understood and agreed, for avoidance of doubt and without limiting the generality of this Section, that the Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder and thereunder, by or through one or more of its Affiliates). Each Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any and all its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of the preceding paragraphs shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of each Agent and any such sub-agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the Term Facility as well as activities as Agent. Neither Agent shall be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any sub-agents except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction determines in a final and non-appealable judgment that such Agent acted with gross negligence or willful misconduct in the selection of such sub-agents.

(h) Each Agent may resign at any time by notifying the Lenders and the Borrower. Upon any such resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, with the consent of the Borrower (prior to the occurrence of a Specified Event of Default), to appoint a successor Agent

(other than a Disqualified Person) who shall satisfy the requirements of the next succeeding sentence in the case of an Administrative Agent. If no successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 60 days after the retiring Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Agent may, on behalf of the Lenders, appoint a successor Agent which, in the case of the Administrative Agent, shall be (i) a financial institution with an office in New York, New York, or an Affiliate of any such financial institution and (ii) a U.S. person and a “Financial Institution” within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1441-1 or any entity that has agreed to take “Primary Withholding Responsibility” within the meaning of Treasury Regulations 1.1441-1 for all payments under the Loan Documents. If the Person serving as the Administrative Agent is a Defaulting Lender, the Required Lenders may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, by notice in writing to the Borrower and such Person, remove such Person as the Administrative Agent, and appoint a successor Agent which shall satisfy the requirements in the immediately preceding sentence, with the consent of the Borrower so long as no Specified Event of Default is continuing. If no successor Agent has been appointed pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence by the 60th day after the date such notice of resignation or removal was given by such Agent, the Borrower or the Required Lenders, such Agent’s resignation shall become effective (and such Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder) and the Required Lenders shall thereafter perform all the duties of such Agent hereunder and/or under any other Loan Document until such time, if any, as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Agent with the consent of the Borrower (prior to the occurrence of a Specified Event of Default). Upon the acceptance of its appointment as Agent hereunder by a successor Agent, such successor Agent shall succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Agent, and the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above). The fees payable by the Borrower to a successor Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor Agent. After the Administrative Agent’s resignation or removal hereunder, the provisions of this Article VIII and Section 9.05 shall continue in effect for the benefit of the retiring Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while acting as Agent.

(i) Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Agents or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Agents or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document, any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any provision of any other Loan Document, each Lead Arranger is named as such for recognition purposes only, and in its respective capacities as such shall have no duties, responsibilities or liabilities with respect to this Agreement or any other Loan Document; it being understood and agreed that the Lead Arrangers shall be entitled to all indemnification and reimbursement rights in favor of the Agents

provided herein and in the other Loan Documents. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Lead Arrangers in their respective capacities as such shall not, by reason of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, have any fiduciary relationship in respect of any Lender, Loan Party or any other Person.

(k) In case of the pendency of any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law or any other judicial proceeding relative to any Loan Party, the Administrative Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Administrative Agent shall have made any demand on the Borrower) shall be entitled and empowered (but not obligated) by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise to instruct the Collateral Agent, in accordance with any Intercreditor Agreement, or as otherwise provided thereby (i) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans and all other Obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders and the Agents (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Lenders and the Agents and their respective agents and counsel and all other amounts due the Lenders and Agents under Section 9.05) allowed in such judicial proceeding and (ii) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same and, in either case, any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender and each other Secured Party to make such payments to such Agent and, in the event that such Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders, to pay to such Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due such Agent under Section 9.05.

(l) To the extent required by any applicable law, the Administrative Agent may withhold from any payment to any Lender an amount equivalent to any applicable withholding Tax. If any payment has been made to any Lender by the Administrative Agent without the applicable withholding Tax being withheld from such payment and the Administrative Agent has paid over the applicable withholding Tax to the IRS or any other Governmental Authority, or the IRS or any other Governmental Authority asserts a claim that the Administrative Agent did not properly withhold Tax from amounts paid to or for the account of any Lender because the appropriate form was not delivered or was not properly executed or because such Lender failed to notify the Administrative Agent of a change in circumstance which rendered the exemption from, or reduction of, withholding Tax ineffective or for any other reason, such Lender shall indemnify the Administrative Agent fully for all amounts paid, directly or indirectly, by the Administrative Agent as Tax or otherwise, including any penalties or interest and together with all expenses (including legal expenses, allocated internal costs and out-of-pocket expenses) incurred whether or not such Tax was correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under this Agreement or any other Loan Document against any amount due the Administrative Agent under this Article VIII(l).

(m) Any Agent shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any action hereunder and under any other Loan Document (except actions expressly required to be taken by it hereunder or under the Loan Documents) unless it shall first be indemnified and secured to its satisfaction (including by way of pre-funding) by the Lenders *pro rata* against any and all liability, cost and expense that it may incur by reason of taking or continuing to take any such action. Neither Agent shall be required to expend or risk any of its own funds or otherwise incur any liability, financial or otherwise, in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or under any other Loan Document.

(n) The agreements in this Article VIII shall survive the payment of all Obligations.

(o) Except as otherwise expressly set forth herein or in the Facility Guaranty or any Security Document, no Hedge Counterparty or Treasury Services Provider that obtains the benefits of Section 7.02, the Facility Guaranty or any Collateral by virtue of the provisions hereof or of the Facility Guaranty or any Security Document shall have any right to notice of any action or to consent to, direct or object to any action hereunder or under any other Loan Document or otherwise in respect of the Collateral (including the release or impairment of any Collateral) other than, if a Lender at such time, in its capacity as a Lender and, in such case, only to the extent expressly provided in the Loan Documents. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article VIII to the contrary, the Administrative Agent shall not be required to verify the payment of, or that other satisfactory arrangements have been made with respect to, Obligations arising under Treasury Services Agreements and Swap Contracts unless the Administrative Agent has received written notice of such Obligations, together with such supporting documentation as the Administrative Agent may request, from the applicable Hedge Counterparty or Treasury Services Provider. The Hedge Counterparties and Treasury Services Providers hereby authorize the Administrative Agent to enter into any Intercreditor Agreement, the Additional Intercreditor Agreement or other intercreditor agreement or arrangement permitted under this Agreement and the Hedge Counterparty or Treasury Services Providers acknowledge that any such intercreditor agreement is binding upon the Hedge Counterparty or Treasury Services Providers.

(p) None of the Lead Arrangers shall have any duties or responsibilities hereunder in their respective capacities as such.

(q) In the event that the Borrower appoints or designates any Additional Arranger pursuant to Sections 2.22, 2.23 and 2.24, as applicable, unless otherwise set forth herein, (i) each and every right, power, privilege or duty expressed or intended by this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents to be exercised by or vested in or conveyed to an arranger with respect to Incremental Loan Commitments or Refinancing Commitments, as applicable, shall be exercisable by and vest in such Additional Arranger, to the extent, and only to the extent, necessary to enable such Additional Arranger to exercise such rights, powers and privileges with respect to the Incremental Loan Commitments or Refinancing Commitments, as applicable, and to perform such duties with respect to such Incremental Loan Commitments or Refinancing Commitments, and every covenant and obligation contained in the Loan Documents and necessary to the exercise or performance thereof by such Additional Arranger shall run to and be

enforceable by either the Administrative Agent or such Additional Arranger as specifically set forth therein, and (ii) the provisions of this Article VIII and of Section 9.05 (obligating the Borrower to pay the Administrative Agent's and the Collateral Agent's expenses and to indemnify the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent) that refer to the Administrative Agent and/or the Collateral Agent shall also inure to the benefit of such Additional Arranger, and all references therein to the Administrative Agent and/or Collateral Agent shall also be deemed to be references to the Administrative Agent and/or Collateral Agent and/or such Additional Arranger, as the context may require. Each Lender hereby irrevocably appoints any Additional Arranger to act on its behalf hereunder and under the other Loan Documents pursuant to Sections 2.22, 2.23 and 2.24, as applicable, and designates and authorizes such Additional Arranger to take such actions on its behalf under the provisions of this Agreement and each other Loan Document and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly delegated to such Additional Arranger by the terms of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto.

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 9.01. *Notices; Electronic Communications.*

(a) Notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by fax, as follows:

- (i) if to the Borrower, to it at:

Nick Brown
Nick.Brown@AlticeUSA.com
+1 917 589 9983
Altice USA, Inc.
1 Court Square West
Long Island City, NY 11101
United States of America

With a copy that shall not constitute notice to:

Michael Kazakevich
Michael.Kazakevich@ropesgray.com
+44-(0)7917-640894
Ropes & Gray LLP,
60 Ludgate Hill, 3rd floor,
London, EC4M 7AW
United Kingdom

With a copy that shall not constitute notice to:

Alexandru Mocanu

Alexandru.Mocanu@ropesgray.com
+44-(0)7546-458748
Ropes & Gray LLP,
60 Ludgate Hill, 3rd floor,
London, EC4M 7AW United Kingdom

(ii) if to the Administrative Agent, to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on Schedule 9.01(b); and

(iii) if to a Lender, to such Lender at its address (or fax number) set forth on Schedule 2.01 or in the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which such Lender shall have become a party hereto or as otherwise communicated in writing from time to time by such Lender to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

(iv) If to the Collateral Agent, to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number set forth in Section 5.01(b) of the Closing Date Intercreditor Agreement.

(b) All notices and other communications given to any party hereto in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given on the date of receipt if delivered by hand or overnight courier service or sent by fax or on the date five Business Days after dispatch by certified or registered mail if mailed, in each case delivered, sent or mailed (properly addressed) to such party as provided in this Section 9.01 or in accordance with the latest unrevoked direction from such party given in accordance with this Section 9.01.

(c) As agreed to among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the applicable Lenders from time to time, notices and other communications may also be delivered by e-mail to the e-mail address of a representative of the applicable Person provided from time to time by such Person. Notices and other communications to the Lenders hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent; *provided* that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender pursuant to Article II if such Lender has notified the Administrative Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under Article II by electronic communication. The Administrative Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; *provided* that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

(d) Unless the Administrative Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the intended recipient's receipt of the notice or communication, which shall be evidenced by an acknowledgment from the intended recipient (such as by the "delivery receipt" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement); *provided* that, if such notice or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient; *provided*,

further, that if the sender receives an “out-of-office” reply e-mail containing instructions regarding notification to another person in the intended recipient’s absence, such notice or other communication shall be deemed received upon the sender’s compliance with such instructions, and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

(e) The Borrower hereby agrees, unless directed otherwise by the Administrative Agent or unless the e-mail address referred to below has not been provided by the Administrative Agent to the Borrower, that it will, or will cause its Subsidiaries to, provide to the Administrative Agent all information, documents and other materials that it is obligated to furnish to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Loan Documents or to the Lenders under Article IV of Annex I hereof or under Article V hereof, including all notices, requests, financial statements, financial and other reports, certificates and other information materials, but excluding any such communication that (i) is or relates to a Borrowing Request, or a notice pursuant to Section 2.10, (ii) relates to the payment of any principal or other amount due under this Agreement prior to the scheduled date therefor, (iii) provides notice of any Default or Event of Default under this Agreement or any other Loan Document or (iv) is required to be delivered to satisfy any condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement and/or any Borrowing or other extension of credit hereunder (all such non-excluded communications being referred to herein collectively as “**Communications**”), by transmitting the Communications in an electronic/soft medium that is properly identified in a format acceptable to the Administrative Agent to an e-mail address as directed by the Administrative Agent. In addition, the Borrower agrees, and agrees to cause its Subsidiaries, to continue to provide the Communications to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders, as the case may be, in the manner specified in the Loan Documents but only to the extent requested by the Administrative Agent.

(f) The Borrower hereby acknowledges that (i) the Administrative Agent will make available to the Lenders materials and/or information provided by or on behalf of the Borrower hereunder (collectively, the “**Borrower Materials**”) by posting the Borrower Materials on IntraLinks or another similar electronic system (the “**Platform**”) and (ii) certain of the Lenders may be “public-side” Lenders (i.e., Lenders that do not wish to receive material non-public information with respect to the Borrower, its Subsidiaries or their respective securities for purposes of United States federal and state securities laws) (each, a “**Public Lender**”). The Borrower hereby agrees that (w) all Borrower Materials that are to be made available to Public Lenders shall be clearly and conspicuously marked “PUBLIC” which, at a minimum, shall mean that the word “PUBLIC” shall appear prominently on the first page thereof; (x) by marking Borrower Materials “PUBLIC,” the Borrower shall be deemed to have authorized the Administrative Agent and the Lenders to treat such Borrower Materials as not containing any material non-public information with respect to the Borrower, its Subsidiaries or their respective securities for purposes of United States federal and state securities laws (provided, however, that to the extent the Borrower Materials constitute Information, they shall be treated as set forth in Section 9.16); (y) all Borrower Materials marked “PUBLIC” are permitted to be made available through a portion of the Platform designated as “Public Investor;” and (z) the Administrative

Agent shall be entitled to treat any Borrower Materials that are not marked “PUBLIC” as being suitable only for posting on a portion of the Platform not marked as “Public Investor.” Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following Borrower Materials shall be marked “PUBLIC” and the Borrower agrees that the following documents may be distributed to all Lenders (including Public Lenders) unless, solely with respect to the documents described in clauses (B) and (C) below, the Borrower advises the Administrative Agent in writing (including by e-mail) within a reasonable time prior to their intended distribution that such material should only be distributed to Lenders other than Public Lenders (it being agreed that the Borrower and its counsel shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to review such documents and comply with applicable securities law disclosure obligations): (A) the Loan Documents; (B) administrative materials prepared by the Administrative Agent for prospective Lenders; (C) term sheets and notification of changes in the terms of the Term Facility; and (D) the Audited Financial Statements and the financial statements and certificates furnished pursuant to Section 4.10 of Annex I.

(g) Each Public Lender agrees to cause at least one individual at or on behalf of such Public Lender to at all times have selected the “Private Side Information” or similar designation on the content declaration screen of the Platform in order to enable such Public Lender or its delegate, in accordance with such Public Lender’s compliance procedures and applicable law, including United States Federal and state securities laws, to make reference to Communications that are not made available through the “Public Side Information” portion of the Platform and that may contain material non-public information with respect to the Borrower or its securities for purposes of United States Federal or state securities laws.

(h) THE PLATFORM IS PROVIDED “AS IS” AND “AS AVAILABLE”. NEITHER THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT NOR ANY OF ITS RELATED PARTIES WARRANTS THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE PLATFORM AND EACH EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS LIABILITY FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS IN THE COMMUNICATIONS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS IS MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT OR ANY OF ITS RELATED PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS OR THE PLATFORM. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, THE COLLATERAL AGENT OR ANY OF THEIR RELATED PARTIES HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO ANY LOAN PARTY, ANY LENDER OR ANY OTHER PERSON FOR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, WHETHER OR NOT BASED ON STRICT LIABILITY AND INCLUDING DIRECT OR INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, LOSSES OR EXPENSES (WHETHER IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF ANY LOAN PARTY’S OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT’S TRANSMISSION OF COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH THE INTERNET, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THE LIABILITY OF ANY SUCH PERSON IS FOUND IN A FINAL RULING BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE RESULTED PRIMARILY FROM SUCH PERSON’S GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.

(i) The Administrative Agent agrees that the receipt of the Communications by the Administrative Agent at its e-mail address set forth above shall constitute effective delivery of the Communications to the Administrative Agent for purposes of the Loan Documents. Each Lender agrees that receipt of notice to it (as provided in the next sentence) specifying that the Communications have been posted to the Platform shall constitute effective delivery of the Communications to such Lender for purposes of the Loan Documents. Each Lender agrees to notify the Administrative Agent in writing (including by electronic communication) from time to time of such Lender's e-mail address to which the foregoing notice may be sent by electronic transmission and that the foregoing notice may be sent to such e-mail address.

SECTION 3.02. ***Survival of Agreement.*** Nothing herein shall prejudice the right of the Administrative Agent or any Lender to give any notice or other communication pursuant to any Loan Document in any other manner specified in such Loan Document. All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by the Borrower herein and in the certificates or other instruments prepared or delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be considered to have been relied upon by the Lenders and shall survive the making by the Lenders of the Loans, regardless of any investigation made by the Lenders or on their behalf, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the principal of or any accrued interest on any Loan or any Fee or any other amount payable under this Agreement or any other Loan Document is outstanding and unpaid and so long as the Commitments have not been terminated. The provisions of Sections 2.14, 2.16, 2.20 and 9.05 shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, the repayment of any of the Loans, the expiration of the Commitments, the invalidity or unenforceability of any term or provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or any investigation made by or on behalf of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any Lender.

SECTION 3.03. ***Binding Effect.*** This Agreement shall become effective when the Administrative Agent shall have received executed counterparts hereof from each of the Borrower, the other Loan Parties, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and each Person who is a Lender on the Effective Date.

SECTION 3.04. ***Successors and Assigns.*** (a) Whenever in this Agreement any of the parties hereto is referred to, such reference shall be deemed to include the permitted successors and assigns of such party; and all covenants, promises and agreements by or on behalf of the Borrower, the other Loan Parties, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or the Lenders that are contained in this Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns.

(b) Each Lender may assign to one or more Eligible Assignees all or a portion of its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans (including for purposes of this Section 9.04(b), participations in L/C Obligations and in Swing Line Loans) at the time owing to it), with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, each applicable L/C Issuer at the time of such assignment and each Swing Line Lender (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and the Borrower (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); *provided, however*, that (i) the consent of the Borrower shall

not be required to any assignment made (x) to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or a Related Fund, (y) in connection with the initial syndication of the Term Facility to Persons identified in writing by the Lead Arrangers to the Borrower during the initial syndication of the Term Facility or (z) after the occurrence and during the continuance of any Specified Event of Default (*provided, further*, that (1) the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within 10 Business Days after having received notice thereof and (2) notwithstanding anything contained in this clause (i) to the contrary, consent of the Borrower shall be required for any assignment by any Lender of its Revolving Credit Commitments unless the assignment is made to (x) a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or (y) after the occurrence and during the continuance of a Specified Event of Default), (ii) the consent of the Administrative Agent shall not be required to any assignment (x) in connection with the initial syndication of the Term Facility, (y) made by an assigning Lender to a Related Fund of such Lender or (z) of an amount less than \$1,000,000, by an assigning Lender to a Related Fund of such Lender, (iii) the consent of the applicable L/C Issuers or the Swing Line Lenders shall be not required for any assignment of a Term Loan or a Term Commitment; (iv) the amount of the Commitment or Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Acceptance with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent) shall be in an integral multiple of, and not less than (unless otherwise consented to by the Administrative Agent), \$1,000,000 (or, if less, the entire remaining amount of such Lender's Commitment or Loans); *provided* that simultaneous assignments by two or more Related Funds shall be combined for purposes of determining whether the minimum assignment requirement is met, (v) the parties to each assignment shall (A) execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Acceptance via an electronic settlement system acceptable to the Administrative Agent or (B) if previously agreed with the Administrative Agent, manually execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Acceptance, and, in each case, shall pay to the Administrative Agent a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500 (which fee may be waived or reduced, in whole or in part, in the sole discretion of the Administrative Agent); *provided* that only one such fee shall be payable in the event of simultaneous assignments to or from two or more Related Funds by a single Lender and no fee shall be payable for assignments among Related Funds of an existing Lender (vi) the assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire (in which the assignee shall designate one or more credit contacts to whom all syndicate-level information (which may contain material non-public information about the Loan Parties and their Related Parties or their respective securities) will be made available and who may receive such information in accordance with the assignee's compliance procedures and applicable laws, including Federal and state securities laws) and all applicable tax forms and (vii) no assignment of any Initial Term Loan Commitments (or Initial Term Loans) shall be effective prior to the Funding Date (unless consented to by the Borrower). Upon acceptance and recording pursuant to Section 9.04(e), from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Acceptance, (1) the assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Acceptance, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement and (2) the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Acceptance, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Acceptance covering all or the remaining portion of an assigning Lender's rights

and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.14, 2.16, 2.20 and 9.05, as well as to any fees accrued for its account and not yet paid).

(c) By executing and delivering an Assignment and Acceptance, the assigning Lender thereunder and the assignee thereunder shall be deemed to confirm to and agree with each other and the other parties hereto as follows: (i) such assigning Lender warrants that it is the legal and beneficial owner of the interest being assigned thereby free and clear of any adverse claim and that its Commitment and the outstanding balances of its Loans, in each case without giving effect to assignments thereof which have not become effective, are as set forth in such Assignment and Acceptance, (ii) except as set forth in clause (i) above, such assigning Lender makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility with respect to any statements, warranties or representations made in or in connection with this Agreement, or the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto, or the financial condition of the Borrower or any Subsidiary or the performance or observance by the Borrower or any Subsidiary of any of its obligations under this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto; (iii) such assignee represents and warrants that it is an Eligible Assignee legally authorized to enter into such Assignment and Acceptance; (iv) such assignee confirms that it has received a copy of this Agreement, together with copies of the most recent financial statements referred to in Section 3.05(a) or delivered pursuant to Section 4.10 of Annex I and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into such Assignment and Acceptance; (v) such assignee will independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, such assigning Lender or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement; (vi) such assignee appoints and authorizes the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers under this Agreement as are delegated to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent, respectively, by the terms hereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto; and (vii) such assignee agrees that it will perform in accordance with their terms all the obligations which by the terms of this Agreement are required to be performed by it as a Lender

(d) The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at one of its offices in New York City a copy of each Assignment and Acceptance delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amount of the Loans, Swing Line Loans and L/C Borrowings (and stated interest) owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the “**Register**”). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as the owner of the amounts owing to it under the Loan Documents as reflected in the Register for all purposes of the Loan Documents, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower, the Collateral Agent, any Lender (solely with respect to

any entry relating to such Lender's Loans and Commitments), any L/C Issuer (solely with respect to any entry relating to Participating Revolving Credit Commitments) and any Swing Line Lender (solely with respect to any entry relating to Participating Revolving Credit Commitments), at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice. The parties intend that any interest in or with respect to the Loans under this Agreement be treated as being issued and maintained in "registered form" within the meaning of Sections 163(f), 871(h)(2), and 881(c)(2) of the Code and any regulations thereunder (and any successor provisions), including without limitation under United States Treasury Regulations Section 5f.103-1(c), and the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed in a manner that gives effect to such intent.

(e) Upon its receipt of, and consent to, a duly completed Assignment and Acceptance executed by an assigning Lender and an assignee, an Administrative Questionnaire completed in respect of the assignee (unless the assignee shall already be a Lender hereunder), the processing and recordation fee referred to in Section 9.04(b), if applicable, and the written consent of the Administrative Agent and, if required, the Borrower to such assignment and any applicable tax forms, the Administrative Agent shall (i) accept such Assignment and Acceptance and (ii) record the information contained therein in the Register. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement to the contrary, no assignment shall be effective unless it has been recorded in the Register as provided in this Section 9.04(e).

(f) Each Lender may, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, sell participations to one or more banks or other Persons (other than a Defaulting Lender, provided that the Administrative Agent has posted the name of such Defaulting Lender to both the "Public Lender" and "Non-Public Lender" portions of the Platform) in all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans owing to it); *provided, however*, that (i) no Lender shall, without the written consent of the Borrower, sell participations in Loans or Commitments to any Disqualified Person, (ii) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (iii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, (iv) the participating banks or other Persons shall be entitled to the benefit of the cost protection provisions contained in Sections 2.14, 2.16 and 2.20 (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under Sections 2.20(e) and (f) (it being understood that the documentation required under Sections 2.20(e) and (f) shall be delivered to the participating Lender)) to the same extent as if they were Lenders (but, with respect to any particular participant, to no greater extent than the Lender that sold the participation to such participant unless a greater payment results from a Change in Law occurring after such particular participant acquired the applicable participation or the sale of such participation was approved in writing by the Borrower), (v) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, and such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce the obligations of the Borrower relating to the Loans and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement (other than amendments, modifications or waivers decreasing any fees payable to such participating bank or Person hereunder or the amount of principal of or the rate at which interest is payable on the Loans in

which such participating bank or Person has an interest, extending any scheduled principal payment date or date fixed for the payment of interest on the Loans in which such participating bank or Person has an interest, increasing or extending the Commitments in which such participating bank or Person has an interest or releasing all or substantially all of the value of the Facility Guaranty or all or substantially all of the Collateral) and (vi) such Lender shall maintain a register on which it records the name and address of each participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each participant's participating interest with respect to the Loans, Commitments or other interests hereunder (the "**Participant Register**"); *provided, further*, that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose any portion of such register to any Person except to the extent disclosure is necessary to establish that the Loans, Commitments or other interests hereunder are in registered form for United States federal income tax purposes under Treasury Regulations Section 5f.103-1(c), or is otherwise required thereunder. The entries in the Participant Register, shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. To the extent permitted by law, each participating bank or other Person also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 9.06 as though it were a Lender, provided such participating bank or other Person agrees to be subject to Section 2.18 as though it were a Lender.

(g) Any Lender may, in connection with any assignment or participation or proposed assignment or participation pursuant to this Section 9.04, disclose to the assignee or participant or proposed assignee or participant any information relating to the Borrower furnished to such Lender by or on behalf of the Borrower; *provided* that, prior to any such disclosure of information designated by the Borrower as confidential, each such assignee or participant or proposed assignee or participant shall execute an agreement with such Lender whereby such assignee or participant shall agree (subject to customary exceptions) to preserve the confidentiality of such confidential information on terms no less restrictive than those applicable to the Lenders pursuant to Section 9.16.

(h) Any Lender may, without the consent of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank or other "central" bank, and Section 9.04(b) shall not apply to any such pledge or assignment of a security interest, provided that no such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

(i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Lender (a "**Granting Lender**") may grant to a special purpose funding vehicle (an "**SPV**"), identified as such in writing from time to time by the Granting Lender to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, the option to provide to the Borrower all or any part of any Loan that such Granting Lender would otherwise be obligated to make to the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement; *provided* that (i) nothing herein shall constitute a commitment by any SPV to make any Loan and (ii) if an SPV elects not to exercise such option or otherwise fails to provide all or any part of such Loan, the Granting Lender shall be obligated to make such Loan pursuant to the terms

hereof, and (iii) such assignment will be reflected in the Participant Register. The making of a Loan by an SPV hereunder shall utilize the Commitment of the Granting Lender to the same extent, and as if, such Loan were made by such Granting Lender. Each party hereto hereby agrees that no SPV shall be liable for any indemnity or similar payment obligation under this Agreement (all liability for which shall remain with the Granting Lender). In furtherance of the foregoing, each party hereto hereby agrees (which agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement) that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding commercial paper or other senior indebtedness of any SPV, it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, such SPV any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under the laws of the United States or any State thereof. In addition, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 9.04, any SPV may (i) with notice to, but without the prior written consent of, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent and without paying any processing fee therefor, assign all or a portion of its interests in any Loans to the Granting Lender or to any financial institutions (consented to by the Borrower and Administrative Agent) providing liquidity and/or credit support to or for the account of such SPV to support the funding or maintenance of Loans and (i) disclose on a confidential basis any non-public information relating to its Loans to any rating agency, commercial paper dealer or provider of any surety, guarantee or credit or liquidity enhancement to such SPV. If a Granting Lender grants an option to an SPV as described herein and such grant is not reflected in the Register, the Granting Lender shall maintain a separate register on which it records the name and address of each SPV and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each SPV's interest with respect to the Loans, Commitments or other interests hereunder, which entries shall be conclusive absent manifest error (the "**SPV Register**"); *provided, further*, that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose any portion of such register to any Person except to the extent disclosure is necessary to establish that the Loans, Commitments or other interests hereunder are in registered form for United States federal income tax purposes under Treasury Regulations Section 5f.103-1(c) or is otherwise required thereunder.

(j) Neither the Borrower nor any Guarantor shall assign or delegate any of its rights or duties hereunder or any other Loan Document (other than as permitted by Article V of Annex I) without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Lender, and any attempted assignment without such consent shall be null and void.

(k) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 9.04 or any other provision of this Agreement, so long as no Specified Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, each Lender shall have the right at any time to sell, assign or transfer all or a portion of its Loans or Commitments owing to it to the Borrower through (x) Dutch auctions or other offers to purchase open to all Lenders on a *pro rata* basis consistent with the procedures set forth in Section 2.12(c) or (y) notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, open market purchase on a non-*pro rata* basis, and the Borrower shall have the right to require a Lender to sell, assign or transfer to it all or a portion of such Lender's Loans or Commitments in accordance with Section 2.21; *provided* that, in connection with assignments pursuant to clause (y) above:

(i) the assigning Lender and the Borrower shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Affiliated Lender/Borrower Assignment and Acceptance;

(ii) no proceeds from any Borrowing under any Revolving Credit Facilities may be used to make any such purchase or effect any such assignment or transfer; and

(iii) (A) the principal amount of such Loans, along with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, sold, assigned or transferred to the Borrower shall be deemed automatically cancelled and extinguished on the date of such sale, assignment or transfer and (B) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Loans of the remaining Lenders shall reflect such cancellation and extinguishing of the Loans then held by the Borrower.

(l) Any Lender may at any time, assign all or a portion of its rights and obligations with respect to Loans under this Agreement to a Person who is or will become, after such assignment, an Affiliated Lender through (x) Dutch auctions or other offers to purchase open to all Lenders on a *pro rata* basis consistent with the procedures set forth in Section 2.12(c) or (y) open market purchase on a non-*pro rata* basis, in each case subject to the following limitations:

(i) the assigning Lender and the Affiliated Lender purchasing such Lender's Loans shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Affiliated Lender/Borrower Assignment and Acceptance;

(ii) Affiliated Lenders will not receive information provided solely to Lenders by the Administrative Agent or any Lender and will not be permitted to attend or participate in conference calls or meetings attended solely by the Lenders and the Administrative Agent, other than the right to receive notices of prepayments and other administrative notices in respect of its Loans or Commitments required to be delivered to Lenders pursuant to Article II;

(iii) the aggregate principal amount of Loans held at any one time by Affiliated Lenders shall not exceed 25% of the original principal amount of all Loans at such time outstanding (such percentage, the "***Affiliated Lender Cap***"); *provided* that to the extent any assignment to an Affiliated Lender would result in the aggregate principal amount of all Loans held by Affiliated Lenders exceeding the Affiliated Lender Cap, the assignment of such excess amount will be void *ab initio*.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Affiliated Lender that has purchased Loans pursuant to this subsection (l) may, in its sole discretion, contribute, directly or indirectly, the principal amount of such Loans, plus all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, to the Borrower for the purpose of cancelling and extinguishing such Loans. Upon the date of such contribution, assignment or transfer, (x) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Loans shall reflect such cancellation and extinguishing of the Loans then held by the Borrower and (y) the Borrower shall promptly provide notice to the Administrative Agent of such contribution of such Loans, and the Administrative Agent, upon receipt of such notice, shall reflect the cancellation of the applicable Loans in the Register.

In connection with any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder, no such assignment shall be effective unless and until, in addition to the other conditions thereto set forth herein, the parties to the assignment shall make such additional payments to the Administrative Agent in an aggregate amount sufficient, upon distribution thereof as appropriate (which may be outright payment, purchases by the assignee of participations or subparticipations, or other compensating actions, including funding, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, the applicable Pro Rata Share of Loans previously requested but not funded by the Defaulting Lender, to each of which the applicable assignee and assignor hereby irrevocably consent), to (x) pay and satisfy in full all payment liabilities then owed by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent or any Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon) and (y) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full Pro Rata Share of all Loans. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder shall become effective under applicable Law without compliance with the provisions of this paragraph, then the assignee of such interest shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender for all purposes of this Agreement until such compliance occurs.

SECTION 3.05 Expenses; Indemnity. (a) The Borrower agrees to pay (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Lead Arrangers, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent in connection with the syndication of the Term Facility and the preparation, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (other than fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel to the Lead Arrangers) and (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or in connection with any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions hereby or thereby contemplated shall be consummated) or incurred by the Lead Arrangers, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any Lender in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or in connection with the Loans made hereunder, including in case of this clause (ii) the fees, charges and disbursements of one primary counsel for such Persons taken as a whole (and, to the extent deemed reasonably necessary by the Administrative Agent in its good faith discretion, one local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction to the Lead Arrangers, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders, taken as a whole, and one special or regulatory counsel in each relevant specialty), and, solely in the case of a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest, one additional primary counsel (and, to the extent deemed reasonably necessary or advisable by the affected persons in their good faith discretion, one local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction and one special or regulatory counsel in each relevant specialty) to the affected persons, taken as a whole.

(b) The Borrower agrees to indemnify the Lead Arrangers, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, each Lender and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an “*Indemnitee*”) against, and to hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related expenses, including reasonable counsel fees, charges and disbursements, incurred by or asserted against any Indemnitee arising out of, in any way connected with, or as a result of (i) the syndication for the Initial Term Loans, the

execution, delivery or administration of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument delivered herewith or therewith, the performance by the parties hereto or thereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder or the consummation of the Transactions and the other transactions contemplated thereby (including the Term Facility and the syndication thereof), (ii) the use of the proceeds of the Loans, (iii) any claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether or not any Indemnitee is a party thereto (and regardless of whether such matter is initiated by a third party or by the Borrower, any other Loan Party or any of their respective Affiliates or equity holders) or (iv) any actual or alleged presence or Release of Hazardous Materials on any property currently or formerly owned or operated by the Borrower or any of the Subsidiaries, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to the Borrower or the Subsidiaries; *provided* that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available (A) to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and non-appealable judgment to have resulted primarily from (1) the bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee, (2) disputes solely among Indemnitees (or their Related Parties) (other than claims against any Indemnitee (x) in its capacity or in fulfilling its role as agent or arranger or any similar role under the Credit Agreement or (y) arising out of any act or omission on the part of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates) or (B) in respect of legal fees or expenses of the Indemnitees, other than the reasonable invoiced fees, expenses and charges of one primary counsel for all Indemnitees taken as a whole (and to the extent deemed reasonably necessary by the Administrative Agent in its good faith discretion, one local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction and one special or regulatory counsel in each relevant specialty), and solely in the case of a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest, one additional primary counsel (and, to the extent deemed reasonably necessary by the Administrative Agent in its good faith discretion, one local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction and one special or regulatory counsel in each relevant specialty) to the affected Indemnitees, taken as a whole. This Section 9.05(b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claim. Payments under this Section shall be made by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the relevant Indemnitee.

(c) To the extent that the Borrower fails to pay any amount required to be paid by it to any Agent (or Affiliate thereof) under Sections 9.05(a) or (b), each Lender severally agrees to pay to such Agent, as the case may be, such Lender's Pro Rata Share (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought) of such unpaid amount; *provided* that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against the Agent (or Affiliate thereof) in its capacity as such. For purposes hereof, a Lender's Pro Rata Share shall be determined based upon its share of the sum of the outstanding Loans at the time.

(d) To the extent permitted by applicable law, no Loan Party shall assert, and hereby waives, any claim against any Indemnitee, and no Indemnitee shall assert, and hereby waives, any claim against any Loan Party, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument delivered in connection herewith or therewith, the Transactions, any Loan or the use of the

proceeds thereof; *provided* that nothing contained in this sentence will limit the indemnity obligations of any Loan Party to the extent indirect, special, punitive or consequential damages are included in any third party claim in connection with which such Indemnatee is entitled to indemnification hereunder.

(e) No Indemnatee seeking indemnification or reimbursement under this Agreement will, without the Borrower's prior written consent (not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), settle, compromise, consent to the entry of any judgment in or otherwise seek to terminate any claim, litigation, action, investigation or proceeding referred to herein; *provided* that the foregoing indemnity will apply to any such settlement in the event that (i) the Borrower was offered the ability to assume the defense of the action that was the subject matter of such settlement and elected not to so assume or (ii) such settlement is entered into more than seventy-five (75) days after receipt by the Borrower of a request by the applicable Indemnatee for reimbursement of its legal or other expenses incurred in connection with such claim, litigation, action, investigation or proceeding and the Borrower not having reimbursed such Indemnatee in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement (provided that the foregoing indemnity will not apply to any settlement made in accordance with this clause (ii) if the Borrower is disputing such expenses in good faith), and the foregoing indemnity will also apply to any settlement with the Borrower's written consent or if there is a final judgment for the plaintiff against an Indemnatee in any such proceeding.

(f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Indemnatee (and its Related Parties) shall be obligated to refund and return promptly any and all amounts paid by the Loan Parties under Section 9.05(b) to such Indemnatee (or such Related Party) for any such fees, expenses or damages to the extent such Indemnatee (or such Related Party) is not entitled to payment of such amounts in accordance with the terms hereof, as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(g) The provisions of this Section 9.05 shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, the repayment of any of the Loans, the expiration of the Commitments, the invalidity or unenforceability of any term or provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or any investigation made by or on behalf of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any Lender. All amounts due under this Section 9.05 shall be payable on written demand therefor.

SECTION 3.06. ***Right of Setoff.*** If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, except to the extent prohibited by law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) at any time held and other indebtedness at any time owing by such Lender or its Affiliates to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower against any of and all the obligations of the Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement and other Loan Documents held by such Lender, irrespective of whether or not such Lender shall have made any demand under this Agreement or such other Loan Document and although such obligations may be unmaturing; *provided* that any Lender exercising such right of setoff shall promptly notify the

Administrative Agent thereof. The rights of each Lender under this Section 9.06 are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) which such Lender may have.

SECTION 9.07. ***Applicable Law.*** THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 9.08. ***Waivers; Amendment.*** (a) No failure or delay of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any Lender in exercising any power or right hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right or power, or any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce such a right or power, preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or power. The rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies that they would otherwise have. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or consent to any departure by the Borrower or any other Loan Party therefrom shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be permitted by this Section 9.08 or, with respect to any Security Documents, Section 4.12 of Annex I, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which given. No notice or demand on the Borrower in any case shall entitle the Borrower to any other or further notice or demand in similar or other circumstances.

(b) Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, neither this Agreement, any Loan Document, nor any provision hereof or thereof may be waived, amended or modified except pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Borrower and the Required Lenders (other than any amendment contemplated in clauses (i)-(vi) and (viii)-(xiv) below which shall only require the consent of the Lenders, L/C Issuers or Swing Line Lenders specified therein); *provided, however*, that no such agreement shall (i) decrease the principal amount of, or extend the maturity of or any scheduled principal payment date or date for the payment of any interest on any Loan or L/C Borrowing, or waive or excuse any such payment or any part thereof, or decrease the rate of interest on any Loan, without the prior written consent of each Lender directly adversely affected thereby, (provided that only the consent of the Required Lenders shall be necessary to amend Section 2.07 or to waive the obligation of the Borrower to pay interest at the rate set forth in such Section), (ii) increase or extend the Commitment or decrease or extend the date for payment of any fees therein of any Lender without the prior written consent of such Lender (it being understood that a waiver of any condition precedent or of any Default, mandatory prepayment or mandatory reduction of the Commitments shall not constitute an extension or increase of any Commitment of any Lender or a decrease or extension of the date for payment of any fees therein of any Lender and neither any shall change to the definition of "Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio" or in the component definitions thereof constitute a reduction in the amount of fees of any Lender), (iii) amend or modify the *pro rata* requirements of Section 2.17, the provisions of Section 9.04(l) or the provisions of this Section 9.08 or release all or substantially all of the value of the Facility Guaranty or all or substantially all of the Collateral, without the prior written consent of each Lender, (iv) change

the provisions of any Loan Document in a manner that by its terms directly affects the rights in respect of payments due to Lenders holding Loans of one Class differently from the rights of Lenders holding Loans of any other Class without the prior written consent of the Required Class Lenders of each such affected Class (and in the case of multiple Classes directly affected in the same or substantially the same way, the Lenders under such Classes shall consent together as one Class) (it being understood that any amendment to the conditions of effectiveness set forth in Section 2.22 with respect to Incremental Loan Commitments, Section 2.23 with respect to any Extended Class, Section 2.24 with respect to any Refinancing Commitments, in each case, shall be subject to clause (v) below)); (v) amend, waive or otherwise modify any term or provision (including the availability and conditions to funding under Article IV with respect to Initial Term Loan Commitments, Section 2.22 with respect to Incremental Loan Commitments, Section 2.23 with respect to any Extended Class, Section 2.24 with respect to any Refinancing Commitments and in each case the rate of interest applicable thereto) which directly affects Lenders of one or more Classes of Initial Term Loan Commitments, Incremental Loans or Incremental Loan Commitments, Refinancing Loans or Refinancing Commitments, or Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments (the “*Affected Facilities*”) and does not directly affect Lenders under any other Class of Loans, in each case, without the written consent of the Required Class Lenders under such applicable Affected Facilities (and in the case of multiple Classes directly affected in the same or substantially the same way with respect to the Affected Facilities, such Required Class Lenders shall consent together as one Class); (vi) amend, waive or otherwise modify any term or provision (including the waiver of any conditions set forth in Section 4.03 as to any Credit Extension under one or more Revolving Credit Facilities) which directly affects Lenders under one or more Classes of Revolving Credit Commitments and does not directly affect Lenders under any other Class of Loans, in each case, without the written consent of the Required Class Lenders under such applicable Class of Revolving Credit Commitments (and in the case of multiple Classes which are affected, such Required Class Lenders shall consent together as one Class); (vii) modify the protections afforded to an SPV pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.04(i) without the written consent of such SPV; (viii) reduce the percentage contained in the definition of “Required Lenders”, “Required Class Lenders” or “Required Revolving Credit Lenders” or change the definition of “Pro Rata Share” without the prior written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby; (ix) change the currency in which any Loan is permitted to be made or is payable (including interest with respect to such Loan) without the prior written consent of each Lender; (x) waive, amend or modify the proviso to Section 5.05(a) without the prior written consent of each Lender; (xi) amend or otherwise modify the Financial Covenant and Section 7.03 as it applies to such Financial Covenant, and in each case any definition related thereto (as any such definition is used therein but not as otherwise used in this Agreement or any other Loan Document) or waive any Default or Event of Default resulting from a failure to perform or observe the Financial Covenant or Section 7.03 as it applies to such Financial Covenant without the written consent of the Required Revolving Credit Lenders; *provided* that, the waivers described in this clause (xi) shall not require the consent of any Lenders other than the Required Revolving Credit Lenders; (xii) modify any other provision, if any, of this Agreement that expressly requires the consent of each Lender or each directly affected Lender without the prior written consent of each Lender; (xiii) amend, modify or waive any provision with respect to Letters of Credit to the extent such amendment, modification or waiver directly and adversely affects the rights or, duties of, or any

fees or other amounts payable to, any L/C Issuer under this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any Letter of Credit Application relating to any Letter of Credit issued or to be issued by it, without the written consent of such L/C Issuer; or (xiv) amend, modify or waive any provision with respect to any Swing Line Loan to the extent such amendment, modification or waiver directly and adversely affects the rights or duties of, or any fees or other amounts payable to any Swing Line Lender without the written consent of such Swing Line Lender; *provided, further*, that no such agreement shall amend, modify or otherwise affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent.

(c) Without prejudice to the Administrative Agent's right to seek instruction from the Lenders from time to time, the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may amend this Agreement or any other Loan Document (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any exhibit, schedule or other attachment to any Loan Document) to correct an obvious error or omission jointly identified by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent or other errors or omissions of a technical or immaterial nature (including, but not limited to, an incorrect cross-reference). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, such amendment shall become effective without any further consent of any other party to such Loan Document.

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, (i) no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder (and any amendment, waiver or consent which by its terms requires the consent of all Lenders or each affected Lender may be effected with the consent of the applicable Lenders other than Defaulting Lenders), except that (x) the Commitment of any such Defaulting Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Lender and (y) any waiver, amendment or modification requiring the consent of all Lenders or each affected Lender that by its terms materially and adversely affects any Defaulting Lender to a greater extent than other affected Lenders shall require the consent of such Defaulting Lender, (ii) this Agreement may be amended (or amended and restated) with the written consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent and the Borrower (x) to add one or more additional credit facilities to this Agreement and to permit the extensions of credit from time to time outstanding thereunder and the accrued interest and fees in respect thereof to share ratably in the benefits of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents with the Term Loans, Revolving Credit Loans, Swing Line Loans and L/C Obligations and the accrued interest and fees in respect thereof and (y) to include appropriately the Lenders holding such credit facilities in any determination of the Required Lenders, and (iii) Annex I and Annex II of this Agreement may be amended with the written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, but without the consent of any other Person, to conform the text of Annex I and/or Annex II to any provision of the "Description of Notes" section of the Offering Memorandum to correct an obvious error or omission.

SECTION 9.09. ***Interest Rate Limitation.*** Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if at any time the interest rate applicable to any Loan, together with all fees, charges and other amounts which are treated as interest on such Loan under applicable law (collectively the "***Charges***"), shall exceed the maximum lawful rate (the "***Maximum Rate***") which may be contracted for, charged, taken, received or reserved by the Lender holding such Loan in

accordance with applicable law, the rate of interest payable in respect of such Loan hereunder, together with all Charges payable in respect thereof, shall be limited to the Maximum Rate and, to the extent lawful, the interest and Charges that would have been payable in respect of such Loan but were not payable as a result of the operation of this Section 9.09 shall be cumulated and the interest and Charges payable to such Lender in respect of other Loans or participations or periods shall be increased (but not above the Maximum Rate therefor) until such cumulated amount, together with interest thereon at the Federal Funds Effective Rate to the date of repayment, shall have been received by such Lender.

SECTION 9.10. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and the other Loan Documents constitute the entire contract between the parties relative to the subject matter hereof. Any other previous agreement among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof (other than the Arranger Fee Letter) is superseded by this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Nothing in this Agreement or in the other Loan Documents, expressed or implied, is intended to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto and thereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereunder and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders) any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents.

SECTION 9.11. **Waiver of Jury Trial.** EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OF THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS. EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS, AS APPLICABLE, BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 9.11.

SECTION 9.12. **Severability.** In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement or in any other Loan Document should be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein and therein shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby (it being understood that the invalidity of a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not in and of itself affect the validity of such provision in any other jurisdiction). The parties shall endeavor in good-faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

SECTION 9.13. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract, and shall become

effective as provided in Section 4.01. The words “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” and words of like import in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents including any Assignment and Acceptance shall be deemed to include electronic signatures or electronic records, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

SECTION 9.14. **Headings.** Article and Section headings and the Table of Contents used herein are for convenience of reference only, are not part of this Agreement and are not to affect the construction of, or to be taken into consideration in interpreting, this Agreement.

SECTION 9.15. **Jurisdiction; Consent to Service of Process.** (a) Each party hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the exclusive jurisdiction of any New York State court or Federal court of the United States of America sitting in New York County, and any appellate court from any thereof, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the other Loan Documents (other than any Loan Documents governed by any law other than New York law), or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims in respect of any such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such New York State or, to the extent permitted by law, in such Federal court. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect any right that the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any Lender may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or the other Loan Documents against the Borrower or its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction if required to realize upon the Collateral as determined in good faith by the Person bringing such action or proceeding.

(b) Each party hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the other Loan Documents in any New York State or Federal court sitting in New York County. Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court.

(c) Each party to this Agreement irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 9.01 excluding service of process by mail. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of any party to this Agreement to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

SECTION 9.16. **Confidentiality.** Each of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its and its Affiliates’ officers, directors,

employees and agents, including accountants, legal counsel, numbering, administration and settlement service providers and other advisors (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested or required by any regulatory authority or quasi-regulatory authority (such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or under the other Loan Documents or any suit, action or proceeding relating to the enforcement of its rights hereunder or thereunder, (e) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as or no less restrictive than those of this Section 9.16, to any actual or prospective assignee of or participant in any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (f) with the consent of the Borrower, (g) to the extent such Information becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section 9.16, (h) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as or no less restrictive than those of this Section 9.16, to actual or proposed direct or indirect counterparties in connection with any Swap Contract relating to the Loan Parties or their obligations or (i) disclosure to any rating agency when required by it, provided that, prior to any disclosure, such rating agency shall undertake in writing to preserve the confidentiality of any confidential information relating to Loan Parties received by it from any Agent or any Lender. In addition, each Agent and each Lender may disclose the existence of this Agreement and the information about this Agreement to market data collectors, similar services providers to the lending industry, and service providers to the Agents and the Lenders in connection with the administration and management of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. For the purposes of this Section 9.16, "Information" shall mean all information received from the Borrower and related to the Borrower or its business, other than any such information that was available to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any Lender on a non-confidential basis prior to its disclosure by the Borrower. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section 9.16 shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord its own confidential information.

SECTION 9.17. *Lender Action; Intercreditor Agreement.* (a) Each Lender agrees that it shall not take or institute any actions or proceedings, judicial or otherwise, for any right or remedy against any Loan Party or any other obligor under any of the Loan Documents (including the exercise of any right of setoff, rights on account of any banker's lien or similar claim or other rights of self-help), or institute any actions or proceedings, or otherwise commence any remedial procedures, with respect to any Collateral or any other property of any such Loan Party, unless expressly provided for herein or in any other Loan Document, without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent. The provisions of this Section 9.17 are for the sole benefit of the Lenders and shall not afford any right to, or constitute a defense available to, any Loan Party.

(b) Each Lender that has signed this Agreement shall be deemed to have consented to and hereby irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent to enter into (i) any Intercreditor Agreement as such Lender's "Authorized Representative" (or equivalent defined term) and "Collateral Agent" (or equivalent defined term), as applicable (as such terms

are defined in the Closing Date Intercreditor Agreement) (and including any and all amendments, amendments and restatements, modifications, supplements and acknowledgments thereto) from time to time, and agrees to be bound by the provisions thereof and (ii) any Loan Escrow Agreement as such Lender's "Authorized Representative" (or equivalent defined term), Administrative Agent" (or equivalent defined term) or "Collateral Agent" (or equivalent defined term) (and including any and all amendments, amendments and restatements, modifications, supplements and acknowledgments thereto) from time to time, and agrees to be bound by the provisions thereof.

(c) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, each Lender and the Agents acknowledge that the Lien and security interest granted to the Collateral Agent pursuant to the Security Documents and the exercise of any right or remedy by the Collateral Agent thereunder, shall be subject to the provisions of any Intercreditor Agreement (on and after the execution thereof). In the event of a conflict or any inconsistency between the terms of any Intercreditor Agreement and the Security Documents, the terms of such Intercreditor Agreement shall prevail.

SECTION 9.18. **USA PATRIOT Act Notice**. Each Lender, the Administrative Agent (for itself and not on behalf of any Lender) hereby notifies the Borrower and the Guarantors that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act and/or the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower and the Guarantors, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and the Guarantors and other information that will allow such Lender or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, to identify the Borrower and the Guarantors in accordance with the USA PATRIOT Act and/or the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

SECTION 9.19. **No Fiduciary Duty**. The parties hereto hereby acknowledge that each Agent, the Lead Arrangers, each Lender and their respective Affiliates (collectively, solely for purposes of this paragraph, the "**Lenders**"), may have economic interests that conflict with those of any Loan Party, its stockholders and/or their respective Affiliates. The Borrower agrees, on behalf of itself and each other Loan Party, that nothing in the Loan Documents or otherwise will be deemed to create an advisory, fiduciary or agency relationship or fiduciary or other implied duty between any Lender, on the one hand, and any Loan Party, its stockholders or their respective Affiliates on the other hand. The Borrower acknowledges and agrees, on behalf of itself and each other Loan Party, that (a) the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents (including the exercise of rights and remedies hereunder and thereunder) are arm's-length commercial transactions between the Lenders, on the one hand, and the Loan Parties, on the other hand, and (b) in connection therewith and with the process leading thereto, (i) no Lender has assumed an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of any Loan Party, with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby (or the exercise of rights or remedies with respect thereto) or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether any Lender has advised, is currently advising or will advise any Loan Party, on other matters) or any other obligation to any Loan Party except the obligations expressly set forth in the Loan Documents and (ii) each Lender is acting solely as principal and not as the agent or fiduciary of any Loan Party.

The Borrower acknowledges and agrees, on behalf of itself and each other Loan Party, that it has consulted its own legal and financial advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate and that it is responsible for making its own independent judgment with respect to such transactions and the process leading thereto. The Borrower agrees, on behalf of itself and each other Loan Party, that it will not claim that any Lender has rendered advisory services of any nature or respect, or owes a fiduciary or similar duty to any Loan Party, in connection with such transaction or the process leading thereto.

SECTION 9.20. **Release of Liens.** The Borrower and the Guarantors will be entitled to release the Liens in respect of the Collateral securing the Obligations under any one or more of the following circumstances:

(a) in connection with any sale or other disposition of the Collateral to a Person that is not the Borrower or a Guarantor (but excluding any transaction subject to Article V of Annex I hereof), if such sale or other disposition does not violate Section 4.08 of Annex I hereof, but only in respect of the Collateral sold or otherwise disposed of;

(b) in connection with the release of a Guarantor from its Loan Guarantee pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the release of the property and assets of such Guarantor;

(c) if the Borrower designates any Restricted Subsidiary to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement, the release of the property, assets and Capital Stock of such Unrestricted Subsidiary;

(d) in accordance with an enforcement sale in compliance with the Intercreditor Agreement or any Additional Intercreditor Agreement, or as otherwise provided for under any Intercreditor Agreement or any Additional Intercreditor Agreement;

(e) as provided under Section 9.08, Section 4.06(b) of Annex I (in which case, for the avoidance of doubt, such release shall be automatic and unconditional) and Section 4.12 of Annex I hereof;

(f) upon termination of the Commitments and payment in full of all Obligations (other than (i) contingent indemnification obligations as to which no claim has been asserted and (ii) obligations and liabilities under Treasury Services Agreements and Swap Contracts) and the expiration or termination of all Letters of Credit (other than Letters of Credit that are Cash Collateralized or back-stopped by a letter of credit in form, amount and substance reasonably satisfactory to the applicable L/C Issuer or a deemed reissuance under another facility as to which other arrangements satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall have been made);

(g) to release and re-take any Lien on any Collateral to the extent not otherwise prohibited by the terms of this Agreement, the Security Documents, any Intercreditor Agreement or any Additional Intercreditor Agreement;

(h) in connection with a transaction permitted by Article V of Annex I hereof;

(i) with respect to any Collateral that is transferred to a Subsidiary pursuant to a Qualified Receivables Financing, and with respect to any securitization obligation that is transferred in one or more transactions, to a Subsidiary;

(j) any property and/or related rights and/or assets (including loan receivables and collateral therefor) that would otherwise be included in the Collateral (and such property and/or related rights and/or assets (including loan receivables and collateral therefor) shall not be deemed to constitute a part of the Collateral) if such property has been sold or otherwise transferred in connection with a securitization transaction or other financing arrangement not prohibited under the Loan Documents; or

(k) if the respective property or assets cease to constitute Collateral (including as a result of being or becoming an Excluded Asset).

The Collateral Agent and the Administrative Agent will take all necessary action required to effectuate any release of the Collateral securing the Loans and the Loan Guarantees, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, any Intercreditor Agreement (on and after the execution thereof) or any Additional Intercreditor Agreement (on and after the execution thereof) and the relevant Security Document. Each of the releases set forth above shall be effected by the Collateral Agent without the consent of the Lenders or any action on the part of the Administrative Agent.

The Collateral Agent and the Administrative Agent will agree to any release of the security interest in respect of the Collateral that is in accordance with this Agreement, any Intercreditor Agreement (on and after the execution thereof) or any Additional Intercreditor Agreement (on and after the execution thereof) and the relevant Security Document, without requiring any Lender consent or any action on the part of the Administrative Agent. Upon request of the Borrower and upon receipt of an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent in respect of such release have been satisfied, the Collateral Agent shall execute, deliver or acknowledge any necessary or proper instruments of termination, satisfaction or release to evidence the release of Collateral permitted to be released pursuant to this Agreement, any Intercreditor Agreement, any Additional Intercreditor Agreement and the Security Documents. At the request of the Borrower, the Collateral Agent shall execute and deliver an appropriate instrument evidencing such release (in the form provided by the Borrower).

SECTION 9.21. ***Judgment Currency.*** If, for the purposes of obtaining judgment in any court, it is necessary to convert a sum due hereunder or any other Loan Document in one currency into another currency, the rate of exchange used shall be that at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Administrative Agent could purchase the first currency with such other currency on the Business Day preceding that on which final judgment is given. The obligation of any Loan Party in respect of any such sum due from it to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders hereunder or under the other Loan Documents shall, notwithstanding any judgment in a currency (the "***Judgment Currency***") other than that in which such sum is denominated in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement (the "***Agreement Currency***"), be discharged only to the extent that on the Business Day following receipt by the Administrative Agent of any sum adjudged to be so due in the Judgment Currency, the

Administrative Agent may in accordance with normal banking procedures purchase the Agreement Currency with the Judgment Currency. If the amount of the Agreement Currency so purchased is less than the sum originally due to the Administrative Agent from a Loan Party in the Agreement Currency, such Loan Party agrees, as a separate obligation and notwithstanding any such judgment, to indemnify the Administrative Agent or the Person to whom such obligation was owing against such loss. If the amount of the Agreement Currency so purchased is greater than the sum originally due to the Administrative Agent in such currency, the Administrative Agent agrees to return the amount of any excess to such Loan Party (or to any other Person who may be entitled thereto under applicable Law).

SECTION 9.22 *Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of Applicable Financial Institutions*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Applicable Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

- (a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any party hereto that is an Applicable Financial Institution; and
- (b) the effects of any Bail-In Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:
 - (i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;
 - (ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such Applicable Financial Institution, its parent entity, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or
 - (iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority.

SECTION 3.23 *Acknowledgement Regarding Any Supported QFCs*. To the extent that the Loan Documents provide support, through a guarantee or otherwise, of Swap Obligations or any other agreement or instrument that is a QFC (such support, “**QFC Credit Support**” and each such QFC, a “**Supported QFC**”), the parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the resolution power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder, the “**U.S. Special Resolution Regimes**”) in respect of such Supported QFC and QFC Credit Support (with the provisions below applicable notwithstanding that the Loan Documents and any Supported QFC may in fact be stated to be governed by the laws of the State of New York and/or of the United States or any other state of the United States):

(a) In the event a Covered Entity that is party to a Supported QFC (each, a “**Covered Party**”) becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of such Supported QFC and the benefit of such QFC Credit Support (and any interest and obligation in or under such Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support, and any rights in property securing such Supported QFC or such QFC Credit Support) from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support (and any such interest, obligation and rights in property) were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. In the event a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under the Loan Documents that might otherwise apply to such Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and the Loan Documents were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. Without limitation of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that rights and remedies of the parties with respect to a Defaulting Lender shall in no event affect the rights of any Covered Party with respect to a Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support.

(b) As used in this Section 9.23, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“**BHC Act Affiliate**” of a party means an “affiliate” (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 1841(k)) of such party.

“**Covered Entity**” means any of the following:

- (a) a “covered entity” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b);
- (b) a “covered bank” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or
- (c) 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.

“**QFC**” has the meaning assigned to the term “qualified financial contract” in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 5390(c)(8)(D).

SECTION 9.24 Certain ERISA Matters. (a) Each Lender (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto,

for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent and the Lead Arrangers and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower or any other Loan Party, that at least one of the following is and will be true:

(i) such Lender is not using “plan assets” (within the meaning of Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) of one or more Benefit Plans with respect to such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit or the Commitments or this Agreement,

(ii) the prohibited transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84-14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTE 95-60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90-1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTE 91-38 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96-23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement,

(iii) (A) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a “Qualified Professional Asset Manager” (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14), (B) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement, (C) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement satisfies the requirements of sub-sections (b) through (g) of Part I of PTE 84-14 and (D) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of subsection (a) of Part I of PTE 84-14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement, or

(iv) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.

(b) In addition, unless either (i) sub-clause (i) in the immediately preceding clause (a) is true with respect to a Lender or (ii) a Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant in accordance with sub-clause (iv) in the immediately preceding clause (a), such Lender further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent and the Lead Arrangers and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower or any other Loan Party, that none of the Administrative Agent and the Lead Arrangers and their respective Affiliates is a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender involved in the such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and

performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, any Loan Document or any documents related hereto or thereto).

[Signature Pages Omitted]

Schedule 3

Annex I (Covenants) to the Existing Credit Agreement and Annex II (Additional Definitions) to the Existing Credit Agreement

[See attached]

ANNEX I
COVENANTS

Save where specified to the contrary or where defined in Section 1.01 of the Credit Agreement to which this Annex I is attached (the “**Credit Agreement**” or this “**Agreement**”), defined terms used in this Annex I shall have the meaning given to them in Annex II.

Save where specified to the contrary, references in this Annex to sections of Articles IV or V are to those sections of this Annex.

ARTICLE IV

Section 4.01. [Reserved]

Section 4.02. [Reserved]

Section 4.03. [Reserved]

Section 4.04. Limitation on Indebtedness

(a) The Borrower will not and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, Incur any Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness); *provided, however*, that the Borrower and the Guarantors may Incur Indebtedness if on the date on which such Indebtedness is Incurred, the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio would have been no greater than 5.5 to 1.0 determined on a *pro forma* basis (including a *pro forma* application of the net proceeds therefrom), as if such Indebtedness had been incurred at the beginning of the relevant period.

(b) Section 4.04(a) above will not prohibit the Incurrence of the following items of Indebtedness:

(1) Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to any Credit Facility (including in respect of letters of credit or bankers’ acceptances issued or created thereunder), Indebtedness represented by the Existing Senior Guaranteed Notes and the Guarantees thereof, Indebtedness represented by the New Senior Guaranteed Notes issued on or about the Issue Date and the Guarantees thereof, and, in each case, any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof, in a maximum aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed the greater of (i) (x) \$7.35 billion reduced by (y) the amount of any Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to this Section 4.04(b)(1) on the Original Notes Issue Date or the aggregate principal amount of any Existing Senior Guaranteed Notes issued on September 23, 2016 that is subsequently reclassified (other than pursuant to the second proviso of Section 4.04(c)(1)) subject to the limitations on reclassification in Section 4.04(c)(1) and (ii) *provided* that after giving effect to any Incurrence of Indebtedness hereunder, together with any Incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(5) and Section 4.04(b)(14) on the date on which Indebtedness pursuant to this Section 4.04(b)(1)(ii) is Incurred, the Borrower could Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness under Section 4.04(a), an amount such that, after giving effect thereto on a *pro forma* basis as if

such Indebtedness had been incurred on the first day of the relevant period, the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio is not greater than 4.0 to 1.0; *provided, further, that* any Indebtedness incurred under this Section 4.04(b)(1) may be refinanced with ~~additional Refinancing~~ Indebtedness in an amount equal to the principal of the Indebtedness so refinanced, plus any additional amount to pay premiums (including tender premiums), accrued and unpaid interest, expenses, defeasance costs and fees in connection therewith; *provided, further,* that solely for the purpose of calculating the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio under this Section 4.04(b)(1), any outstanding Indebtedness incurred under this Section 4.04(b)(1) that is unsecured or secured on a junior basis (in whole or in part) shall nevertheless be deemed to be secured by a *pari passu* Lien;

(2) (a) Guarantees by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary to the extent such guaranteed Indebtedness was permitted to be incurred by another provision of this Section 4.04; *provided* that (i) if such Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to, or *pari passu* in right of payment with, the Loans or a Loan Guarantee, as applicable, then the Guarantee of such Indebtedness shall be subordinated in right of payment to, or *pari passu* in right of payment with, the Loans or such Loan Guarantee, as applicable, substantially to the same extent as such guaranteed Indebtedness and (ii) if such Guarantee is of Indebtedness of the Borrower or a Guarantor, such Restricted Subsidiary complies with Section 5.14(i)(z) of the Credit Agreement or (b) without limiting Section 4.06, Indebtedness arising by reason of any Lien granted by or applicable to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary securing Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary so long as the Incurrence of such Indebtedness is not prohibited by the terms of this Agreement;

(3) Indebtedness of the Borrower owing to and held by any Restricted Subsidiary, or Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary owing to and held by the Borrower or any other Restricted Subsidiary; *provided, however,* that if the Borrower or any Guarantor is the obligor on such Indebtedness and the payee is not the Borrower or a Guarantor, such Indebtedness must be unsecured and ((i) except in respect of intercompany current liabilities incurred in connection with cash management positions of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries and (ii) only to the extent legally permitted (the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries having completed all procedures required in the reasonable judgment of directors or officers of the obligee or obligor to protect such Persons from any penalty or civil or criminal liability in connection with the subordination of such Indebtedness)) expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all obligations then due with respect to the Loans, in the case of the Borrower, or the Loan Guarantees, in the case of a Guarantor; *provided* that:

- (i) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Capital Stock or any other event which results in any such Indebtedness being beneficially held by a Person other than the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary; and
- (ii) any sale or other transfer of any such Indebtedness to a Person other than the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary, shall be deemed, in each case, to constitute an Incurrence of such

Indebtedness not permitted by this Section 4.04(b)(3) by the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be;

(4) (a) any Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness described in Section 4.04(b)(1) and Section 4.04(b)(3)) outstanding on the Effective Date, after giving effect to the Transactions, excluding for the avoidance of doubt the New Senior Guaranteed Notes and the Existing Senior Guaranteed Notes Incurred in reliance on Section 4.04(b)(1), subject to Section 4.04(c)(1), (b) Refinancing Indebtedness Incurred in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to renew, refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge any, or otherwise Incurred in respect of any, Indebtedness described in sub-clauses (a) or (b) of this Section 4.04(b)(4) or Section 4.04(b)(5) or Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(a) and (c) Management Advances;

(5) Indebtedness of (i) any Person Incurred or outstanding on the date on which such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or is merged, consolidated, amalgamated or otherwise combined with the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary or pursuant to any acquisition of assets and assumption of related liabilities by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary (including in contemplation of such transaction) or (ii) the Borrower or any Guarantor Incurred to provide all or any portion of the funds utilized to consummate the transaction or series of related transactions pursuant to which a Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or was otherwise acquired by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary or pursuant to any Investment or acquisition of assets and assumption of related liabilities by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary or otherwise in connection with or contemplation of such acquisition or other transaction; provided, however, that the Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to this Section 4.04(b)(5) is in an aggregate amount not to exceed (a) the greater of (i) \$1,040 million and (ii) 25.0% of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA at any time outstanding plus (b) an unlimited amount of additional Indebtedness to the extent that immediately following the consummation of such acquisition or other transaction and without giving effect to any Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to clause 5(a) on the date of determination, (x) the Borrower would have been able to incur \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.04(a) after giving effect to the Incurrence of such Indebtedness pursuant to this Section 4.04(b)(5)(b) or, (y) the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio would not be greater than it was immediately prior to giving effect to such acquisition or other transaction (it being understood that any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(5)(a) shall cease to be deemed Incurred or outstanding for purposes of Section 4.04(b)(5)(a) but shall be deemed Incurred under Section 4.04(b)(5)(b)(x) from and after the first date on which the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary could have incurred such Indebtedness under Section 4.04(b)(5)(b)(x) without reliance on Section 4.04(b)(5)(a));

(6) [Reserved];

(7) (a) Indebtedness under Currency Agreements (other than Currency Agreements described in (b) below), Interest Rate Agreements and Commodity Hedging Agreements and (b) Indebtedness under Currency Agreements entered into in order to hedge any operating expenses and capital expenditures Incurred in the ordinary course of business; in each case with respect to clauses (a) and (b) hereof, entered into for *bona fide* hedging purposes of the Borrower or the Restricted Subsidiaries or (in respect of Currency Agreements and Interest Rate Agreements related to Indebtedness of Cablevision), Cablevision and not for speculative purposes (as determined in good faith by an Officer or the Board of Directors of the Borrower);

(8) Indebtedness consisting of (A) mortgage financings, Purchase Money Obligations or other financings Incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of design, construction, installation or improvement of property (real or personal), plant or equipment or other assets (including Capital Stock) used or useful in a Similar Business or (B) Indebtedness otherwise Incurred to finance the purchase, lease, rental or cost of design, construction, installation or improvement of property (real or personal), plant or equipment that is used or useful in a Similar Business, whether through the direct purchase of assets or the Capital Stock of any Person owning such assets, in an aggregate outstanding principal amount which, when taken together with the principal amount of all other Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to this Section 4.04(b)(8) and then outstanding, will not exceed at any time outstanding the greater of \$375 million and 9% of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA; *provided* that any Indebtedness incurred under this Section 4.04(b)(8) may be refinanced with ~~additional Refinancing Indebtedness in an amount equal to the principal of the Indebtedness so refinanced, plus any additional amount to pay premiums (including tender premiums), accrued and unpaid interest, expenses, defeasance costs and fees in connection therewith;~~

(9) Indebtedness in respect of (a) workers' compensation claims, self-insurance obligations, performance, indemnity, surety, judgment, appeal, advance payment, customs, VAT or other tax or other guarantees or other similar bonds, instruments or obligations and completion guarantees and warranties provided by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary or relating to liabilities, obligations or guarantees Incurred in the ordinary course of business or in respect of any governmental requirement, including in relation to a governmental requirement to provide a guarantee or bond, (b) letters of credit, bankers' acceptances, guarantees or other similar instruments or obligations issued or relating to liabilities or obligations Incurred in the ordinary course of business, *provided, however,* that upon the drawing of such letters of credit or other instrument, such obligations are reimbursed within 30 days following such drawing; (c) the financing of insurance premiums in the ordinary course of business; and (d) any customary cash management, cash pooling or netting or setting off arrangements in the ordinary course of business;

(10) Indebtedness arising from agreements providing for customary guarantees, indemnification, obligations in respect of earnouts or other adjustments of purchase price or, in each case, similar obligations, in each case, Incurred or assumed in connection with the acquisition or disposition of any business or assets or Person or any Capital Stock of a Subsidiary (other than Guarantees of Indebtedness Incurred by any Person acquiring or disposing of such business or assets or such Subsidiary for the purpose of financing such acquisition or disposition);

(11) Indebtedness arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business; *provided, however,* that such Indebtedness is extinguished within 30 Business Days of Incurrence;

(12) Indebtedness under daylight borrowing facilities incurred in connection with any ~~refinancing of Refinancing~~ Indebtedness (including by way of set-off or exchange); ~~provided that~~ such Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of the Indebtedness being refinanced and the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses ~~Incurred in connection with such refinancing,~~ so long as any such Indebtedness is repaid within three days of the date on which such Indebtedness is Incurred;

(13) Indebtedness Incurred by a Receivables Subsidiary in a Qualified Receivables Financing;

(14) Indebtedness Incurred by the Borrower or a Guarantor or Disqualified Stock of the Borrower in an aggregate outstanding principal amount which, when taken together with the principal amount of all other Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to this Section 4.04(b)(14) and then outstanding, will not exceed 100% of the Net Cash Proceeds received by the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries from the issuance or sale (other than to the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary) of its Subordinated Shareholder Funding or Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock, Designated Preference Shares or an Excluded Contribution) or otherwise contributed to the equity (other than through the issuance of Disqualified Stock, Designated Preference Shares or an Excluded Contribution) of the Borrower, in each case, subsequent to the Closing Date; *provided, however*, that (i) any such Net Cash Proceeds that are so received or contributed shall be excluded for purposes of making Restricted Payments under Section 4.05(a), Section 4.05(b)(1), Section 4.05(b)(6) and Section 4.05(b)(10) to the extent the Borrower or a Guarantor incurs Indebtedness in reliance thereon and (ii) any Net Cash Proceeds that are so received or contributed shall be excluded for purposes of Incurring Indebtedness pursuant to this Section 4.04(b)(14) to the extent the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary makes a Restricted Payment under Section 4.05(b)(1), Section 4.05(b)(6) and Section 4.05(b)(10) in reliance thereon; *provided* that any Indebtedness incurred under this Section 4.04(b)(14) may be refinanced with ~~additional Refinancing Indebtedness in an amount equal to the principal of the Indebtedness so refinanced~~, plus any additional amount to pay premiums (including tender premiums), accrued ~~and unpaid interest, expenses, defeasance costs and fees in connection therewith~~;

(15) Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries arising pursuant to any Permitted Reorganization; and

(16) Indebtedness Incurred (including any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof) in an aggregate outstanding principal amount which, when taken together with the principal amount of all other Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to this Section 4.04(b)(16) and then outstanding, will not exceed the greater of \$2,080 million and 50% of L2QA *Pro Forma EBITDA*; *provided* that any Indebtedness incurred under this Section 4.04(b)(16) may be refinanced with ~~additional Refinancing Indebtedness in an amount equal to the principal of the Indebtedness so refinanced~~, plus any additional amount to pay premiums (including tender premiums), accrued and unpaid interest, expenses, defeasance costs and fees in connection ~~therewith~~; *provided further* that if the Specified Gross Leverage Condition is not satisfied, Indebtedness pursuant to this Section 4.04(b)(16) may only be Incurred by the Borrower or any Guarantor; *provided, further*, that the aggregate principal amount of Pari Passu Indebtedness permitted to be Incurred (including any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof) pursuant to this clause (16) and then outstanding shall not exceed \$750 million.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 4.04, the Borrower will not permit any Guarantor to Incur any Ratio Guarantor Indebtedness unless on the date on which such Ratio Guarantor Indebtedness is Incurred or Guaranteed, the Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio would not have been greater than 4.0 to 1.0 or solely with respect to any Ratio Guarantor Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(5) (or any Guarantee Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(2) in respect thereof) the Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio would not be greater than it was prior to such Incurrence, in each case, determined on a pro forma basis (including a pro forma application of the net proceeds therefrom), after giving pro forma effect to the Incurrence and

application of the proceeds from such Indebtedness; provided that this paragraph shall not apply to (x) revolving Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(1) for working capital purposes or to finance capital expenditures, Permitted Investments (other than Permitted Investments permitted by clause (b) of the definition thereof as to which this paragraph shall apply) or Restricted Payments (other than Restricted Payments made pursuant to clauses (2), (15)(b), (17) or (18) (with respect to clause (18), in excess of \$100 million) of Section 4.05(b) as to which this paragraph shall apply); provided that, if the Specified Gross Leverage Condition is not satisfied at such time, this paragraph shall apply to revolving Intendedness incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(1) for funding Restricted Payments or Permitted Payments for a Restricted Purpose; (y) any Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(5)(i) to the extent not Incurred in contemplation of the applicable transaction (provided that the foregoing shall apply to any Guarantee to be Incurred by any Guarantor in respect of such Indebtedness (that is Pari Passu Indebtedness) that did not Guarantee such Indebtedness prior to the applicable transaction) (and any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof); and (z) any Refinancing Indebtedness of any Ratio Guarantor Indebtedness that was not Incurred in violation of this paragraph.

(c) For purposes of determining compliance with, and the outstanding principal amount of any particular Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to and in compliance with, this Section 4.04:

(1) in the event that Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the types of Indebtedness described in Section 4.04(a) and Section 4.04(b), the Borrower, in its sole discretion, will classify, and may from time to time reclassify, such item of Indebtedness and only be required to include the amount and type of such Indebtedness in one of the clauses of Section 4.04(a) or Section 4.04(b); *provided that* Indebtedness Incurred (or deemed Incurred) on the Original Notes Issue Date or any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof under Section 4.04(b)(1) cannot be reclassified; *provided, further,* that if the New Senior Guaranteed Notes, the Existing Senior Guaranteed Notes or any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof, shall on any date (including the date of Incurrence of such Refinancing Indebtedness) not be Guaranteed by any of the Restricted Subsidiaries of the Borrower, the New Senior Guaranteed Notes, the Existing Senior Guaranteed Notes, or such Refinancing Indebtedness shall automatically be reclassified and from such date be deemed to have been Incurred under Section 4.04(b)(4)(a) and not Section 4.04(b)(1);

(2) subject to clause (1) above, all Indebtedness (x) outstanding on the Original Notes Issue Date under the Term Facilities and the Existing Senior Guaranteed Notes and (y) outstanding on the Closing Date under the Revolving Credit Facilities shall be deemed Incurred on the Effective Date under Section 4.04(b)(1) and not Section 4.04(a) or Section 4.04(b)(4)(a);

(3) Guarantees of, or obligations in respect of letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or other similar instruments relating to, or Liens securing, Indebtedness that is otherwise included in the determination of a particular amount of Indebtedness shall not be included;

(4) if obligations in respect of letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or other similar instruments are Incurred pursuant to any Credit Facility and are being treated as Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(1), Section 4.04(b)(8), Section 4.04(b)(14) or Section 4.04(b)(16) or Section 4.04(a) and the letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or other similar instruments relate to other Indebtedness, then such other Indebtedness shall not be included;

(5) the principal amount of any Disqualified Stock of the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary, or Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary, will be equal to the greater of the maximum mandatory redemption or repurchase price (not including, in either case, any redemption or repurchase premium) or the liquidation preference thereof;

(6) Indebtedness permitted by this Section 4.04 need not be permitted solely by reference to one provision permitting such Indebtedness but may be permitted in part by one such provision and in part by one or more other provisions of this Section 4.04 permitting such Indebtedness; and

(7) the amount of Indebtedness issued at a price that is less than the principal amount thereof will be equal to the amount of the liability in respect thereof determined on the basis of GAAP.

(d) Accrual of interest, accrual of dividends, the accretion of accreted value, the accretion or amortization of original issue discount, the payment of interest in the form of additional Indebtedness, the payment of dividends in the form of additional shares of Preferred Stock or Disqualified Stock or the reclassification of commitments or obligations not treated as Indebtedness due to a change in GAAP will not be deemed to be an Incurrence of Indebtedness for purposes of this Section 4.04. The amount of any Indebtedness outstanding as of any date shall be (a) the accreted value thereof in the case of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount and (b) the principal amount, or liquidation preference thereof, in the case of any other Indebtedness.

(e) If at any time an Unrestricted Subsidiary becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to be Incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary as of such date (and, if such Indebtedness is not permitted to be Incurred as of such date under this Section 4.04, the Borrower shall be in Default of this Section 4.04).

(f) For purposes of determining compliance with any dollar-denominated restriction on the Incurrence of Indebtedness, the Dollar Equivalent of the principal amount of Indebtedness denominated in another currency shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date such Indebtedness was Incurred or at the option of the Borrower, on the date first committed; *provided* that (a) if such Indebtedness is Incurred to refinance other Indebtedness denominated in a currency other than dollars, and such refinancing would cause the applicable dollar-denominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such refinancing, such dollar-denominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced plus any amount to pay premiums (including tender premiums), accrued and unpaid interest, expenses, defeasance costs and fees in connection therewith; (b) the Dollar Equivalent of the principal amount of any such Indebtedness outstanding on the Effective Date shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the Effective Date; and (c) if any such Indebtedness that is denominated in a currency other than dollars is subject to a Currency Agreement with respect to the currency in which such Indebtedness is denominated covering principal amount and interest payable on such Indebtedness, the amount of such Indebtedness will be the Dollar Equivalent of the principal payment required to be made under such Currency Agreement plus the Dollar Equivalent of any premium which is at such time due and payable but is not covered by such Currency Agreement.

(g) For purposes of determining compliance with the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio, the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio, the Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio or the Gross Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio on the Incurrence of Indebtedness, the Dollar Equivalent of the principal amount of Indebtedness denominated in another currency shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date such Indebtedness was Incurred, or at the option of the Borrower, the date first committed; *provided* that (a) if such Indebtedness is Incurred to refinance other Indebtedness denominated in a currency other than dollars, and such refinancing would cause the applicable dollar-denominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such refinancing, such dollar-denominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced plus any amount to pay premiums (including tender premiums), accrued and unpaid interest, expenses, defeasance costs and fees in connection therewith; and (b) the Dollar Equivalent of the principal amount of any such Indebtedness outstanding on the Effective Date shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the Effective Date.

(h) In addition, for purposes of calculating the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio, the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio, the Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio or the Gross Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio to test compliance with any covenant in this Agreement, in determining the amount of Indebtedness outstanding in dollars on any date of determination, with respect to any Indebtedness denominated in a currency other than dollars (the “**Foreign Currency**”):

(1) subject to a currency swap arrangement or contract, the aggregate principal amount of such Foreign Currency Indebtedness on any such date of determination shall be the dollar amount of the aggregate principal amount to be paid by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary on the maturity date of such currency swap arrangement or contract pursuant to the terms thereof; or

(2) subject to a currency forward arrangement, forward accretion curve or contract, the aggregate principal amount of such Foreign Currency Indebtedness shall be converted into dollars at the exchange rate specified under the terms of such currency forward arrangement, forward accretion curve or contract as applicable to such Foreign Currency Indebtedness on such date of determination.

(i) For the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding a Group Member entering into any such arrangement or contract hedging foreign exchange exposure of any Foreign Currency Indebtedness, for the purposes of calculating the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio, the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio, the Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio or the Gross Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio, the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness subject to any such arrangement or contract shall be attributed to the total Indebtedness of the Person that originally Incurred such Indebtedness.

(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 4.04, the maximum amount of Indebtedness that the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary may Incur pursuant to this Section 4.04 shall not be deemed to be exceeded solely as a result of fluctuations in the exchange rate of currencies.

(k) Neither the Borrower nor any Guarantor will incur any Indebtedness (including any Indebtedness permitted to be Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(b)) that is contractually subordinated in right of payment to any other Indebtedness of the Borrower or such Guarantor unless such Indebtedness is also contractually subordinated in right of payment to the Loans and the applicable Loan Guarantee on substantially identical terms (as determined in good faith by the Borrower); *provided, however*, that no Indebtedness will be deemed to be contractually subordinated in right of payment to any other Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Guarantor solely by virtue of being unsecured, by virtue of being secured with different collateral, by virtue of being secured on a junior priority basis, by virtue of not being guaranteed by one or more of the Borrower's Subsidiaries or by virtue of the application of waterfall or other payment-ordering provisions affecting different tranches of Indebtedness under Credit Facilities.

Section 4.05. Limitation on Restricted Payments

(a) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly:

(1) declare or pay any dividend or make any other payment or distribution on account of or in respect of the Borrower's or any Restricted Subsidiary's Capital Stock (including, without limitation, any payment in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary) except:

(a) dividends or distributions payable in Capital Stock of the Borrower (other than Disqualified Stock) or in options, warrants or other rights to purchase such Capital Stock of the Borrower (other than Disqualified Stock) or in Subordinated Shareholder Funding; and

(b) dividends or distributions payable to the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary (and, in the case of any such Restricted Subsidiary making such dividend or distribution, to holders of its Capital Stock other than the Borrower or another Restricted Subsidiary on no more than a pro rata basis, measured by value);

(2) purchase, redeem, retire or otherwise acquire for value (including, without limitation, any payment in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Borrower, any Capital Stock of the Borrower or any direct or indirect Parent of the Borrower held by Persons other than the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary (other than in exchange for Capital Stock of the Borrower (other than Disqualified Stock)));

(3) (A) make any principal payment on, or purchase, repurchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, prior to scheduled maturity, scheduled repayment or scheduled sinking fund payment, any Subordinated Indebtedness (other than (a) any such payment, purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement or in anticipation of satisfying a sinking fund obligation, principal installment or final maturity, in each case, due within one year of the date of payment, purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement; and (b) any Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(3) hereof) or (B) make any principal payment on, or purchase, repurchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value any Senior Unguaranteed Notes;

(4) make any cash payment on or with respect to, or purchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value any Subordinated Shareholder Funding (other than in

exchange for Capital Stock of the Borrower (other than Disqualified Stock) or for options, warrants or other rights to purchase such Capital Stock of the Borrower (other than Disqualified Stock)); or

- (5) make any Restricted Investment in any Person;

(any such dividend, distribution, payment, purchase, redemption, repurchase, defeasance, other acquisition, retirement or Restricted Investment referred to in clauses (1) through (5) of this Section 4.05(a) are referred to herein as a “**Restricted Payment**”), if at the time the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary makes such Restricted Payment:

- (a) a Default or Event of Default (or in the case of a Restricted Investment, an Event of Default under Section 7.01(a) or Section 7.01(g) of the Credit Agreement) shall have occurred and be continuing (or would result immediately thereafter therefrom);
- (b) except in the case of a Restricted Investment, if such Restricted Payment is made in reliance on clause (c)(i) below, the Borrower is not able to Incur an additional \$1.00 of Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.04(a) hereof after giving effect, on a pro forma basis, to such Restricted Payment; ~~or~~
- (c) the aggregate amount of such Restricted Payment and all other Restricted Payments made by the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries subsequent to the Closing Date (and not returned or rescinded) (including Permitted Payments permitted below by Section 4.05(b)(5) (without duplication of amounts paid pursuant to any other clause of Section 4.05(b)), Section 4.05(b)(6), Section 4.05(b)(10), and Section 4.05(b)(20) (to the extent it relates to Restricted Payments permitted by Section 4.05(b)(5) or Section 4.05(b)(10)), but excluding all other Restricted Payments permitted by Section 4.05(b)) would exceed the sum of (without duplication):
 - (i) an amount equal to 100% of the Consolidated EBITDA for the period beginning on the first day of the first full fiscal quarter commencing prior to the Closing Date to the end of the Borrower’s most recently ended full fiscal quarter ending prior to the date of such Restricted Payment for which internal consolidated financial statements of the Borrower are available, taken as a single accounting period, less the product of 1.3 times the Consolidated Interest Expense for such period;
 - (ii) 100% of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds, and the fair market value (as determined in accordance with Section 4.05(c)) of property or assets or marketable securities, received by the Borrower from the issue or sale of its Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares) or Subordinated Shareholder Funding subsequent to the Closing Date or otherwise contributed to the equity (other than through the issuance of Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares) of the Borrower subsequent to the Closing Date (other than (x) Net Cash Proceeds or property or assets or marketable securities received from an issuance or sale of such Capital Stock to the Borrower

or a Restricted Subsidiary or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower for the benefit of its employees to the extent funded by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, (y) Net Cash Proceeds or property or assets or marketable securities to the extent that any Restricted Payment has been made from such proceeds in reliance on Section 4.05(b)(6), and (z) Excluded Contributions);

(iii) 100% of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds, and the fair market value (as determined in accordance with Section 4.05(c)) of property or assets or marketable securities, received by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary from the issuance or sale (other than to the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower for the benefit of its employees to the extent funded by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary) by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary subsequent to the Closing Date of any Indebtedness that has been converted into or exchanged for Capital Stock of the Borrower (other than Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares) or Subordinated Shareholder Funding (plus the amount of any cash, and the fair market value (as determined in accordance with Section 4.05(c)) of property or assets or marketable securities, received by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary upon such conversion or exchange) but excluding (x) Net Cash Proceeds or property or assets or marketable securities to the extent that any Restricted Payment has been made from such proceeds in reliance on Section 4.05(b)(6), and (y) Excluded Contributions;

(iv) the amount equal to the net reduction in Restricted Investments made by the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries resulting from repurchases, redemptions or other acquisitions or retirements of any such Restricted Investment, proceeds realized upon the sale or other disposition to a Person other than the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary of any such Restricted Investment, repayments of loans or advances or other transfers of assets (including by way of dividend, distribution, interest payments or returns of capital) to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, which amount, in each case under this clause (iv), constituted a Restricted Payment made after the Closing Date; *provided, however*, that no amount will be included in Consolidated EBITDA for purposes of Section 4.05(a)(c)(i) to the extent that it is (at the Borrower's option) included under this Section 4.05(a)(c)(iv);

(v) the amount of the cash and the fair market value (as determined in accordance with Section 4.05(c)) of property, assets or marketable securities received by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary after the Closing Date in connection with:

(A) the sale or other disposition (other than to the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by the Borrower or any

Subsidiary of the Borrower for the benefit of its employees to the extent funded by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary) of Capital Stock of an Unrestricted Subsidiary of the Borrower; and

(B) any dividend or distribution made by an Unrestricted Subsidiary to the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary;

provided, however, that no amount will be included in Consolidated EBITDA for purposes of Section 4.05(a)(c)(i) to the extent that it is (at the Borrower's option) included under this Section 4.05(a)(c)(v); and

(vi) in the case of the designation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary or all of the assets of such Unrestricted Subsidiary are transferred to the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary, or the Unrestricted Subsidiary is merged or consolidated into the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary, in each case, after the Closing Date, 100% of such amount received in cash and the fair market value (as determined in accordance with Section 4.05(c)) of any property, assets or marketable securities received by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary in respect of such redesignation, merger, consolidation or transfer of assets, excluding any amount of any Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to clause (p) of the definition of "Permitted Investment", in each case of this Section 4.05(a)(c)(vi); *provided however*, that no amount will be included in Consolidated EBITDA for purposes of Section 4.05(a)(c)(i) to the extent that it is (at the Borrower's option) included under this Section 4.05(a)(c)(vi); *provided further*, however, that such amount shall not exceed the amount included in the calculation of the amount of Restricted Payments referred to in the first sentence of this Section 4.05(a)(c).; or

(d) solely in the case of a Restricted Investment in an Unrestricted Subsidiary (including the designation of such Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary), the Specified Gross Leverage Condition is not satisfied at the time of making such Restricted Investment.

(b) Section 4.05(a) will not prohibit any of the following (collectively, "Permitted Payments"):

(1) any Restricted Payment made in exchange (including any such exchange pursuant to the exercise of a conversion right or privilege in connection with which cash is paid in lieu of the issuance of fractional shares) for, or out of the Net Cash Proceeds within 120 days after the sale (other than to the Borrower or a Subsidiary of the Borrower) of, Capital Stock of the Borrower (other than Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares or through an Excluded Contribution), Subordinated Shareholder Funding or within 120 days after the contribution to the equity (other than through the issuance of Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares or through an Excluded Contribution) of the Borrower;

(2) any purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Subordinated Indebtedness of the Borrower or a Guarantor made by exchange for,

or out of the Net Cash Proceeds within 120 days after the Incurrence of, Refinancing Indebtedness permitted to be Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04;

(3) (a) any purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Preferred Stock of the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary made by exchange for or out of the Net Cash Proceeds within 120 days after the sale of Preferred Stock of the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary, and (b) any purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Disqualified Stock of the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary made by exchange for or out of the Net Cash Proceeds within 120 days after the sale of Disqualified Stock of the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, that, in each case under (a) and (b), is permitted to be Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04, and that in each case (other than such sale of Preferred Stock of the Borrower that is not Disqualified Stock) constitutes Refinancing Indebtedness;

(4) any purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Subordinated Indebtedness (or any loans, advances, dividends or other distributions by the Borrower to any Parent to permit such Parent to purchase, repurchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire (i)(x) the Existing Cablevision Notes, or (y) any Indebtedness Incurred to refinance the Existing Cablevision Notes in an amount equal to the principal of the Existing Cablevision Notes so refinanced, plus any additional amount to pay premiums (including tender premiums), accrued and unpaid interest, expenses, defeasance costs and fees in connection therewith) and (ii) Indebtedness of any Parent so long as the Net Cash Proceeds (or portion thereof) of such Indebtedness has been received by the Borrower from the issue or sale of its Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares) or Subordinated Shareholder Funding subsequent to the Closing Date or otherwise contributed to the equity (other than through the issuance of Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares) of the Borrower subsequent to the Closing Date):

- (a) (i) from Net Available Cash to the extent permitted under Section 4.08 but only if the Borrower shall have first complied with its obligations to prepay all Term Loans to the extent required by Section 2.13(a) of the Credit Agreement, prior to purchasing, repurchasing, redeeming, defeasing or otherwise acquiring or retiring such Subordinated Indebtedness (or making any such loans, advances, dividends or other distributions to any Parent) and (ii) at a purchase price not greater than 100% of the principal amount of such Subordinated Indebtedness (or such Indebtedness of any Parent) plus accrued and unpaid interest (and costs, expenses and fees incurred in connection therewith);
- (b) to the extent required by the agreement governing such Subordinated Indebtedness (or such Indebtedness of any Parent), following the occurrence of a Change of Control (or other similar event described therein as a “change of control”), but only (i) if the Commitments shall have been terminated and all Obligations (other than (A) contingent indemnification obligations as to which no claim has been asserted and (B) obligations and liabilities under Treasury Services Agreements and Swap Contracts not due and payable) shall have been paid in full and all Letters of Credit (other than Letters of Credit that are Cash Collateralized or back-stopped by a letter of credit in form, amount and substance reasonably satisfactory to the applicable L/C Issuer)

shall have expired or been terminated (or any Event of Default under Section 7.01(i) of the Credit Agreement shall have been waived), prior to purchasing, repurchasing, redeeming, defeasing or otherwise acquiring or retiring such Subordinated Indebtedness (or making any such loans, advances, dividends or other distributions to any Parent) and (ii) at a purchase price not greater than 101% of the principal amount of such Subordinated Indebtedness or such Indebtedness of any Parent plus accrued and unpaid interest (and costs, expenses and fees incurred in connection therewith); or

- (c) consisting of Acquired Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness Incurred (A) to provide all or any portion of the funds utilized to consummate the transaction or series of related transactions pursuant to which such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or was otherwise acquired by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary or (B) otherwise in connection with or contemplation of such acquisition) and at a purchase price not greater than 100% of the principal amount of such Acquired Indebtedness plus accrued and unpaid interest and any premium required by the terms of any Acquired Indebtedness (and costs, expenses and fees incurred in connection therewith);

- (5) any dividends paid within 60 days after the date of declaration if at such date of declaration such dividend would have complied with this Section 4.05;

- (6) the purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition, cancellation or retirement for value of Capital Stock of the Borrower, any Restricted Subsidiary or any Parent (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof) and loans, advances, dividends or distributions by the Borrower to any Parent to permit any Parent to purchase, repurchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire, cancel or retire for value Capital Stock of the Borrower, any Restricted Subsidiary or any Parent (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof), or payments to purchase, repurchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire, cancel or retire for value Capital Stock of the Borrower, any Restricted Subsidiary or any Parent (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof), in each case from Management Investors; *provided* that such payments, loans, advances, dividends or distributions do not exceed an amount (net of repayments of any such loans or advances) equal to (1) \$40 million in any calendar year (with unused amounts in any calendar year being carried over to the succeeding calendar years; *provided* that the aggregate unused amounts carried over in any calendar year shall not exceed \$40 million in any calendar year), *plus* (2) the Net Cash Proceeds received by the Borrower or the Restricted Subsidiaries since the Closing Date (including through receipt of proceeds from the issuance or sale of its Capital Stock or Subordinated Shareholder Funding to a Parent) from, or as a contribution to the equity (in each case under this Section 4.05(b)(6), other than through the issuance of Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares) of the Borrower from, the issuance or sale to Management Investors of Capital Stock (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof), to the extent such Net Cash Proceeds are not included in any calculation under Section 4.05(a)(c)(ii);

- (7) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Disqualified Stock, or of any Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary, Incurred in accordance with the terms of Section 4.04;

(8) purchases, repurchases, redemptions, defeasances or other acquisitions or retirements of Capital Stock deemed to occur upon the exercise of stock options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof if such Capital Stock represents a portion of the exercise price thereof;

(9) dividends, loans, advances or distributions to any Parent or other payments by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in amounts equal to (without duplication) the amounts required for any Parent to pay:

(a) any Parent Expenses of a CVC Parent or any Related Taxes; and

(b) amounts constituting or to be used for purposes of making payments to the extent specified in Section 4.09(b)(2) (with respect to fees and expenses incurred in connection with the transactions described therein), Section 4.09(b)(5) and Section 4.09(b)(11);

(10) the declaration and payment by the Borrower of, or loans, advances, dividends or distributions to any Parent to pay, dividends on the common stock or common equity interests of the Borrower or any Parent, or purchases, repurchases or other acquisitions or retirements of common stock or common equity interests of the Borrower or any Parent, in an amount not to exceed in any fiscal year the greater of (a) 6% of the Net Cash Proceeds received by the Borrower from a Public Offering or contributed to the equity (other than through the issuance of Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares or through an Excluded Contribution) of the Borrower or contributed as Subordinated Shareholder Funding to the Borrower and (b) an aggregate amount per annum not to exceed 5% of Market Capitalization;

(11) payments by the Borrower or loans, advances, dividends or distributions to any Parent to make payments, to holders of Capital Stock of the Borrower or any Parent in lieu of the issuance of fractional shares of such Capital Stock; *provided, however*, that any such payment, loan, advance, dividend or distribution shall not be for the purpose of evading any limitation of this Section 4.05 or otherwise to facilitate any dividend or other return of capital to the holders of such Capital Stock (as determined in good faith by an Officer or the Board of Directors of the Borrower);

(12) Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed the fair market value of Excluded Contributions, or Investments in exchange for or using as consideration Investments previously made under this Section 4.05(b)(12);

(13) payment of any Receivables Fees and purchases of Receivables Assets pursuant to a Receivables Repurchase Obligation in connection with a Qualified Receivables Financing;

(14) if the Specified Gross Leverage Condition is satisfied, dividends or other distributions of Capital Stock, Indebtedness or other securities of Unrestricted Subsidiaries;

(15) so long as no Payment Block Event has occurred and is continuing, Restricted Payments in an amount required by a CVC Parent to pay (a) regularly scheduled interest as such amounts come due under (x) the Existing Cablevision Notes and, (y) any Indebtedness Incurred to refinance the Existing Cablevision Notes in an amount equal to the principal of the Existing Cablevision Notes so refinanced, plus any additional amount to pay premiums (including tender premiums), accrued and unpaid interest, expenses, defeasance costs and fees in connection

therewith; (b) dividends, loans advances or distributions to Cablevision in an amount not to exceed the Net Cash Proceeds of Incurrence of Indebtedness by the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries which amount shall be used to repay any Existing Cablevision Notes and any costs, expenses, fees, interest or premiums in connection with such repayment and (c) interest and/or principal (including AHYDO Catch Up Payments) on Indebtedness of any CVC Parent so long as the Net Cash Proceeds (or portion thereof) of such Indebtedness has been received by the Borrower from the issue or sale of its Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares) or Subordinated Shareholder Funding subsequent to the Closing Date or otherwise contributed to the equity (other than through the issuance of Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares) of the Borrower subsequent to the Closing Date; *provided*, that the principal amount of any Indebtedness able to be repaid pursuant to this clause (c) is limited to the amount of Net Cash Proceeds received by the Borrower plus fees and expenses related to the refinancing of such Indebtedness, and, in the case of clause (c) above, any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof permitted to be Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04;

(16) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Designated Preference Shares of the Borrower issued after the Closing Date; *provided, however*, that the amount of all dividends declared or paid by the Borrower pursuant to this Section 4.05(b)(16) shall not exceed the Net Cash Proceeds received by the Borrower from the issuance or sale of such Designated Preference Shares;

(17) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (or would result therefrom), any Restricted Payment to the extent that, after giving *pro forma* effect to any such Restricted Payment, the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio would be no greater than 5.5 to 1.0;

(18) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (or would result therefrom), Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed the greater of \$1,245 million and 30% of L2QA *Pro Forma EBITDA*;

(19) Restricted Payments made in connection with the Transactions and the Existing Transactions, or constituting any part of any Permitted Reorganization and, in each case, fees and expenses relating thereto;

(20) Restricted Payments to finance Investments or other acquisitions by a Parent or any Affiliate (other than the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary) which would be otherwise permitted to be made pursuant to this Section 4.05 if made by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary; *provided*, that (i) such Restricted Payment shall be made within 120 days of the closing of such Investment or other acquisition, (ii) such Parent or Affiliate of the Borrower shall, on or prior to the date such Restricted Payment is made or if later, promptly following the closing of the Investment or the acquisition, cause (1) all property acquired (whether assets or Capital Stock) to be contributed to the Borrower or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries or (2) the merger, amalgamation, consolidation, or sale of the Person formed or acquired into the Borrower or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries (in a manner not prohibited by Article V of this Annex I) in order to consummate such Investment or other acquisition, (iii) such Parent or Affiliate of the Borrower receives no consideration or other payment in connection with such transaction except to the extent the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary could have given such consideration or made such payment in compliance with this Section 4.05 or Section 4.09 (without reference to this Section 4.05(b)(20)) and (iv) any property received in connection with

such transaction shall not constitute an Excluded Contribution up to the amount of such Restricted Payment made under this Section 4.05(b) (20);

(21) any payments in cash or in kind relating to the settlement of any future, forward or other derivative contract entered into for non-speculative purposes; ~~and~~

(22) the declaration and payment of dividends or distributions by the Borrower to, or the making of loans to, a CVC Parent in amounts required for a CVC Parent to pay or cause to be paid, in each case without duplication, fees and expenses related to any equity or debt offering (whether or not successful) of such CVC Parent or incurred in connection with the Altice USA Distribution.; and

(23) the purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Senior Unguaranteed Notes (i) in aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$750 million or (ii) made with the proceeds of Indebtedness that does not constitute Pari Passu Indebtedness.

(c) Except as otherwise specified, the amount of all Restricted Payments or Permitted Investments (other than cash) shall be the fair market value on the date of such Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment (or, at the option of the Borrower, on the date of entry into of a commitment, contract or resolution with respect to such Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment) of the asset(s) or securities proposed to be paid, transferred or issued by the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, pursuant to such Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value. The fair market value of any cash Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment shall be its face amount, and the fair market value of any non-cash Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment or any other property, assets or securities required to be valued by this Section 4.05 shall be determined conclusively by an Officer or the Board of Directors of the Borrower acting in good faith.

(d) For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.05 and the definition of “Permitted Investments”, as applicable, in the event that a Restricted Payment or a Permitted Investment meets the criteria of more than one of the categories described in clauses (1) through ~~(22)~~(23) of Section 4.05(b) or in the definition of “Permitted Investments”, as applicable, or is permitted pursuant to Section 4.05(a), the Borrower will be entitled to classify such Restricted Payment (or portion thereof) or such Permitted Investment (or portion thereof) on the date of its payment or later reclassify such Restricted Payment (or portion thereof) or such Permitted Investment (or portion thereof) in any manner that complies with this Section 4.05.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, (1) the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not be permitted to effect any Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment consisting of the direct or indirect transfer to an Unrestricted Subsidiary (or the designation of a Subsidiary which owns such assets as an Unrestricted Subsidiary) of any Material Intellectual Property of the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in each case other than to an Unrestricted Subsidiary that is a bona fide joint venture with non-affiliated investors; (2) unless either the Specified Gross Leverage Condition or the Specified Restricted Payment Funding Condition is satisfied, (i) the definitions of “Permitted Investment” and “Restricted Investment” shall not be deemed to permit an Indirect Restricted Payment which would not have been permitted to be made as a Restricted Payment by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary; and (ii) the Borrower

and the Restricted Subsidiaries shall not be permitted to effect any Restricted Payment pursuant to Section 4.05(a) or Permitted Payment pursuant to Section 4.05(b)(10), (12), (17) or (18), in each case, for a Restricted Purpose; and (3) only Section 4.05(b)(23) shall be available for Restricted Payments referred to in clause (3)(B) of Section 4.05(a).

Section 4.06. Limitation on Liens

(a) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, Incur or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of their property or assets (including Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary), whether owned on the Effective Date or acquired after that date, or any interest therein or any income or profits therefrom, which Lien is securing any Indebtedness (such Lien, the “**Initial Lien**”), except (a) in the case of any property or asset that does not constitute Collateral, (i) Permitted Liens (other than Permitted Collateral Liens) or (ii) Liens on assets that are not Permitted Liens if the Obligations (or a Loan Guarantee in the case of Liens of a Guarantor) are directly secured equally and ratably with, or prior to, in the case of Liens with respect to Subordinated Indebtedness, the Indebtedness secured by such Initial Lien for so long as such Indebtedness is so secured and (b) in the case of any property or assets that constitutes Collateral, Permitted Collateral Liens.

(b) Any such Lien created in favor of the Secured Parties pursuant to Section 4.06(a)(ii) will be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon (i) the release and discharge of the Initial Lien to which it relates, or (ii) as otherwise set forth under Section 9.20 of the Credit Agreement.

(a) For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.06, (x) a Lien need not to be Incurred solely by reference to one category of Permitted Liens or Permitted Collateral Liens, as applicable, but may be Incurred under any combination of such categories (including in part under one such category and in part under any other such category and (y) in the event that a Lien (or any portion thereof) meets the criteria of one or more of such categories of “Permitted Liens” or “Permitted Collateral Liens”, as applicable, the Borrower shall be entitled to, in its sole discretion, divide, classify or subsequently reclassify, in whole or in part, at any time, such Lien (or any portion thereof) in any manner that complies with this Section 4.06 and the definition of “Permitted Liens” or “Permitted Collateral Liens”, as applicable.

Section 4.07. Limitation on Restrictions on Distributions from Restricted Subsidiaries

(a) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, create or otherwise cause or permit to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or consensual restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary to:

- (1) pay dividends or make any other distributions in cash or otherwise on its Capital Stock to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary or pay any Indebtedness or other obligations owed to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (2) make any loans or advances to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary; or
- (3) sell, lease or transfer any of its property or assets to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary,

provided that (x) the priority of any Preferred Stock in receiving dividends or liquidating distributions prior to dividends or liquidating distributions being paid on common stock and (y) the subordination of (including the application of any standstill requirements to) loans or advances made to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary to other Indebtedness Incurred by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, or any prohibition on securing such loans or advances made to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, shall not be deemed to constitute such an encumbrance or restriction.

(b) Section 4.07(a) will not prohibit:

(1) any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to any Credit Facility or any other agreement or instrument, in each case, in effect at or entered into on the Effective Date and any amendments, restatements, modifications, renewals, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings of such agreements; *provided* that the amendments, restatements, modifications, renewals, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings are not materially more restrictive, taken as a whole, with respect to such dividend and other payment restrictions than those contained in those agreements on the Effective Date (as determined in good faith by the Borrower);

(2) [Reserved];

(3) encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of (i) any Loan Documents, (ii) the New Senior Guaranteed Notes Indenture and the New Senior Guaranteed Notes, (iii) the Existing Notes Indentures and the Existing Notes, (iv) the Existing Cablevision Notes Indentures and the Existing Cablevision Notes, and (v) the Intercreditor Agreement and any Additional Intercreditor Agreement, including in each case, any related security documents, escrow arrangements or other documents related to the foregoing;

(4) any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to an agreement or instrument of a Person or relating to any Capital Stock or Indebtedness of a Person, entered into on or before the date on which (i) such Person was acquired by or merged, consolidated or otherwise combined with or into the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) such agreement or instrument is assumed by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in connection with an acquisition of assets or (iii) such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary (in each case, other than Capital Stock or Indebtedness Incurred as consideration in, or to provide all or any portion of the funds utilized to consummate, the transaction or series of related transactions pursuant to which such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or was acquired by the Borrower or was merged, consolidated or otherwise combined with or into the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary) and outstanding on such date; *provided* that, for the purposes of this Section 4.07(b)(4), if another Person is the Successor Company or any Subsidiary thereof, any agreement or instrument of such Person or any such Subsidiary shall be deemed acquired or assumed by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary when such Person becomes the Successor Company;

(5) any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to an agreement or instrument effecting a refunding, replacement or refinancing of Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to, or that otherwise extends, renews, refunds, refinances or replaces, an agreement or instrument referred to in Section 4.07(b)(1), Section 4.07(b)(3) or Section 4.07(b)(4) or this Section 4.07(b)(5) (an “**Initial Agreement**”) or contained in any amendment, supplement or other modification to an agreement referred to in Section 4.07(b)(1), Section 4.07(b)(3) or Section 4.07(b)(4) or this Section 4.07(b)(5); *provided, however*, that the encumbrances and restrictions with respect to

such Restricted Subsidiary contained in any such agreement or instrument are no less favorable in any material respect to the Lenders taken as a whole than the encumbrances and restrictions contained in the Initial Agreement or Initial Agreements to which such refinancing or amendment, supplement or other modification relates (as determined in good faith by the Borrower);

(6) any encumbrance or restriction:

- (a) that restricts in a customary manner the subletting, assignment or transfer of any property or asset that is subject to a lease, license or similar contract, or the assignment or transfer of any lease, license or other contract;
- (b) contained in mortgages, pledges or other security agreements permitted under this Agreement or securing Indebtedness of the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary permitted under this Agreement to the extent such encumbrances or restrictions restrict the transfer of the property or assets subject to such mortgages, pledges or other security agreements;
- (c) pursuant to customary provisions restricting dispositions of real property interests set forth in any reciprocal easement agreements of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary; or
- (d) pursuant to the terms of any license, authorization, concession or permit;

(7) any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to Purchase Money Obligations and Capitalized Lease Obligations permitted under this Agreement, in each case, that impose encumbrances or restrictions on the property so acquired or any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to a joint venture agreement that imposes restrictions on the transfer of the assets of the joint venture;

(8) any encumbrance or restriction with respect to a Restricted Subsidiary (or any of its property or assets) imposed pursuant to an agreement entered into for the direct or indirect sale or disposition to a Person of all or substantially all the Capital Stock or assets of such Restricted Subsidiary (or the property or assets that are subject to such restriction) pending the closing of such sale or disposition;

(9) customary provisions in leases, licenses, joint venture agreements and other similar agreements and instruments entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(10) encumbrances or restrictions arising or existing by reason of applicable law or any applicable rule, regulation, governmental license or order, or required by any regulatory authority or stock exchange;

(11) any encumbrance or restriction on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(12) any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to Currency Agreements, Interest Rate Agreements or Commodity Hedging Agreements;

(13) any encumbrance or restriction arising pursuant to an agreement or instrument relating to any Indebtedness permitted to be Incurred subsequent to the Effective Date pursuant

to Section 4.04 if the encumbrances and restrictions contained in any such agreement or instrument taken as a whole are not materially less favorable to the Lenders than (i) the encumbrances and restrictions contained in this Agreement or any Loan Document on the Effective Date, or (ii) is customary in comparable financings (as determined in good faith by the Borrower) and where, in the case of clause (ii), the Borrower determines at the time of issuance of such Indebtedness that such encumbrances or restrictions (x) will not adversely affect, in any material respect, the Borrower's ability to make principal or interest payments under the Loan Documents as and when they become due or (y) such encumbrances and restrictions apply only if a default occurs in respect of a payment or financial covenant relating to such Indebtedness;

(14) any encumbrance or restrictions arising in connection with any Purchase Money Note, other Indebtedness or a Qualified Receivables Financing that, in the good faith determination of an Officer or the Board of Directors of the Borrower, are necessary or advisable to effect such Qualified Receivables Financing; or

(15) any encumbrance or restriction existing by reason of any Lien permitted under Section 4.06.

Section 4.08. Limitation on Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock

(a) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make any Asset Disposition unless:

(1) the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, receives consideration (including by way of relief from, or by any other Person assuming responsibility for, any liabilities, contingent or otherwise) at least equal to the fair market value (such fair market value to be determined on the date of contractually agreeing to such Asset Disposition), as determined in good faith by an Officer or the Board of Directors of the Borrower, of the shares and assets subject to such Asset Disposition (including, for the avoidance of doubt, if such Asset Disposition is a Permitted Asset Swap); and

(2) in any such Asset Disposition, or series of related Asset Dispositions (except to the extent the Asset Disposition is a Permitted Asset Swap), at least 75% of the consideration from such Asset Disposition or such series of related Asset Dispositions (excluding any consideration by way of relief from, or by any other Person assuming responsibility for, any liabilities, contingent or otherwise, other than Indebtedness), together with all other Asset Dispositions since the Effective Date (except to the extent any such Asset Disposition was a Permitted Asset Swap) on a cumulative basis received by the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, is in the form of cash, Cash Equivalents or Temporary Cash Investments.

(b) After the receipt of Net Available Cash from an Asset Disposition, the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, may apply such Net Available Cash directly or indirectly (at the option of the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary):

(1) within 365 days (or 15 days if the Specified Gross Leverage Condition is not satisfied) from the later of (A) the date of such Asset Disposition and (B) the receipt of such Net Available Cash (i) to prepay, repay, purchase or redeem any Indebtedness incurred under Section 4.04(b)(1) or any Guarantor Indebtedness; *provided, however*, that, in connection with

any prepayment, repayment or purchase of Indebtedness pursuant to this Section 4.08(b)(1), the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary will retire such Indebtedness and will cause the related commitment (if any) (except in the case of any revolving Indebtedness) to be permanently reduced in an amount equal to the principal amount so prepaid, repaid, purchased or redeemed (ii) unless included in Section 4.08(b)(1)(i), to prepay, repay, purchase or redeem any Pari Passu Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Guarantor, at a price of no more than 100% of the principal amount of such Pari Passu Indebtedness plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of such prepayment, repayment, purchase or redemption, provided that the Borrower or such Guarantor, as applicable, shall prepay, redeem, repay or repurchase Guarantor Indebtedness or Pari Passu Indebtedness that is Public Debt pursuant to this clause (ii) only if the Borrower delivers a notice of prepayment with respect to the Pari Ratable Share of the Term Loans in accordance with Section 2.13(a)(ii) within the time period specified by this Section 4.08(b)(1) and thereafter complies with its obligations under Section 2.13(a)(iii); (iii) to prepay, repay, purchase or redeem any Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor or any Indebtedness that is secured on assets which do not constitute Collateral (in each case, other than Subordinated Indebtedness of the Borrower or a Guarantor or Indebtedness owed to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary); ~~or~~ (iv) to prepay the Loans in full pursuant to Section 2.12; or (v) to redeem, repurchase or otherwise discharge the Borrower's \$750 million aggregate principal amount of 5.25% Senior Notes due 2024 and 5.25% Series B Senior Notes due 2024.

(2) to the extent the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary elects, to invest in or purchase or commit to invest in or purchase Additional Assets (including by means of an investment in Additional Assets by a Restricted Subsidiary with Net Available Cash received by the Borrower or another Restricted Subsidiary) within 365 days from the later of (i) the date of such Asset Disposition and (ii) the receipt of such Net Available Cash; *provided, however*, that any such reinvestment in Additional Assets made pursuant to a definitive binding agreement or a commitment approved by the Board of Directors of the Borrower that is executed or approved within such time will satisfy this requirement, so long as such investment or commitment to invest is consummated within 180 days of such 365th day;

(3) to make a capital expenditure within 365 days from the later of (A) the date of such Asset Disposition and (B) the receipt of such Net Available Cash; *provided, however*, that any such capital expenditure made pursuant to a definitive binding agreement or a commitment approved by the Board of Directors of the Borrower that is executed or approved within such time will satisfy this requirement, so long as such investment is consummated within 180 days of such 365th day; or

(4) any combination of clauses (1) – (3) of Section 4.08(b),

provided that, pending the final application of any such Net Available Cash in accordance with clauses (1), (2), (3) or (4) of Section 4.08(b), the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries may temporarily reduce Indebtedness or otherwise invest such Net Available Cash in any manner not prohibited by this Agreement; *provided, further*, that the foregoing clauses (2) and (3), or any combination of clauses (2) and (3), shall only be available if the Specified Gross Leverage Condition is satisfied.

(c) For the purposes of Section 4.08(a)(2), the following will be deemed to be cash:

(1) the assumption by the transferee (or other extinguishment in connection with the transactions relating to such Asset Dispositions) of Indebtedness and any other liabilities (as recorded on the balance sheet of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary or in the footnotes thereto, or if incurred or accrued subsequent to the date of such balance sheet, such liabilities that would have been reflected on the Borrower's or such Restricted Subsidiary's balance sheet or in the footnotes thereof if such incurrence or accrual had taken place on or prior to the date of such balance sheet, as determined in good faith by the Borrower) of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than Subordinated Indebtedness of the Borrower or a Guarantor) and the release of the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary from all liability on such Indebtedness in connection with such Asset Disposition;

(2) securities, notes or other obligations received by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary from the transferee that are converted by the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash or Cash Equivalents within 180 days following the closing of such Asset Disposition;

(3) Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary that is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Asset Disposition, to the extent that the Borrower and each other Restricted Subsidiary (as applicable) are released from any Guarantee of payment of such Indebtedness in connection with such Asset Disposition;

(4) consideration consisting of Indebtedness of the Borrower or a Guarantor (other than Subordinated Indebtedness) received after the Effective Date from Persons who are not the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary; and

(5) any Designated Non-Cash Consideration received by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in such Asset Dispositions having an aggregate fair market value, taken together with all other Designated Non-Cash Consideration received pursuant to this Section 4.08 that is at that time outstanding, not to exceed (at the time of the receipt of such Designated Non-Cash Consideration, or, at the Borrower's option, at the time of contractually agreeing to such Asset Disposition) the greater of \$1,040 million and 25% of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA (with the fair market value of each item of Designated Non-Cash Consideration being measured at the time received or, at the option of the Borrower, on the date of contractually agreeing to the relevant Asset Disposition and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value).

Section 4.09. Limitation on Affiliate Transactions

(a) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, enter into or conduct any transaction or series of related transactions (including the purchase, sale, lease or exchange of any property or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate of the Borrower (any such transaction or series of related transactions being "**Affiliate Transactions**") involving aggregate value in excess of \$50 million unless:

(1) the terms of such Affiliate Transaction taken as a whole are not materially less favorable to the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, than those that could be obtained in a comparable transaction at the time of such transaction or the execution of the agreement providing for such transaction in arm's-length dealings with a Person who is not such an Affiliate, or, if there are no comparable transactions involving non-Affiliates to apply for comparative purposes, the transaction is otherwise on terms that, taken as a whole, the Borrower has conclusively determined in good faith to be fair to the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary; and

(2) in the event such Affiliate Transaction involves an aggregate value in excess of \$100 million, the terms of such transaction or series of related transactions have been approved by a resolution of the majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Borrower resolving that such transaction complies with Section 4.09(a)(1). An Affiliate Transaction shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements set forth in this Section 4.09(a)(2) if either (x) such Affiliate Transaction is approved by a majority of the Disinterested Directors or (y) the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, delivers to the Administrative Agent a letter from an Independent Financial Advisor stating that such transaction is fair to the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary from a financial point of view or stating that the terms are not materially less favorable to the Borrower or its relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction by the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unrelated Person on arm's length basis.

(b) The provisions of Section 4.09(a) will not apply to:

(1) any Restricted Payment permitted to be made pursuant to Section 4.05, any Permitted Payments (other than pursuant to Section 4.05(b)(9)(b) or Section 4.05(b)(20) or any Permitted Investment (other than as defined in sub-clauses (a)(ii) or (b) of the definition of Permitted Investments);

(2) any issuance or sale of Capital Stock, options, other equity-related interests or other securities, or other payments, awards or grants in cash, securities or otherwise pursuant to, or the funding of, or entering into, or maintenance of, any employment, consulting, collective bargaining or benefit plan, program, agreement or arrangement, related trust or other similar agreement and other compensation arrangements, options, warrants or other rights to purchase Capital Stock of the Borrower, any Restricted Subsidiary or any Parent, restricted stock plans, long-term incentive plans, stock appreciation rights plans, participation plans or similar employee benefits or consultants' plans (including valuation, health, insurance, deferred compensation, severance, retirement, savings or similar plans, programs or arrangements) or indemnities provided on behalf of officers, employees, directors or consultants approved by the Board of Directors of the Borrower, in each case in the ordinary course of business;

(3) any Management Advances and any waiver or transaction with respect thereto;

(4) any transaction between or among the Borrower and any Restricted Subsidiary (or entity that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such transaction), or between or among the Borrower, Restricted Subsidiaries or any Receivables Subsidiary;

(5) the payment of reasonable fees and reimbursement of expenses to, and customary indemnities and employee benefit and pension expenses provided on behalf of, directors, officers, consultants or employees of the Borrower, any Restricted Subsidiary or any CVC Parent (whether directly or indirectly and including through any Person owned or controlled by any of such directors, officers or employees);

(6) the Existing Transactions, the Transactions, any Permitted Reorganization and the entry into and performance of obligations of the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries under the terms of any transaction arising out of, and any payments pursuant to or for purposes of funding, any agreement or instrument in effect as of or on the Effective Date or entered into after the Effective Date in connection with the Altice USA Distribution (other than, for the

avoidance of doubt, any share repurchase program to take effect following the Altice USA Distribution), in each case as these agreements and instruments may be amended, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed or refinanced from time to time (including, without limitation, to add additional Persons in connection with any such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary) in accordance with the other terms of this Section 4.09 or to the extent not more disadvantageous to the Lenders in any material respect and the entry into and performance of any registration rights or other listing agreement in connection with any Public Offering;

(7) execution, delivery and performance of any Tax Sharing Agreement or the formation and maintenance of any consolidated group for tax, accounting or management purposes in the ordinary course of business;

(8) transactions with customers, clients, suppliers or purchasers or sellers of goods or services and Associates, in each case in the ordinary course of business (including, without limitation, pursuant to joint venture arrangements), which are fair to the Borrower or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary in the reasonable determination of the Board of Directors or an officer of the Borrower or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary, or are on terms no less favorable than those that could reasonably have been obtained at such time from an unaffiliated party;

(9) any transaction in the ordinary course of business between or among the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary and any Affiliate of the Borrower or an Associate or similar entity (in each case, other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary) that would constitute an Affiliate Transaction solely because the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary or any Affiliate of the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary or any Affiliate of any Permitted Holder owns an equity interest in or otherwise controls such Affiliate, Associate or similar entity;

(10) (a) issuances or sales of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares) of the Borrower or options, warrants or other rights to acquire such Capital Stock or Subordinated Shareholder Funding; provided that the interest rate and other financial terms of such Subordinated Shareholder Funding are approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Borrower in their reasonable determination and (b) any amendment, waiver or other transaction with respect to any Subordinated Shareholder Funding in compliance with the other provisions of this Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement or any Additional Intercreditor Agreement, as applicable;

(11) without duplication in respect of payments made pursuant to the definition of Parent Expenses, (a) payments by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary to any Permitted Holder (whether directly or indirectly, including through any Parent) of annual management, consulting, monitoring or advisory fees and related expenses in an aggregate amount not to exceed an amount equal to the greater of \$65 million or 1.5% of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA per annum (with unused amounts in any calendar year being carried over to the succeeding calendar years) and; (b) customary payments by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary to any Permitted Holder (whether directly or indirectly, including through any Parent) for financial advisory, financing, underwriting or placement services or in respect of other investment banking activities, including in connection with acquisitions or divestitures, which payments in respect of this Section 4.09(b)(11) are approved by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Borrower in good faith; and (c) payments of all fees and expenses related to the Existing Transactions, the Transactions, the Altice USA Distribution and any Permitted Reorganization;

(12) any transaction effected as part of a Qualified Receivables Financing, and other Investments in Receivables Subsidiaries consisting of cash or Securitization Assets;

(13) any participation in a rights offer or public tender or exchange offers for securities or debt instruments issued by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries that are conducted on arm's length terms and provide for the same price or exchange ratio, as the case may be, to all holders accepting such rights, tender or exchange offer;

(14) transactions between the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary and any other Person that would constitute an Affiliate Transaction solely because a director of such other Person is also a director of the Borrower or any Parent; *provided, however*, that such director abstains from voting as a director of the Borrower or such Parent, as the case may be, at any board meeting approving such transaction on any matter including such other Person;

(15) payments to and from, and transactions with, any joint ventures entered into in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practices (including, without limitation, any cash management activities related thereto); and

(16) commercial contracts (including franchising agreements, business services related agreements or other similar arrangements) between an Affiliate of the Borrower and the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary that are on arm's length terms or on a basis that senior management of the Borrower reasonably believes allocates costs fairly.

Section 4.10. Reports

(a) The Borrower will provide to the Administrative Agent the following reports:

(1) within 120 days after the end of the Borrower's (or, if the Borrower elects to satisfy its obligation under this Section 4.10(a)(1) by delivering the annual reports of a CVC Parent in accordance with the second succeeding paragraph of this Section 4.10(a), of such CVC Parent) fiscal year beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, annual reports containing, to the extent applicable, and (subject to the next succeeding paragraph of this Section 4.10(a)) in a level of detail that is comparable in all material respects to the Borrower's annual report for the year ended December 31, 2017 (or a CVC Parent's annual report for the year ended December 31, 2017, if the Borrower elects to satisfy its obligation under this Section 4.10(a)(1) by delivering the annual reports of a CVC Parent in accordance with the second succeeding paragraph of this Section 4.10(a)), the following information: (a) audited consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower as of the end of the most recent fiscal year (and comparative information as of the end of the prior fiscal year) and audited consolidated income statements and statements of cash flow of the Borrower for the most recent fiscal year (and comparative information as of the end of the prior fiscal year) including complete footnotes to such financial statements and the report of the independent auditors on the financial statements; (b) unaudited *pro forma* income statement information and balance sheet information of the Borrower (which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not include the provision of a full income statement or balance sheet to the extent not reasonably available), together with explanatory footnotes, for (i) any acquisition or disposition by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary that, individually or in the aggregate when considered with all other acquisitions or dispositions that have occurred since the beginning of the most recently completed fiscal year as to which such annual report relates, represent greater than 20% of the consolidated revenues, EBITDA and/or

adjusted operating cash flow, or assets of the Borrower on a *pro forma* consolidated basis or (ii) recapitalizations by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary, in each case, that have occurred during the most recently completed fiscal year as to which such annual report relates (unless such *pro forma* information has been provided in a prior report pursuant to Section 4.10(a)(2) or Section 4.10(a)(3)); *provided* that such *pro forma* financial information will be provided only to the extent available without unreasonable expense, and in the case *pro forma* financial information is not provided, the Borrower will provide, in the case of a material acquisition, financial statements of the acquired company for the most recent fiscal year, and in the case of a material disposition, financial statements of the business or assets comprising the disposition perimeter for the most recent fiscal year which, in each case, may be unaudited; (c) an operating and financial review of the audited financial statements, including a discussion of the results of operations, financial condition, and liquidity and capital resources of the Borrower, and a discussion of material commitments and contingencies and critical accounting policies; (d) description of the business, management and shareholders of the Borrower, all material affiliate transactions and a description of all material contractual arrangements, including material debt instruments; and (e) a description of material risk factors and material recent developments (to the extent not previously reported pursuant to Section 4.10(a)(2) or Section 4.10(a)(3) below);

(2) within 60 days following the end of the first three fiscal quarters in each fiscal year of the Borrower (or, if the Borrower elects to satisfy its obligation under this Section 4.10(a)(2) by delivering the quarterly reports of a CVC Parent in accordance with the second succeeding paragraph of this Section 4.10(a), of such CVC Parent) beginning with the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2019, all quarterly reports of the Borrower containing, to the extent applicable, the following information in a level of detail comparable in all material respects to the quarterly report of the Borrower for the three months ended September 30, 2018 (or a CVC Parent's quarterly report for the three months ended September 30, 2018, if the Borrower elects to satisfy its obligation under this Section 4.10(a)(2) by delivering the quarterly reports of a CVC Parent in accordance with the second succeeding paragraph of this Section 4.10(a)): (a) an unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of the end of such quarter and unaudited condensed consolidated statements of income and cash flow for the most recent quarter year-to-date period ending on the date of the unaudited condensed balance sheet, and the comparable prior year periods, together with condensed footnote disclosure; (b) unaudited *pro forma* income statement information and balance sheet information (which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not include the provision of a full income statement or balance sheet to the extent not reasonably available), together with explanatory footnotes, for any acquisition or disposition by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary that, individually or in the aggregate when considered with all other acquisitions or dispositions that have occurred since the beginning of the relevant quarter, represent greater than 20% of the consolidated revenues, EBITDA and/or adjusted operating cash flow, or assets of the Borrower on a *pro forma* consolidated basis (unless such *pro forma* information has been provided in a prior report pursuant to Section 4.10(a)(3)); *provided* that such *pro forma* financial information will be provided only to the extent available without unreasonable expense and in the case *pro forma* financial information is not provided, the Borrower will provide, in the case of a material acquisition, financial statements of the acquired company for the most recent fiscal year, and in the case of a material disposition, financial statements of the business or assets comprising the disposition perimeter for the most recent fiscal year which, in each case, may be unaudited; (c) a summary operating and financial review of the unaudited financial statements, including a discussion of revenues, EBITDA and/or adjusted operating cash flow, capital expenditures, operating cash flow and material changes

in liquidity and capital resources, and a discussion of material changes not in the ordinary course of business in commitments and contingencies since the most recent report; and (d) material recent developments (to the extent not previously reported pursuant to Section 4.10(a)(3)); and

(3) promptly after the occurrence of such event, information with respect to (a) any change in the independent public accountants of the Borrower, (b) any material acquisition, disposal, merger or similar transaction or (c) any development determined by an Officer of the Borrower to be material to the business of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries (taken as a whole).

For the avoidance of doubt, in no event will any reports provided pursuant to this Section 4.10(a):

- (1) be required to comply with:
 - (a) Section 302, Section 404 or Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or related Items 307 and 308 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act (“**Regulation S-K**”);
 - (b) Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act (“**Regulation S-X**”) or contain separate financial statements for the Borrower, the Guarantors or other Subsidiaries the shares of which may be pledged to secure the Obligations that would be required under Section 3-16 of Regulation S-X;
 - (c) Rule 11-01 of Regulation S-X, give pro forma effect to the Transactions or the Existing Transactions, or contain all purchase accounting adjustments relating to the Transactions or the Existing Transactions;
 - (d) Regulation G under the Exchange Act or Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K with respect to any non-GAAP financial measures contained therein; or
- (2) be required to include trade secrets and other confidential information that is competitively sensitive in the good faith and reasonable determination of the Borrower.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrower may satisfy its obligations under clauses (1), (2) and (3) of Section 4.10(a) by delivering the corresponding annual, quarterly or other reports of a CVC Parent; provided that to the extent that the Borrower is not the reporting entity and material differences exist between the management, business, assets, shareholding or results of operations or financial condition of the Borrower and such CVC Parent, the annual and quarterly reports shall give a reasonably detailed description of such differences or shall include the consolidated balance sheet, income statements and cash flow statement of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries. The Borrower will be deemed to have furnished the reports referred to in clauses (1), (2) and (3) of Section 4.10(a) if the Borrower or a CVC Parent has filed reports containing such information with the SEC or posted such reports on its website.

(b) All financial statement information shall be prepared in accordance with GAAP as in effect on the date of such report or financial statement (or otherwise on the basis of GAAP as then in effect) and on a consistent basis for the periods presented; *provided, however*, that the reports set forth in clauses (1), (2) and (3) of Section 4.10(a) may in the event of a change in GAAP, present earlier periods on a basis that applied to such periods. Except as provided in Section 4.10(c), no report need include separate financial statements for the Borrower or Subsidiaries of the Borrower or any disclosure with respect to the results of operations or any other financial or statistical disclosure not of a type included in the New Senior Guaranteed Notes Offering Memorandum and, subject to the Borrower's election to apply IFRS, in no event shall IFRS information or reconciliation to IFRS be required.

(c) At any time if any Subsidiary of the Borrower is an Unrestricted Subsidiary and any such Unrestricted Subsidiary or group of Unrestricted Subsidiaries, if taken together as one Subsidiary, constitutes a Significant Subsidiary, then the quarterly and annual financial information required by Section 4.10(a) will include a reasonably detailed presentation, either on the face of the financial statements or in the footnotes thereto, of the financial condition and results of operations of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries separate from the financial condition and results of operations of the Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Borrower; *provided* that with respect to the Effective Date Unrestricted Subsidiaries, the requirements of this Section 4.10(c) shall be satisfied by the inclusion of information relating to the Effective Date Unrestricted Subsidiaries substantially similar to that provided in, or included by reference in, the New Senior Guaranteed Notes Offering Memorandum.

(d) Substantially concurrently with the issuance to the Administrative Agent of the reports specified in clauses (1), (2) and (3) of Section 4.10(a), the Borrower shall also (a) use its commercially reasonable efforts (i) to post copies of such reports on such website as may be then maintained by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or any CVC Parent or (ii) otherwise to provide substantially comparable public availability of such reports (as determined by the Borrower in good faith) or (b) to the extent the Borrower determines in good faith that such reports cannot be made available in the manner described in the preceding clause (a) owing to applicable law or after the use of its commercially reasonable efforts, furnish such reports to the Lenders and, upon their request, prospective Lenders.

(e) No later than 5 Business Days after each delivery of financial statements of Borrower pursuant to Sections 4.10(a)(1) and (2), the Borrower will provide to the Administrative Agent a duly executed and completed Compliance Certificate.

Section 4.11. [Reserved]

Section 4.12. Impairment of Security Interests

(a) The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, take or omit to take any action that would have the result of materially impairing the security interest with respect to the Collateral (it being understood that the Incurrence of Permitted Collateral Liens, subject to the proviso in Section 4.12(b), shall under no circumstances be deemed to materially impair the security interest with respect to the Collateral) for the benefit of the Secured Parties, and the Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, grant to any Person other than the Security Agent (or its delegate), for the benefit of the Secured Parties, any

Lien over any of the Collateral; *provided*, that, subject to the proviso in the second sentence of Section 4.12(b), (x) the Borrower, the Parent Guarantor and the Restricted Subsidiaries may Incur Permitted Collateral Liens, (y) the Security Documents and the Collateral may be discharged, amended, extended, renewed, restated, supplemented, released, modified or replaced in accordance with this Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement, any Additional Intercreditor Agreement or the applicable Security Documents and (z) the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries may consummate any other transaction permitted under Article V hereunder.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 4.12(a), nothing in this Section 4.12 shall restrict the discharge and release of any Lien over Collateral in accordance with this Agreement, the Security Documents, Intercreditor Agreement or any Additional Intercreditor Agreement. Subject to the foregoing, the Security Documents may be amended, extended, renewed, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified or released (followed by an immediate retaking of a Lien of at least equivalent ranking over the same assets) to (i) cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency therein; (ii) provide for Permitted Collateral Liens; (iii) make any change reasonably necessary or desirable in the good faith determination of the Borrower in order to implement transactions permitted under Article V of this Annex I; (iv) add to the Collateral; (v) provide for the release of any Lien on any properties or assets constituting Collateral from the Lien of the Security Documents; provided that such release is followed by the substantially concurrent re-taking of a Lien of at least equivalent priority over the same properties and assets securing the Obligations or any Loan Guarantee or (vi) make any other change thereto that does not adversely affect the Secured Parties in any material respect; *provided, however*, that, contemporaneously with any such action in clauses (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) of this Section 4.12(b), the Borrower delivers to the Administrative Agent, either (1) a solvency opinion, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, from an independent financial advisor or appraiser or investment bank of international standing which confirms the solvency of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, after giving effect to any transactions related to such amendment, extension, renewal, restatement, supplement, modification or replacement, (2) a certificate from the chief financial officer or the Board of Directors of the relevant Person which confirms the solvency of the Person granting the Lien, after giving effect to any transactions related to such amendment, extension, renewal, restatement, supplement, modification or replacement, or (3) an opinion of counsel (subject to any qualifications customary for this type of opinion of counsel), in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, confirming that, after giving effect to any transactions related to such amendment, extension, renewal, restatement, supplement, modification or replacement, the Lien or Liens created under the Security Documents so amended, extended, renewed, restated, supplemented, modified or replaced are valid Liens not otherwise subject to any limitation, imperfection or new hardening period, in equity or at law, that such Lien or Liens were not otherwise subject to immediately prior to such amendment, extension, renewal, restatement, supplement, modification or replacement.

(c) In the event that the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries comply with the requirements of this Section 4.12, the Administrative Agent and the Security Agent shall (subject to customary protections and indemnifications) consent to such amendments without the need for instructions from the Secured Parties.

Section 4.13. Additional Intercreditor Agreements

(a) At the request of the Borrower, in connection with the Incurrence by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary of any Indebtedness that is permitted to share the Collateral pursuant to the definition of Permitted Collateral Liens, the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary, the Administrative Agent and the Security Agent shall enter into with the holders of such Indebtedness (or their duly authorized Representatives) an intercreditor agreement (an “**Additional Intercreditor Agreement**”) or a restatement, amendment or other modification of the existing Intercreditor Agreement on substantially the same terms as the Intercreditor Agreement (or terms not materially less favorable to the Lenders), including containing substantially the same terms with respect to release of Loan Guarantees and priority and release of the Liens over Collateral (or terms not materially less favorable to the Lenders); provided that such Additional Intercreditor Agreement will not impose any personal obligations on the Administrative Agent or Security Agent or, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent or Security Agent, as applicable, adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Administrative Agent or Security Agent under this Agreement or the Intercreditor Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to the first sentence of this Section 4.13(a) and Section 4.13(b), any such Additional Intercreditor Agreement may provide for pari passu or subordinated security interests in respect of any such Indebtedness (to the extent such Indebtedness is permitted to share the Collateral pursuant to the definition of Permitted Collateral Lien).

(b) At the direction of the Borrower and without the consent of Secured Parties, the Administrative Agent and the Security Agent shall from time to time enter into one or more amendments to any Intercreditor Agreement or Additional Intercreditor Agreement to: (1) cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency of any such agreement, (2) increase the amount or types of Indebtedness covered by any such agreement that may be Incurred by the Borrower or a Guarantor that is subject to any such agreement (including with respect to any Intercreditor Agreement or Additional Intercreditor Agreement, the addition of provisions relating to new Indebtedness ranking junior in right of payment to the Obligations), (3) add Restricted Subsidiaries to the Intercreditor Agreement or an Additional Intercreditor Agreement, (4) further secure the Obligations, (5) make provision for equal and ratable pledges of the Collateral to secure any Incremental Loans, (6) implement any Permitted Collateral Liens, (7) amend the Intercreditor Agreement or any Additional Intercreditor Agreement in accordance with the terms thereof; (8) make any change reasonably necessary, in the good faith determination of the Borrower in order to implement any transaction that is subject to Article V of this Annex I; or (9) implement any transaction in connection with the renewal extension, refinancing, replacement or increase of the Indebtedness that is not prohibited by this Agreement or make any other change to any such agreement that does not adversely affect the Lenders in any material respect; provided that no such changes shall be permitted to the extent they affect the ranking of any Obligation or Loan Guarantee, enforcement of Liens over the Collateral, the application of proceeds from the enforcement of Collateral or the release of any Loan Guarantees or Lien over Collateral in a manner than would adversely affect the rights of the Lenders in any material respect except as otherwise permitted by this Agreement, the Security Documents the Intercreditor Agreement or any Additional Intercreditor Agreement immediately prior to such change. The Borrower shall not otherwise direct the Administrative Agent or the Security Agent to enter into any amendment to any Intercreditor Agreement without the consent of the Required Lenders, except as otherwise permitted under Section 9.08 of the Credit Agreement, and the Borrower may only direct the Administrative Agent and the Security Agent to enter into any amendment to the extent such amendment does not impose any personal

obligations on the Administrative Agent or Security Agent or, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent or Security Agent, adversely affect their respective rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Agreement or the Intercreditor Agreement or any Additional Intercreditor Agreement.

(c) In relation to any Intercreditor Agreement or Additional Intercreditor Agreement, at the request of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent (and Security Agent, if applicable) shall consent on behalf of the Lenders to the payment, repayment, purchase, repurchase, defeasance, acquisition, retirement or redemption of any obligations subordinated to the Loans thereby; *provided, however*, that such transaction would comply with Section 4.05 hereof.

(d) Each Lender shall be deemed to have agreed to and accepted the terms and conditions of the Intercreditor Agreement or any Additional Intercreditor Agreement (whether then entered into or entered into in the future pursuant to the provisions described herein), and to have directed the Administrative Agent and the Security Agent to enter into the Intercreditor Agreement and any such Additional Intercreditor Agreement.

Section 4.14. Lines of Business

The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, engage in any business other than a Similar Business, except to such extent as would not be material to the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 4.15. [Reserved]

Section 4.16. Additional Guarantors

(a) [Reserved].

(b) Loan Guarantees existing on or granted after the Effective Date pursuant to Section 5.14 of the Credit Agreement shall be released as set forth in Section 12 of the Facility Guaranty. Loan Guarantees existing on or granted after the Effective Date pursuant to Section 5.14(i)(z) of the Credit Agreement may be released at the option of the Borrower, if at the date of such release, (i) the Indebtedness which required such Loan Guarantee has been released or discharged in full, (ii) no Event of Default would arise as a result of such release, and (iii) there is no other Indebtedness of such Guarantor outstanding that was Incurred after the Effective Date and that could not have been Incurred in compliance with this Agreement as of the date Incurred if such Guarantor were not a Guarantor as at that date. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Borrower may elect, in its sole discretion, to cause any Subsidiary that is not otherwise required to be a Guarantor to become a Guarantor and such Loan Guarantee may be released at any time in the Borrower's sole discretion. The Administrative Agent and the Security Agent (to the extent action is required by them) shall each take all necessary actions requested by the Borrower, including the granting of releases or waivers under the Intercreditor Agreement or any Additional Intercreditor Agreement, to effectuate any release of a Loan Guarantee in accordance with this Section 4.16(b), subject to customary protections and indemnifications.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrower shall not be obligated to cause an Excluded Subsidiary to provide a Loan Guarantee (for so long as such entity is an Excluded Subsidiary), nor to cause any Restricted Subsidiary to provide a Loan Guarantee to the extent and for so long as the Incurrence of such Guarantee could reasonably be expected to give rise to or result in: (1) any

violation of applicable law or regulation; (2) any liability for the officers, directors or (except in the case of a Restricted Subsidiary that is a partnership) shareholders of such Restricted Subsidiary (or, in the case of a Restricted Subsidiary that is a partnership, directors or shareholders of the partners of such partnership); (3) any cost, expense, liability or obligation (including with respect to any Taxes) other than reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and other than reasonable expenses incurred in connection with any governmental or regulatory filings required as a result of, or any measures pursuant to this Section 4.16(c)(1) undertaken in connection with, such Guarantee, which in any case under any of clauses (1), (2) and (3) of Section 4.16(c) cannot be avoided through measures reasonably available to the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary; or (4) such Restricted Subsidiary is prohibited from Incurring such Guarantee by the terms of any Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary existing on the Effective Date that is not prepayable without a prepayment premium (in each case, other than Indebtedness Incurred to provide all or any portion of the funds utilized to consummate the transaction or series of related transactions pursuant to which such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary); *provided* that this Section 4.16(c)(4) applies only for so long as such prepayment premium applies to such Indebtedness.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Borrower will not permit CSC TKR, LLC and its Subsidiaries to Incur any Indebtedness not in the ordinary course of business or Guarantee any Indebtedness unless such Subsidiary is or becomes a Guarantor and Pledgor on the date on which the Guarantee is Incurred and, if applicable, executes and delivers (x) a Joinder Agreement pursuant to which such Restricted Subsidiary will provide a Loan Guarantee, which Guarantee will be senior to or *pari passu* with such Subsidiary's Guarantee of such other Indebtedness and (y) a Pledge Supplement.

Section 4.17. [Reserved]

Section 4.18. Limitation on Transfer of Assets by Restricted Subsidiaries

The Borrower shall cause its Restricted Subsidiaries not to transfer to the Borrower any material assets used or useful in the core line of business other than cash, other current assets (including Cash Equivalents) and Investments.

Section 4.19. Reserved Indebtedness

For purposes of determining compliance with any provision of this Agreement which requires the calculation of the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio, Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio ~~or, Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio or Gross~~ Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio, as applicable, or testing baskets set forth in this Annex I of the Credit Agreement (including baskets measured as a percentage of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA) in connection with (x) the Incurrence of any Indebtedness or (y) the Incurrence of any Lien, the Borrower may elect, in its sole discretion, to treat all or any portion of the committed amount of any Indebtedness (and the issuance and creation of letters of credit and bankers' acceptances thereunder) which is to be Incurred (or any commitment in respect thereof) or secured by such Lien, as the case may be (any such amount elected until revoked as described below, an "**Elected Amount**") as being Incurred as of such election date and (i) any subsequent borrowing or re-borrowing of Indebtedness under such commitment (so long as the total amount under such Indebtedness does not exceed the Elected Amount) shall not be deemed, for purposes of this calculation, to be an Incurrence of additional Indebtedness or an additional Lien at such subsequent time, (ii) the

Borrower may revoke an election of an Elected Amount at any time after the election date, (iii) for purposes of all subsequent calculations of Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio, Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio ~~or, Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio or Gross~~ Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio, as applicable, the Elected Amount (if any) shall be deemed to be outstanding (unless revoked in accordance with clause (ii)), whether or not such amount is actually outstanding, so long as the applicable commitment remains outstanding and (iv) for the purpose of Section 4.04(b) (8), Section 4.04(b) (16) and clause (dd) of the definition of Permitted Liens, solely to the extent that the Elected Amount has been Incurred in reliance thereof (and has not be reclassified), the Elected Amount (if any) shall be deemed to be outstanding under such provisions (unless revoked in accordance with clause (ii)), whether or not such amount is actually outstanding, so long as the applicable commitment remains outstanding.

Section 4.20. Delaware LLC Divisions

For purposes of this Annex I and Annex II, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction's laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person, and (b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized on the first date of its existence by the holders of its Capital Stock at such time.

ARTICLE V

Section 5.01. Merger and Consolidation of the Borrower

(a) The Borrower will not consolidate with or merge with or into, or assign, convey, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose all or substantially all its assets as an entirety or substantially as an entirety, in one transaction or a series of related transactions to, any Person, unless:

(1) the resulting, surviving or transferee Person (the “**Successor Company**”) (if not the Borrower) will be a Person organized and existing under the laws of a Primary Jurisdiction, or, to the extent such merger would not result in materially adverse tax, regulatory or legal consequences to the Lenders (as determined by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion), a Secondary Jurisdiction and the Successor Company (if not the Borrower) will expressly assume by way of a joinder, executed and delivered to the Administrative Agent, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, all the obligations of the Borrower, under this Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement and the Security Documents (or, subject to Section 4.12 provided a Lien of at least equivalent ranking over the same assets), as applicable;

(2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction (and treating any Indebtedness that becomes an obligation of the Successor Company or any Subsidiary of the Successor Company as a result of such transaction as having been Incurred by the Successor Company or such Subsidiary at the time of such transaction), no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;

(3) immediately after giving *pro forma* effect to such transaction and any related financing transactions, as if such transactions had occurred at the beginning of the applicable two consecutive fiscal quarter period, either (a) the Borrower or the Successor Company would have been able to Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.04(a); or (b) the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio would not be greater than it was immediately prior to giving effect to such transaction; and

(4) the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent an Officer’s Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each to the effect that such consolidation, merger or transfer and such joinder (if any) comply with the terms of this Agreement and an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such joinder (if any) has been duly authorized, executed and delivered and is a legal, valid and binding agreement enforceable against the Successor Company (in each case, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent); *provided that* in giving an Opinion of Counsel, counsel may rely on an Officer’s Certificate as to any matters of fact.

(b) For purposes of this Section 5.01, the sale, lease, conveyance, assignment, transfer, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of one or more Subsidiaries of the Borrower, which properties and assets, if held by the Borrower instead of such Subsidiaries, would constitute all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Borrower on a consolidated basis, shall be deemed to be the transfer of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Borrower.

(c) The Successor Company will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Borrower under this Agreement but in the case of a lease of all or

substantially all its assets, the predecessor company will not be released from its obligations under this Agreement.

(d) Notwithstanding Section 5.01(a)(2) and Section 5.01(a)(3) (which do not apply to transactions referred to in this sentence) and Section 5.01(a)(4) (which does not apply to transactions referred to in this sentence in which the Borrower is the Successor Company), (a) any Restricted Subsidiary may consolidate or otherwise combine with, merge into or transfer all or part of its properties and assets to the Borrower, (b) any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor may consolidate or otherwise combine with, merge into or transfer all or part of its properties and assets to any other Restricted Subsidiary or the Borrower and (c) the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries may effect any Permitted Reorganization. Notwithstanding Section 5.02(a)(3) (which does not apply to the transactions referred to in this sentence), the Borrower may consolidate or otherwise combine with or merge into an Affiliate incorporated or organized for the purpose of changing the legal domicile of the Borrower, reincorporating the Borrower in another jurisdiction or changing the legal form of the Borrower.

(e) The foregoing provisions (other than the requirements of Section 5.01(a)(2)) shall not apply to the creation of a new Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary.

Section 5.02. Merger and Consolidation of the Subsidiary Guarantors

(a) None of the Guarantors (other than a Guarantor whose Loan Guarantee is to be released in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or the Intercreditor Agreement) may:

- (1) consolidate with or merge with or into any Person (whether or not such Guarantor is the surviving Person);
- (2) sell, assign, convey, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of, all or substantially all its assets as an entirety or substantially as an entirety, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, to any Person; or
- (3) permit any Person to merge with or into it, unless:
 - (a) the other Person is the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary that is a Guarantor or becomes a Guarantor as a result of such transaction; or
 - (b) ~~(a)~~(1) either (x) a Guarantor is the surviving Person or (y) the resulting, surviving or transferee Person expressly assumes all of the obligations of the Guarantor under its Loan Guarantee and this Agreement (pursuant to a Joinder Agreement) and all obligations of the Guarantor under the Intercreditor Agreement and the Security Documents, as applicable; and (2) immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and is continuing; or
 - (c) ~~(b)~~ the transaction constitutes a sale or other disposition (including by way of consolidation or merger) of a Guarantor or the sale or disposition of all or substantially all the assets of a Guarantor (in each case other than to the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary) otherwise permitted by this Agreement and the proceeds therefrom are applied as required by this Agreement; or

(d) ~~(e)~~ the transaction constitutes a Permitted Reorganization.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 5.02(a)(3)(b)(2) (which does not apply to transactions referred to in this sentence), (a) any Restricted Subsidiary may consolidate or otherwise combine with, merge into or transfer all or part of its properties and assets to a Guarantor and (b) any Guarantor may consolidate or otherwise combine with, merge into or transfer all or part of its properties and assets to any other Guarantor or the Borrower. Notwithstanding Section 5.02(a)(3)(b)(2) (which does not apply to the transactions referred to in this sub-section (b)), a Guarantor may consolidate or otherwise combine with or merge into an Affiliate incorporated or organized for the purpose of changing the legal domicile of the Guarantor, reincorporating the Guarantor in another jurisdiction, or changing the legal form of the Guarantor.

ANNEX II ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS

Save where specified to the contrary, references in this Annex II to sections of Articles IV or V are to those sections of Annex I.

“Acquired Indebtedness” means Indebtedness (1) of a Person or any of its Subsidiaries existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, (2) assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from such Person, in each case whether or not Incurred by such Person in connection with such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary or such acquisition or (3) of a Person at the time such Person merges with or into or consolidates or otherwise combines with the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary. Subject to Section 1.05 of the Credit Agreement, Acquired Indebtedness shall be deemed to have been Incurred, with respect to clause (1) of this definition, on the date such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary and, with respect to clause (2) of this definition, on the date of consummation of such acquisition of assets and, with respect to clause (3) of this definition, on the date of the relevant merger, consolidation or other combination.

“Acquisition” means the acquisition of all of the outstanding equity interests in Cablevision by Altice Europe, BCP and CPPIB, which occurred on the Closing Date.

“Additional Assets” means:

- (a) any property or assets (other than Indebtedness and Capital Stock) not classified as current assets under GAAP used or to be used by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary or otherwise useful in a Similar Business (it being understood that capital expenditures on property or assets already used in a Similar Business or to replace any property or assets that are the subject of an Asset Disposition shall be deemed an investment in Additional Assets);
- (b) the Capital Stock of a Person that is engaged in a Similar Business and becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of the acquisition of such Capital Stock by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary; or
- (c) Capital Stock constituting a minority interest in any Person that at such time is a Restricted Subsidiary.

“Affiliate” of any specified Person means any other Person, directly or indirectly, controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, “control” when used with respect to any Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms “controlling” and “controlled” have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“AHYDO Catch Up Payment” means any payment on any Indebtedness that would be necessary to avoid such Indebtedness being characterized as an “applicable high yield discount obligation” under Section 163(i) of the Code.

“Altice Europe” means Altice Europe N.V., a public limited liability company incorporated under the laws of the Netherlands, and its successors.

“Altice USA” refers to Altice USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “ATUS”.

“Altice USA Distribution” means the separation of Altice USA from Altice Europe which was implemented on June 8, 2018.

“Asset Disposition” means, with respect to the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries, any direct or indirect sale, lease (other than an operating lease entered into in the ordinary course of business), transfer, issuance or other disposition, or a series of related sales, leases (other than operating leases entered into in the ordinary course of business), transfers, issuances or dispositions that are part of a common plan, of shares of Capital Stock of a Subsidiary (other than directors’ qualifying shares), property or other assets (each referred to for the purposes of this definition as a “disposition”) by the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries, including any disposition by means of a merger, consolidation or similar transaction; *provided* that the sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Borrower (or any successor company) and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole will be governed by the provisions of Section 7.01(i) of the Credit Agreement and Article V of Annex I and not by the provisions of Section 4.08 of Annex I. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this definition, the following items shall not be deemed to be Asset Dispositions:

- (a) a sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition, or a series of related sales, leases, transfers, issuances or dispositions that are part of a common plan, by a Restricted Subsidiary to the Borrower or by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary to a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (b) a sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition, or a series of related sales, leases, transfers, issuances or dispositions that are part of a common plan, of cash, Cash Equivalents, Temporary Cash Investments or Investment Grade Securities;
- (c) a sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition, or a series of related sales, leases, transfers, issuances or dispositions that are part of a common plan, of inventory, consumer equipment, trading stock, communications capacity or other assets in the ordinary course of business;
- (d) a sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition, or a series of related sales, leases, transfers, issuances or dispositions that are part of a common plan, of obsolete, surplus or worn out equipment or other assets or equipment or other similar assets that are no longer useful in the conduct of the business (as determined in good faith by the Borrower) of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (e) transactions permitted under Article V of Annex I (other than as permitted under Section 5.02(a)(3)(c) or a transaction that constitutes a Change of Control;
- (f) an issuance of Capital Stock by a Restricted Subsidiary to the Borrower or to another Restricted Subsidiary or as part of or pursuant to an equity incentive or compensation plan approved by the Board of Directors of the Borrower;
- (g) any sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition, or any series of related sales, leases, transfers, issuances or dispositions that are part of a common plan, of Capital

Stock, properties or assets in a single transaction or series of related transactions with a fair market value (as determined in good faith by the Borrower at the time of such sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition or, at the option of the Borrower, on the date of contractually agreeing to such sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition) not to exceed the greater of \$415 million and 10.0% of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA;

- (h) (i) any Restricted Payment that is permitted to be made under Section 4.05, any transaction specifically excluded from the definition of Restricted Payment and the making of any Permitted Payment and Permitted Investment and (ii) solely for the purposes of Section 4.08(b), a disposition, the proceeds of which are used to make such Restricted Payments permitted to be made under Section 4.05, Permitted Payments or Permitted Investments; if the Specified Gross Leverage Condition is satisfied;
- (i) the granting of Liens not prohibited by Section 4.06;
- (j) a sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition, or a series of related sales, leases, transfers, issuances or dispositions that are part of a common plan, of receivables or related assets in connection with the compromise, settlement or collection thereof in the ordinary course of business or in bankruptcy or similar proceedings and exclusive of factoring or similar arrangements;
- (k) the licensing or sublicensing of intellectual property or other general intangibles and licenses, sublicenses, leases, subleases of other property, in each case, in the ordinary course of business;
- (l) foreclosure, condemnation, eminent domain or any similar action with respect to any property or other assets;
- (m) the sale or discount (with or without recourse, and on customary or commercially reasonable terms) of tax receivables and factoring accounts receivable or notes receivable arising in the ordinary course of business, or the conversion or exchange of accounts receivable for notes receivable;
- (n) sales, transfers or dispositions of receivables and related assets in connection with any Qualified Receivables Financing or any factoring transaction or in the ordinary course of business, and Investments in Receivables Subsidiaries consisting of cash or Securitization Assets;
- (o) if the Specified Gross Leverage Condition is satisfied, any sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition, or any series of related sales, leases, transfers, issuances or dispositions that are part of a common plan, of Capital Stock, Indebtedness or other securities of an Unrestricted Subsidiary;
- (p) any sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition, or any series of related sales, leases, transfers, issuances or dispositions that are part of a common plan, of Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to an agreement or other obligation with or to a Person (other than the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary) from whom such Restricted Subsidiary was acquired, or from whom such Restricted Subsidiary acquired its business and assets (having been newly formed in connection with such acquisition),

- made as part of such acquisition and in each case comprising all or a portion of the consideration in respect of such sale or acquisition;
- (q) any surrender or waiver of contract rights or the settlement, release or surrender of contract, tort or other claims of any kind;
 - (r) any sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition, or any series of related sales, leases, transfers, issuances or dispositions that are part of a common plan, of assets to a Person who is providing services related to such assets, the provision of which have been or are to be outsourced by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary to such Person; *provided, however,* that the Board of Directors of the Borrower shall certify that in the opinion of the Board of Directors, the outsourcing transaction will be economically beneficial to the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries (considered as a whole);
 - (s) any sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition, or any series of related sales, leases, transfers, issuances or dispositions that are part of a common plan, with respect to property built, owned or otherwise acquired by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to customary sale and lease-back transactions, asset securitizations and other similar financings permitted by this Agreement; *provided* that network assets of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary shall be excluded from this clause (s) unless the Net Cash Proceeds of such sale and leaseback transaction are applied in accordance with Section 4.08(b);
 - (t) any sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition in one or a series of related transactions of any assets (including Capital Stock) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or of any Person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary (i) acquired in a transaction permitted under this Agreement, which assets are not used or useful in the core or principal business of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, or (ii) made in connection with the approval of any applicable antitrust authority or pursuant to Competition Laws or otherwise necessary or advisable in the good faith determination of the Borrower to consummate any acquisition permitted under this Agreement;
 - (u) dispositions of property to the extent that (i) such property is exchanged for credit against the purchase price of similar replacement property that is purchased within 270 days thereof or (ii) an amount equal to the Net Available Cash of such disposition are applied to the purchase price of such replacement property (which replacement property is purchased within 270 days thereof) ;
 - (v) the lapse, abandonment or other disposition of intellectual property rights in the ordinary course of business, which in the reasonable good faith determination of the Borrower are no longer commercially reasonable to maintain or are not material to the conduct of the business of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole;
 - (w) any sales, leases, transfers, issuances or other dispositions of Capital Stock, properties or assets with an aggregate fair market value (as determined in good faith by the Borrower at the time of any such sales, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition or, at the option of the Borrower, on the date of contractually agreeing to any such sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition) not to exceed the greater of \$415 million and 10.0% of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA;

- (x) to the extent allowable under Section 1031 of the Code, or any comparable or successor provision, any exchange of like property (excluding any boot thereon) for use in a Similar Business;
- (y) sales, transfers and other dispositions of Investments in joint ventures to the extent required by, or made pursuant to, customary buy/sell arrangements between the joint venture parties set forth in joint venture arrangements and similar binding arrangements;
- (z) contractual arrangements under long-term contracts with customers entered into by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business which are treated as sales for accounting purposes; provided that there is no transfer of title in connection with such contractual arrangement; and
- (aa) a sale, lease, transfer, issuance or other disposition, or a series of related sales, leases, transfers, issuances or dispositions in connection with the Existing Transactions, the Transactions or any Permitted Reorganization.

In the event that a transaction (or a portion thereof) meets the criteria of more than one of the categories described in clauses (a) through (aa) above or such transaction (or a portion thereof) would also be a permitted Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment, the Borrower, in its sole discretion, will be entitled to divide and classify such transaction (or a portion thereof), and from time to time reclassify such transaction (or a portion thereof), into one or more such categories and or one or more of the types of permitted Restricted Payments or Permitted Investments.

“Associate” means (i) any Person engaged in a Similar Business of which the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary are the legal and beneficial owners of between 20% and 50% of all outstanding Voting Stock and (ii) any joint venture engaged in a Similar Business entered into by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary.

“BCP” means BC Partners, Ltd.

“Beneficial Owner” has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such “person” will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such “person” has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only after the passage of time. The terms “Beneficially Owns” and “Beneficially Owned” have a corresponding meaning.

“Board of Directors” means (1) with respect to any corporation, the board of directors or managers, as applicable, of the corporation, or any duly authorized committee thereof; (2) with respect to any partnership, the board of directors or other governing body of the general partner of the partnership or any duly authorized committee thereof; and (3) with respect to any other Person, the board or any duly authorized committee of such Person serving a similar function. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, whenever any provision of this Agreement requires any action or determination to be made by, or any approval of, a Board of Directors, such action, determination or approval shall be deemed to have been taken or made if approved by a majority of the directors on any such Board of Directors (whether or not such action or approval is taken as part of a formal board meeting or as a formal board approval); provided that

any action required to be taken under this Agreement by the Board of Directors of the Borrower can, in the alternative, at the option of the Borrower, be taken by Altice USA and its successors or any Subsidiary thereof that is a Parent of the Borrower.

“**Cablevision**” means Cablevision Systems Corporation or its successors.

“**Capital Stock**” of any Person means any and all shares of, interests, rights to purchase, warrants or options for, participation or other equivalents of, or partnership or other interests in (however designated), equity of such Person, including any Preferred Stock, but excluding any debt securities convertible into such equity.

“**Capitalized Lease Obligations**” means an obligation that is required to be classified and accounted for as a capitalized lease for financial reporting purposes on the basis of GAAP. For the avoidance of doubt, operating leases will not be deemed Capitalized Lease Obligations.

“**Cash Equivalents**” means:

- (a) securities issued or directly and fully Guaranteed or insured by the United States Government, Canada, the United Kingdom, Switzerland or any member state of the European Union, in each case, any agency or instrumentality of thereof (*provided* that the full faith and credit of such country or such member state is pledged in support thereof), having maturities of not more than two years from the date of acquisition;
- (b) certificates of deposit, time deposits, eurodollar time deposits, overnight bank deposits or bankers’ acceptances having maturities of not more than one year from the date of acquisition thereof issued by a bank or trust company (a) whose commercial paper is rated at least “A-1” or the equivalent thereof by S&P or at least “P-1” or the equivalent thereof by Moody’s (or if at the time neither is issuing comparable ratings, then a comparable rating of another Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization) or (b) (in the event that such bank or trust company does not have commercial paper which is rated) having combined capital and surplus in excess of \$500 million;
- (c) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than 30 days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (a) and (b) above entered into with any bank meeting the qualifications specified in clause (b) above;
- (d) commercial paper rated at the time of acquisition thereof at least “A-2” or the equivalent thereof by S&P or “P-2” or the equivalent thereof by Moody’s or carrying an equivalent rating by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization, if both of the two named rating agencies cease publishing ratings of investments or, if no rating is available in respect of the commercial paper, the issuer of which has an equivalent rating in respect of its long-term debt, and in any case maturing within one year after the date of acquisition thereof;
- (e) readily marketable direct obligations issued by any state of the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Canada, any member of the European Union or any political subdivision thereof, in each case, having one of the two highest rating categories obtainable from either Moody’s or S&P (or, if at the time, neither is issuing comparable ratings, then a comparable rating of another Nationally Recognized

Statistical Rating Organization) with maturities of not more than two years from the date of acquisition;

- (f) Indebtedness or Preferred Stock issued by Persons with a rating of “BBB” or higher from S&P or “Baa3” or higher from Moody’s (or, if at the time, neither is issuing comparable ratings, then a comparable rating of another Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization) with maturities of 12 months or less from the date of acquisition;
- (g) bills of exchange issued in the United States, Canada, a member state of the European Union, Switzerland or the United Kingdom, eligible for rediscount at the relevant central bank and accepted by a bank (or any dematerialized equivalent); and
- (h) interests in any investment company, money market or enhanced high yield fund which invests 95% or more of its assets in instruments of the type specified in clauses (a) through (g) above.

“**CFC**” means a “controlled foreign corporation” within the meaning of Section 957(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“**CFC Holdco**” means a Subsidiary that has no material assets other than equity interests in and/or indebtedness of, each as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes, one or more Foreign Subsidiaries that are CFCs, including the indirect ownership of such equity interests or indebtedness through one or more CFC Holdcos that have no other material assets.

“**Change of Control**” means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (a) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation), the result of which is that any Person (including any “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act)) other than one or more Permitted Holders (or a group controlled by one or more Permitted Holders) becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the issued and outstanding Voting Stock of the Borrower (or any Successor Company), measured by voting power rather than number of shares;
- (b) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the majority of the directors on the Board of Directors of the Listed Entity (together with any new directors whose election by the majority of such directors on such Board of Directors of the Listed Entity or whose nomination for election by shareholders of the Listed Entity, as applicable, was approved by a vote of the majority of such directors on the Board of Directors of the Listed Entity then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) ceased for any reason to constitute the majority of the directors on the Board of Directors of the Listed Entity, then in office; or
- (c) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger, consolidation or other business combination transaction), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Borrower (or any Successor Company) and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to a Person

(including any “person” as defined above), other than a Permitted Holder (or a group controlled by one or more Permitted Holders).

“**Closing Date**” means June 21, 2016, the date on which the Acquisition was consummated.

“**Combination**” has the meaning ascribed to it under “*Summary—Recent Developments*” in the New Senior Guaranteed Notes Offering Memorandum.

“**Combination Date**” means November 27, 2018, the date on which the Combination was consummated.

“**Combination Date Senior Notes**” refers to, collectively, the (i) \$744,821,000 aggregate principal amount of 5½% Senior Notes due 2021, (ii) \$495,941,000 aggregate principal amount of 5¼% Senior Notes due 2021; (iii) \$617,881,000 aggregate principal amount of 7¾% Senior Notes due 2025 and (iv) \$1,045,882,000 aggregate principal amount of 7½% Senior Notes due 2028, issued by the Borrower, as issuer on the Combination Date.

“**Combination Date Senior Notes Indenture**” means the indenture dated as of the Combination Date, as amended, among, *inter alios*, the Borrower, as issuer and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee, governing the Combination Date Senior Notes.

“**Combination Date Senior Guaranteed Notes**” refers collectively to the Borrower’s (i)

\$1,095,825,000 aggregate principal amount of U.S. dollar-denominated 5.375% senior guaranteed notes due 2023, issued on the Combination Date and (ii) \$1,498,806,000 aggregate principal amount of U.S. dollar-denominated 5.500% senior guaranteed notes due 2026, issued on the Combination Date.

“**Combination Date Senior Guaranteed Notes Indenture**” means the indenture dated as of the Combination Date, as amended, among, *inter alios*, the Borrower, as issuer and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee, governing the Combination Date Senior Guaranteed Notes.

“**Combination Transactions**” means all of the transactions described under “*Summary—Recent Developments—The Combination*” in the New Senior Guaranteed Notes Offering Memorandum.

“**Commodity Hedging Agreements**” means, in respect of a Person, any commodity purchase contract, commodity futures or forward contract, commodities option contract or other similar contract (including commodities derivative agreements or arrangements), to which such Person is a party or a beneficiary.

“**Competition Laws**” means any federal, state, foreign, multinational or supranational antitrust, competition or trade regulation statutes, rules, regulations, orders, decrees, administrative and judicial doctrines and other laws that are designed or intended to prohibit, restrict or regulate actions or transactions having the purpose or effect of monopolization or restraint of trade or lessening of competition through merger or acquisition or effectuating foreign investment.

“**Compliance Certificate**” means a Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit J to this Agreement.

“**Consolidated EBITDA**” for any period means, without duplication, the Consolidated Net Income for such period, plus the following to the extent deducted in calculating such Consolidated Net Income:

- (a) Consolidated Interest Expense and Receivables Fees;
- (b) Consolidated Income Taxes;
- (c) consolidated depreciation expense;
- (d) consolidated amortization and impairment expense;
- (e) Parent Expenses of a CVC Parent;
- (f) any expenses, charges or other costs related to any Equity Offering (including of a CVC Parent), Investment, acquisition (including amounts paid in connection with the acquisition or retention of one or more individuals comprising part of a management team retained to manage the acquired business; *provided* that such payments are made in connection with such acquisition and are consistent with the customary practice in the industry at the time of such acquisition), disposition, recapitalization or the Incurrence of any Indebtedness permitted by this Agreement (whether or not successful) (including any such fees, expenses or charges related to the Existing Transactions and the Transactions (including of a CVC Parent), in each case, as determined in good faith by the Borrower);
- (g) any minority interest expense (whether paid or not) consisting of income attributable to minority equity interests of third parties in such period or any prior period or any net earnings, income or share of profit of any Associates, associated company or undertaking;
- (h) the amount of management, monitoring, consultancy and advisory fees and related expenses or any payments for financial advisory, financing, underwriting or placement services or any payments pursuant to franchising agreements, business service related agreements or other similar arrangements paid in such period (or accruals relating to such fees and related expenses) to any Permitted Holder (whether directly or indirectly, through any Parent) to the extent permitted by Section 4.09; *provided* that any payments for such fees and related expense shall not be included in Consolidated EBITDA for any period to the extent they were accrued for in such period or any prior period and added back to Consolidated EBITDA in such period or any such prior period;
- (i) other non-cash charges, write-downs or items reducing Consolidated Net Income (excluding any such non-cash charge, write-down or item to the extent it represents an accrual of or reserve for cash charges in any future period) or other non-cash items classified by the Borrower as special items less other non-cash items of income increasing Consolidated Net Income (other than any non-cash items increasing such Consolidated Net Income pursuant to clauses (a) through (m) of the definition of Consolidated Net Income and excluding any such non-cash item of income to the extent it represents a receipt of cash in any future period); and

- (j) x) any loss from discontinued operations (but if such operations are classified as discontinued due to the fact that they are subject to an agreement to dispose of such operations, only when and to the extent such operations are actually disposed of), reduced by (y) any income from discontinued operations (but if such operations are classified as discontinued due to the fact that they are subject to an agreement to dispose of such operations, only when and to the extent such operations are actually disposed of).

“Consolidated Income Taxes” means taxes or other payments, including deferred Taxes, based on income, profits or capital of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries whether or not paid, estimated, accrued or required to be remitted to any governmental authority.

“Consolidated Interest Expense” means, for any period (in each case, determined on the basis of GAAP), the consolidated net interest income/expense of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries, whether paid or accrued, plus or including (without duplication) any interest, costs and charges consisting of:

- (a) interest expense attributable to Capitalized Lease Obligations;
- (b) amortization of debt discount, but excluding amortization of debt issuance costs, fees and expenses and the expensing of any bridge or other financing fees;
- (c) non-cash interest expense;
- (d) dividends or other distributions in respect of all Disqualified Stock of the Borrower and all Preferred Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary, to the extent held by Persons other than the Borrower or a Subsidiary of the Borrower;
- (e) the consolidated interest expense that was capitalized during such period (without duplication);
- (f) net payments and receipts (if any) pursuant to Hedging Obligations (other than Currency Agreements) (excluding unrealized mark-to-market gains and losses attributable to Hedging Obligations (other than Currency Agreements));
- (g) any interest actually paid by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary on Indebtedness of another Person that is guaranteed by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary or secured by a Lien on assets of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary; and
- (h) premiums, penalties, annual agency fees, penalties for failure to comply with registration obligations (if applicable) and any amendment fees, in each case, related to any Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, Consolidated Interest Expense shall not include (i) any interest accrued, capitalized or paid in respect of Subordinated Shareholder Funding, (ii) any commissions, discounts, yield and other fees and charges related to a Qualified Receivables Financing, (iii) any payments on any operating leases, including without limitation any payments on any lease, concession or license of property (or Guarantee thereof) which would be considered an operating lease under GAAP, (iv) net payments and receipts (if any) pursuant to Currency Agreements (including unrealized mark-to-market gains and losses attributable to Hedging Obligations), and (v) any pension liability interest costs.

“Consolidated Net Income” means, for any period, the net income (loss) of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries determined on a consolidated basis on the basis of GAAP; *provided, however*, that there will not be included in such Consolidated Net Income:

- (a) any net income (loss) of any Person if such Person is not a Restricted Subsidiary, except that the Borrower equity in the net income of any such Person for such period will be included in such Consolidated Net Income up to the aggregate amount of cash or Cash Equivalents actually distributed by such Person during such period to the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary as a dividend or other distribution or return on investment (subject, in the case of a dividend or other distribution or return on investment to a Restricted Subsidiary, to the limitations contained in clause (b) below);
- (b) solely for the purpose of determining the amount available for Restricted Payments under Section 4.05(a)(c)(i), any net income (loss) of any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor if such Subsidiary is subject to restrictions, directly or indirectly, on the payment of dividends or the making of distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary, directly or indirectly, to the Borrower by operation of the terms of such Restricted Subsidiary’s charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute or governmental rule or regulation applicable to such Restricted Subsidiary or its shareholders (other than (a) restrictions that have been waived or otherwise released, (b) restrictions pursuant to the New Senior Guaranteed Notes Indenture, the New Senior Guaranteed Notes, the Loan Documents, the Existing Notes and the Existing Notes Indentures, (c) contractual or legal restrictions in effect on the Effective Date with respect to a Restricted Subsidiary (including pursuant to the agreements specified in Section 4.07(b)(3) and other restrictions with respect to such Restricted Subsidiary that, taken as a whole, are not materially less favorable to the Lenders than such restrictions in effect on the Effective Date, and (d) restrictions as in effect on the Effective Date specified in Section 4.07(b)(12) except that the Borrower’s equity in the net income of any such Restricted Subsidiary for such period will be included in such Consolidated Net Income up to the aggregate amount of cash or Cash Equivalents or non-cash distributions to the extent converted into cash or Cash Equivalents actually distributed or that could have been distributed by such Restricted Subsidiary during such period to the Borrower or another Restricted Subsidiary as a dividend or other distribution (subject, in the case of a dividend to another Restricted Subsidiary, to the limitation contained in this clause);
- (c) any net gain (or loss) realized upon the sale, abandonment or other disposition of any asset or disposed operations of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary (including pursuant to any sale/ leaseback transaction) which is not sold or otherwise disposed of in the ordinary course of business (as determined in good faith by an Officer of the Borrower) or returned surplus assets of any Pension Plan;
- (d) any extraordinary, exceptional, unusual or nonrecurring gain, loss, charge or expense or any charges, expenses or reserves in respect of any restructuring, redundancy or severance or any expenses, charges, reserves, gains or other costs related to the Existing Transactions, the Transactions and the Altice USA Distribution; and, to the extent not otherwise included in this clause (d): recruiting, retention and relocation costs; signing bonuses and related expenses and one-time compensation charges; curtailments or modifications to pension and post-retirement employee benefit plans transaction and

refinancing bonuses and special bonuses paid in connection with dividends and distributions to equity holders; start-up, transition, strategic initiative (including any multi-year strategic initiative) and integration costs, charges or expenses; costs, charges and expenses related to the start-up, pre-opening, opening, closure, and/or consolidation of operations, offices and facilities; business optimization costs, charges or expenses; costs, charges and expenses incurred in connection with new product design, development and introductions; costs and expenses incurred in connection with intellectual property development and new systems design; costs and expenses incurred in connection with implementation, replacement, development or upgrade of operational, reporting and information technology systems and technology initiatives; any costs, expenses or charges relating to any governmental investigation or any litigation or other dispute (including with any customer); costs and expenses in respect of warranty payments and liabilities related to product recalls or field service campaigns; or any fees, charges, losses, costs and expenses incurred during such period, or any amortization thereof for such period, in connection with or related to any acquisition, Restricted Payment, Investment, recapitalization, asset sale, issuance, incurrence, registration or repayment or modification of Indebtedness, issuance or offering of Capital Stock, refinancing transaction or amendment, modification or waiver in respect of the documentation relating to any such transaction and any charges or non-recurring merger costs incurred during such period as a result of any such transaction;

- (e) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles;
- (f) any non-cash compensation charge or expense arising from any grant of stock, stock options or other equity based awards and any non-cash deemed finance charges in respect of any pension liabilities or other provisions;
- (g) all deferred financing costs written off and premiums paid or other expenses incurred directly in connection with any early extinguishment of Indebtedness and any net gain (loss) from any write-off or forgiveness of Indebtedness;
- (h) any unrealized gains or losses in respect of Hedging Obligations or other derivative instruments or any ineffectiveness recognized in earnings related to qualifying hedge transactions or the fair value or changes therein recognized in earnings for derivatives that do not qualify as hedge transactions, in each case, in respect of Hedging Obligations or other derivative instruments;
- (i) any unrealized foreign currency translation gains or losses in respect of Indebtedness of any Person denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of such Person and any unrealized foreign exchange gains or losses relating to translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies;
- (j) any unrealized foreign currency translation or transaction gains or losses in respect of Indebtedness or other obligations of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary owing to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (k) any one-time non-cash charges or any increases in amortization or depreciation resulting from purchase accounting, in each case, in relation to any acquisition of another Person or business or resulting from any reorganization or restructuring involving the Borrower or its Subsidiaries;

- (l) any goodwill or other intangible asset impairment charge or write-off; and
- (m) the impact of capitalized, accrued or accreting or pay-in-kind interest or principal on Subordinated Shareholder Funding.

“Consolidated Net Leverage” means (A) the sum, without duplication, of the aggregate outstanding Specified Indebtedness of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis (excluding (i) Hedging Obligations and (ii) any revolving Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04 in an amount not to exceed the greater of (x) \$1,385 million and (y) 33.3% L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA), less (B) the aggregate amount of cash and Cash Equivalents of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

“Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio” means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (x) Consolidated Net Leverage at such date to (y) the aggregate amount of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA; *provided, however*, that the *pro forma* calculation of the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio shall not give effect to (i) any Indebtedness incurred on the date of determination pursuant to Section 4.04(b) or (ii) the discharge on the date of determination of any Indebtedness to the extent that such discharge results from the proceeds incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(b).

For the avoidance of doubt, in determining Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio, no cash or Cash Equivalents shall be included that are the proceeds of Indebtedness in respect of which the calculation of the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio is to be made.

“Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage” means (A) the sum of the aggregate outstanding Senior Secured Indebtedness of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries (excluding (i) Hedging Obligations and (ii) any revolving Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04 in an amount not to exceed the greater of (x) \$1,385 million and (y) 33.3% L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA), less (B) the aggregate amount of cash and Cash Equivalents of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

“Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio” means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (x) Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage at such date to (y) the aggregate amount of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA; *provided, however*, that the *pro forma* calculation of the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio shall not give effect to (i) any Indebtedness incurred on the date of determination pursuant to Section 4.04(b) or (ii) the discharge on the date of determination of any Indebtedness to the extent that such discharge results from the proceeds incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(b).

For the avoidance of doubt, in determining Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio, no cash or Cash Equivalents shall be included that are the proceeds of Indebtedness in respect of which the calculation of the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio is to be made.

“Contingent Obligations” means, with respect to any Person, any obligation of such Person guaranteeing in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, any operating lease, dividend or other obligation that does not constitute Indebtedness (“primary obligations”) of any other Person (the “primary obligor”), including any obligation of such Person, whether or not contingent:

- (a) to purchase any such primary obligation or any property constituting direct or indirect security therefor;

- (b) to advance or supply funds:
 - (i) for the purchase or payment of any such primary obligation; or
 - (ii) to maintain the working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor; or
- (c) to purchase property, securities or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such primary obligation of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such primary obligation against loss in respect thereof.

“**CPPIB**” means the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board.

“**Credit Facility**” means, with respect to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, one or more debt facilities, arrangements, instruments, trust deeds, note purchase agreements or indentures or commercial paper facilities and overdraft facilities (including this Agreement) with banks, institutions, funds or investors providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, receivables financing (including through the sale of receivables to such institutions or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from such institutions against such receivables), notes, bonds, debentures, letters of credit or other Indebtedness, in each case, as amended, restated, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced, restructured, refinanced, repaid, increased or extended in whole or in part from time to time (and whether in whole or in part and whether or not with the original administrative agent and lenders or another administrative agent or agents or trustees or other banks, institutions or investors and whether provided under one or more credit or other agreements, indentures, financing agreements or otherwise) and in each case including all agreements, instruments and documents executed and delivered pursuant to or in connection with the foregoing (including any notes and letters of credit issued pursuant thereto and any Guarantee and collateral agreement, patent and trademark security agreement, mortgages or letter of credit applications and other Guarantees, pledges, agreements, security agreements and collateral documents). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term “Credit Facility” shall include any agreement or instrument (1) changing the maturity of any Indebtedness Incurred thereunder or contemplated thereby, (2) adding Subsidiaries of the Borrower as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder, (3) increasing the amount of Indebtedness Incurred thereunder or available to be borrowed thereunder or (4) otherwise altering the terms and conditions thereof.

“**Currency Agreement**” means, in respect of a Person, any foreign exchange contract, currency swap agreement, currency futures contract, currency option contract, cap, floor, ceiling, collar, currency derivative or other similar agreement to which such Person is a party or beneficiary.

“**CVC Parent**” means any Parent of the Borrower, but in no event any Parent of the Listed Entity.

“**Default**” means any event which is, or after giving notice or with the passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

“**Designated Non-Cash Consideration**” means the fair market value (as determined in good faith by the Borrower) of non-cash consideration received by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with an Asset Disposition that is so designated as Designated Non-Cash Consideration pursuant to an Officer’s Certificate, setting forth the basis of such valuation, less the amount of cash, Cash Equivalents or Temporary Cash Investments received in

connection with a subsequent payment, redemption, retirement, sale or other disposition of such Designated Non-Cash Consideration. A particular item of Designated Non-Cash Consideration will no longer be considered to be outstanding when and to the extent it has been paid, redeemed or otherwise retired or sold or otherwise disposed of in compliance with Section 4.08.

“Designated Preference Shares” means, with respect to the Borrower, Preferred Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) (a) that is issued for cash (other than to the Borrower or a Subsidiary of the Borrower or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by the Borrower or any such Subsidiary for the benefit of their employees to the extent funded by the Borrower or such Subsidiary) and (b) that is designated as “Designated Preference Shares” pursuant to an Officer’s Certificate of the Borrower at or prior to the issuance thereof, the Net Cash Proceeds of which are excluded from the calculation set forth in Section 4.05(a)(c)(ii).

“Disinterested Director” means, with respect to any Affiliate Transaction, a member of the Board of Directors having no material direct or indirect financial interest in or with respect to such Affiliate Transaction. A member of the Board of Directors of the Borrower shall be deemed not to have such a financial interest by reason of such member’s holding Capital Stock of the Borrower or any Parent or any options, warrants or other rights in respect of such Capital Stock.

“Disqualified Stock” means, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock of such Person which by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable) or upon the happening of any event:

- (a) matures or is mandatorily redeemable for cash or in exchange for Indebtedness pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise;
- (b) is convertible or exchangeable for Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock (excluding Capital Stock which is convertible or exchangeable solely at the option of the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary); or
- (c) is or may become (in accordance with its terms) upon the occurrence of certain events or otherwise redeemable or repurchasable for cash or in exchange for Indebtedness at the option of the holder of the Capital Stock in whole or in part, in each case, on or prior to the earlier of (a) the Stated Maturity of the 2016 Extended Term Loans or (b) the date on which there are no Loans outstanding; provided, however, that (i) only the portion of Capital Stock which so matures or is mandatorily redeemable, is so convertible or exchangeable or is so redeemable at the option of the holder thereof prior to such date will be deemed to be Disqualified Stock and (ii) any Capital Stock that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders thereof have the right to require the Borrower to repurchase such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change of control or asset sale (howsoever defined or referred to) shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if any such redemption or repurchase obligation is subject to compliance by the relevant Person with Section 4.05.

“Dollar Equivalent” means, with respect to any monetary amount in a currency other than dollars (**“Other Currency”**), at any time of determination thereof by the Borrower, the amount of dollars obtained by converting such Other Currency involved in such computation into dollars at the spot rate for the purchase of dollars with the Other Currency as published in The Financial Times in the “Currency Rates” section (or, if The Financial Times is no longer

published, or if such information is no longer available in The Financial Times, such source as may be selected in good faith by the Borrower) on the date of such determination.

“Domestic Subsidiary” means any direct or indirect Subsidiary that is organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia.

“Effective Date” means “Effective Date” as defined in the Seventh Amendment.

“Effective Date Unrestricted Subsidiaries” means 4connections LLC, Cablevision Disaster Relief Fund, Cablevision NYI LLC, CSC T Holdings I, Inc., CSC T Holdings II, Inc., CSC T Holdings III, Inc., CSC T Holdings IV, Inc., DTV Norwich LLC, Newsday Holdings LLC, Newsday LLC, NMG Holdings, Inc., The New York Interconnect LLC, CSC Investments LLC and SLTV3, LLC.

“Equity Offering” means a public or private sale of (x) Capital Stock of the Borrower or (y) Capital Stock or other securities of a Parent or an Affiliate, the proceeds of which are contributed as Subordinated Shareholder Funding or to the equity of the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in each case other than:

- (a) Disqualified Stock;
- (b) Designated Preference Shares;
- (c) offerings registered on Form S-8 (or any successor form) under the Securities Act or any similar offering in other jurisdictions;
- (d) any such sale to an Affiliate of the Borrower, including the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary; and
- (e) any such sale that constitutes an Excluded Contribution.

“Escrowed Proceeds” means the proceeds from the offering of any debt securities or other Indebtedness paid into an escrow account with an independent escrow agent on the date of the applicable offering or Incurrence pursuant to escrow arrangements that permit the release of amounts on deposit in such escrow account upon satisfaction of certain conditions or the occurrence of certain events. The term “Escrowed Proceeds” shall include any interest earned on the amounts held in escrow.

“Exchange Act” means the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder, as amended.

“Excluded Contribution” means Net Cash Proceeds and the fair market value (determined by the Borrower at the time of such contribution or, at the option of the Borrower, at the date of entry into of a commitment, contract or resolution with respect to such Excluded Contribution, and not adjusted for any subsequent changes in fair market value) of marketable securities or property or assets or Capital Stock of any Person, in each case, received by the Borrower as capital contributions to the equity (other than through the issuance of Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares of the Borrower) after the Closing Date or from the issuance or sale (other than to the Borrower, a Restricted Subsidiary or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower for the benefit of its

employees to the extent funded by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary) of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares) or Subordinated Shareholder Funding of the Borrower, in each case, to the extent designated as an Excluded Contribution pursuant to an Officer's Certificate of the Borrower.

“Excluded Subsidiary” means (1) any Subsidiary that is not a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the Borrower, (2) any CFC, (3) any Subsidiary that is a direct or indirect Subsidiary of (i) a CFC or

(ii) a CFC Holdco, (4) a CFC Holdco, (5) any Subsidiary, including any regulated entity that is subject to net worth or net capital or similar capital and surplus restrictions, that is prohibited or restricted by applicable law, accounting policies or by contractual obligation existing on the Closing Date and any amendments, restatements, modifications, renewals, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings of such agreements (*provided* that such contractual obligations (A) were not incurred in contemplation of the Acquisition (or, with respect to any Subsidiary acquired by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary after the Closing Date (and so long as such contractual obligation was not incurred in contemplation of such acquisition), on the date such Subsidiary is so acquired) or (B) do not extend such prohibition or extension to any non-Excluded Subsidiary) from providing a Guarantee, or if such Guarantee would require governmental (including regulatory) or third party consent, approval, license or authorization, (6) any special purpose securitization vehicle (or similar entity), including any Receivables Subsidiary, (7) any not-for-profit Subsidiary, (8) any other Subsidiary with respect to which, in the reasonable judgment of the Borrower, the burden or cost (including any adverse tax consequences) of providing the Guarantee will outweigh the benefits to be obtained by the Lenders therefrom and (9) each Unrestricted Subsidiary; provided, that any such Subsidiary that is an Excluded Subsidiary pursuant to clause (8) above shall cease to be an Excluded Subsidiary at any time such Subsidiary guarantees Indebtedness of the Borrower or any other Guarantor.

“Existing 2023 Senior Notes” refers to the Borrower's \$1,800 million aggregate principal amount of U.S. dollar-denominated 10.125% senior notes due 2023, issued on the Original Notes Issue Date.

“Existing 2025 Senior Guaranteed Notes” refers to the Borrower's \$1,000 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.625% Senior Guaranteed Notes due 2025 issued on the Original Notes Issue Date.

“Existing 2025 Senior Notes” refers to the Borrower's \$2,000 million aggregate principal amount of U.S. dollar-denominated 10.875% senior notes due 2025, issued on the Original Notes Issue Date.

“Existing 2027 Senior Guaranteed Notes” refers to the Borrower's \$1,310 million aggregate principal amount of 5.5% Senior Guaranteed Notes due 2027 issued on September 23, 2016.

“Existing 2028 Senior Guaranteed Notes” refers to the Borrower's \$1,000 million aggregate principal amount of 5.375% Senior Guaranteed Notes due 2028 issued on January 29, 2018.

“Existing Cablevision Notes” means, collectively, (i) the \$500 million aggregate principal amount of Cablevision's 8% Senior Notes due 2020, (ii) \$750 million aggregate principal amount of Cablevision's 5.875% Senior Notes due 2022, and (iii) the Combination Date Cablevision Co-Issued Notes.

“Existing Cablevision Notes Indentures” means, collectively, the indentures governing the Existing Cablevision Notes each as may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

“Existing Notes” means, collectively, the Existing Senior Guaranteed Notes and the Existing Senior Notes.

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“Existing Senior Guaranteed Notes” means, collectively, the Existing 2025 Senior Guaranteed Notes, the Existing 2027 Senior Guaranteed Notes, the Existing 2028 Senior Guaranteed Notes and the Combination Date Senior Guaranteed Notes.

“Existing Senior Guaranteed Notes Indentures” means, collectively, (w) the indenture, dated as of October 9, 2015, governing the Existing 2025 Senior Guaranteed Notes, (x) the indenture, dated as of September 23, 2016, governing the Existing 2027 Senior Guaranteed Notes, (y) the indenture, dated as of January 29, 2018, governing the Existing 2028 Senior Guaranteed Notes and (z) the indenture, dated as of the Combination Date, governing the Combination Date Senior Guaranteed Notes, each as may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

“Existing Senior Notes” means, collectively, the Existing 2023 Senior Notes, the Existing 2025 Senior Notes, the Legacy CSC Senior Notes and the Combination Date Senior Notes.

“Existing Senior Notes Indentures” means, the indentures governing the Existing Senior Notes, each as may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

“Existing Transactions” means the Acquisition and the financing thereof, the Altice USA Distribution, the Combination Transactions, the issuance of the Existing Senior Guaranteed Notes and the Existing Senior Notes and the entry into and borrowings under this Agreement (and any amendments thereof).

“fair market value” wherever such term is used in this Agreement (except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement), may be conclusively established by means of an Officer’s Certificate or a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Borrower setting out such fair market value as determined by such Officer or such Board of Directors in good faith.

“Foreign Subsidiary” means any direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Borrower that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

“Gross Guarantor Indebtedness” means as of any date of determination, the sum, without duplication of Permitted Guarantor Indebtedness and Ratio Guarantor Indebtedness, in each case as of such date (excluding Hedging Obligations).

“Gross Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio” means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (x) Gross Guarantor Indebtedness at such date to (y) L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA.

“Group” means the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

“Guarantee” means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Indebtedness of any other Person, including any such obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person:

- (a) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness of such other Person (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreements to keep-well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services, to take-or-pay or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise); or
- (b) entered into primarily for purposes of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Indebtedness of the payment thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part),

provided, however, that the term “Guarantee” will not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business or any guarantee of performance. The term “Guarantee” used as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

“Guarantor Indebtedness” means as of any date of determination, (A) the sum, without duplication of Permitted Guarantor Indebtedness and Ratio Guarantor Indebtedness, in each case as of such date (excluding (i) Hedging Obligations ~~and (ii) any revolving Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04 in an amount not to exceed the greater of (x) \$1,385 million and (y) 33.3% L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA~~), less (B) the aggregate amount of cash and Cash Equivalents of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis on any date of determination.

“Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio” means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (x) Guarantor Indebtedness at such date to (y) L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA. For the avoidance of doubt, in determining the Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio, no cash or Cash Equivalents shall be included that are the proceeds of Indebtedness in respect of which the calculation of the Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio is to be made

“Hedging Obligations” of any Person means the obligations of such Person pursuant to any Interest Rate Agreement, Currency Agreement or Commodity Hedging Agreement.

“Incur” means issue, create, assume, enter into any Guarantee of, incur, extend or otherwise become liable for; provided, however, that other than in the case of any action being taken in connection with a Limited Condition Transaction, which shall be governed by Section 1.05 of the Credit Agreement and any Indebtedness or Lien Incurred pursuant to the Section 4.19 of this Annex I which shall be governed by the provisions thereof, (1) any Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary (whether by merger, consolidation, acquisition or otherwise) will be deemed to be Incurred by the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary at the time it becomes a Restricted Subsidiary and the terms “Incurred” and “Incurrence” have meanings correlative to the foregoing and (2) any Indebtedness pursuant to any Credit Facility, bridge facility, revolving credit or similar facility shall only be “Incurred” at the time any funds are borrowed thereunder; *provided further that*, the Borrower in its sole discretion may elect that (x) any Indebtedness or portion thereof pursuant to any Credit Facility, bridge facility, revolving credit or similar facility shall be deemed to be “Incurred” at the time of entry into the definitive agreements or commitments in relation to any such facility and/or (y) any Indebtedness, the proceeds of which are cash-collateralized shall be deemed to be “Incurred” at the time such proceeds are no longer cash-collateralized.

“**Indebtedness**” means, with respect to any Person on any date of determination (without duplication):

- (a) the principal of indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money;
- (b) the principal of obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments;
- (c) all reimbursement obligations of such Person in respect of letters of credit, bankers’ acceptances or other similar instruments (the amount of such obligations being equal at any time to the aggregate then undrawn and unexpired amount of such letters of credit or other instruments plus the aggregate amount of drawings thereunder that have not been reimbursed) (except to the extent such reimbursement obligations relate to trade payables), in each case only to the extent that the underlying obligation in respect of which the instrument was issued would be treated as Indebtedness;
- (d) the principal component of all obligations, or liquidation preference, of such Person with respect to any Disqualified Stock or, with respect to any Restricted Subsidiary, any Preferred Stock (but excluding, in each case, any accrued dividends);
- (e) the principal component of all Indebtedness of other Persons secured by a Lien on any asset of such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such Person; *provided, however*, that the amount of such Indebtedness will be the lesser of (a) the fair market value of such asset at such date of determination (as determined in good faith by the Borrower) and (b) the amount of such Indebtedness of such other Persons;
- (f) Guarantees by such Person of the principal component of Indebtedness of other Persons to the extent Guaranteed by such Person; and
- (g) to the extent not otherwise included in this definition, net obligations of such Person under Currency Agreements, Commodity Hedging Agreements and Interest Rate Agreements (the amount of any such obligations to be equal at any time to the termination value of such agreement or arrangement giving rise to such obligation that would be payable by such Person at such time).

The term “Indebtedness” shall not include (i) Subordinated Shareholder Funding, (ii) any lease (including for avoidance of doubt, any network lease or any Operating IRU), concession or license of property (or Guarantee thereof) which would be considered an operating lease under GAAP, (iii) prepayments of deposits received from clients or customers in the ordinary course of business, (iv) any pension obligations, (v) Contingent Obligations, (vi) receivables sold or discounted, whether recourse or non-recourse, including, for the avoidance of doubt, any obligations under or in respect of Qualified Receivables Financing (including, without limitation, guarantees by a Receivables Subsidiary of the obligations of another Receivables Subsidiary and any indebtedness in respect of Limited Recourse), (vii) obligations under any license, permit or other approval (or Guarantees given in respect of such obligations) Incurred prior to the Effective Date or in the ordinary course of business, (viii) non-interest bearing installment obligations and accrued liabilities Incurred in the ordinary course of business that are not more than 120 days past due, (ix) Indebtedness in respect of the Incurrence by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness in respect of standby

letters of credit, performance bonds or surety bonds provided by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business to the extent such letters of credit or bonds are not drawn upon or, if and to the extent drawn upon are honored in accordance with their terms and if, to be reimbursed, are reimbursed no later than the fifth Business Day following receipt by such Person of a demand for reimbursement following payment on the letter of credit or bond, (x) any obligations to pay the deferred and unpaid purchase price for assets acquired or services supplied or otherwise owed to the Person (or any assignee thereof) from whom such assets are acquired or who supplies such services in accordance with the terms pursuant to which the relevant assets were or are to be acquired or services were or are to be supplied, (xi) any payroll accruals and (xii) Indebtedness Incurred by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with a transaction where (A) such Indebtedness is borrowed from a bank or trust company, having a combined capital and surplus and undivided profits of not less than \$250 million, whose debt has a rating immediately prior to the time such transaction is entered into, of at least A or the equivalent thereof by S&P and A2 or the equivalent thereof by Moody's and (B) a substantially concurrent Investment is made by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary in the form of cash deposited with the lender of such Indebtedness, or a Subsidiary or Affiliate thereof, in amount equal to such Indebtedness. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding the above, the term "Indebtedness" excludes any accrued expenses and trade payables and any obligations under guarantees issued in connection with various operating and telecommunications licenses.

Subject to Section 1.05 of the Credit Agreement and Section 4.19 of this Annex I, the amount of Indebtedness of any Person at any time in the case of a revolving credit or similar facility shall be the total amounts of funds borrowed and then outstanding. The amount of Indebtedness of any Person at any date shall be determined as set forth above or otherwise provided in this Agreement, and (other than with respect to letters of credit or Guarantees or Indebtedness specified in clauses (e), (f) or (g) above) shall equal the amount thereof that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person (excluding any notes thereto) prepared on the basis of GAAP.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, in no event shall the following constitute Indebtedness:

- (i) in connection with the purchase by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary of any business, any post-closing payment adjustments to which the seller may become entitled to the extent such payment is determined by a final closing balance sheet or such payment depends on the performance of such business after the closing;
- (ii) for the avoidance of doubt, any obligations in respect of workers' compensation claims, early retirement or termination obligations, pension fund obligations or contributions or similar claims, obligations or contributions or social security or wage Taxes;
- (iii) parallel debt obligations, to the extent such obligations mirror other Indebtedness;
- (iv) Capitalized Lease Obligations;.

- (v) collateralized indebtedness and other related obligations relating to Comcast common stock owned by the Borrower on the Closing Date (including guarantees in favor of certain financial institutions in respect of ongoing interest expense obligations in connection with the monetization of Comcast common stock); or
- (vi) franchise and performance surety bonds or guarantees.

“Independent Financial Advisor” means an investment banking or accounting firm of international standing or any third party appraiser of international standing; provided, however, that such firm or appraiser is not an Affiliate of the Borrower.

“Indirect Restricted Payment” means a Permitted Investment or Restricted Investment, directly or indirectly, in any (i) Parent (in its capacity as an equity holder), (ii) Permitted Holder, (iii) Affiliate of any Permitted Holder (other than the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary) or (iv) Unrestricted Subsidiary, in each case, for the purpose of making a Specified Restricted Payment or any substantially similar transaction.

“Initial Public Offering” means the initial public offering of 63,943,029 shares of Class A common stock of Altice USA on the New York Stock Exchange at an initial public offering price of \$30.00 per share completed in June 2017.

“Interest Rate Agreement” means, with respect to any Person, any interest rate protection agreement, interest rate future agreement, interest rate option agreement, interest rate swap agreement, interest rate cap agreement, interest rate collar agreement, interest rate hedge agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement to which such Person is party or a beneficiary.

“Investment” means, with respect to any Person, all investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the form of any direct or indirect advance, loan or other extensions of credit (other than advances or extensions of credit to customers, suppliers, directors, officers or employees of any Person in the ordinary course of business, and excluding any debt or extension of credit represented by a bank deposit other than a time deposit) or capital contribution to (by means of any transfer of cash or other property to others or any payment for property or services for the account or use of others), or the Incurrence of a Guarantee of any obligation of, or any purchase or acquisition of Capital Stock, Indebtedness or other similar instruments issued by, such other Persons and all other items that are or would be classified as investments on a balance sheet (excluding any notes thereto) prepared on the basis of GAAP; *provided, however*, that endorsements of negotiable instruments and documents in the ordinary course of business will not be deemed to be an Investment. If the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary issues, sells or otherwise disposes of any Capital Stock of a Person that is a Restricted Subsidiary such that, after giving effect thereto, such Person is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary, any Investment by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in such Person remaining after giving effect thereto will be deemed to be a new Investment equal to the fair market value of the Capital Stock of such Subsidiary not sold or disposed of in an amount determined as provided in Section 4.05(c).

For purposes of Section 4.05:

- (a) “**Investment**” will include the portion (proportionate to the Borrower’s equity interest in a Restricted Subsidiary to be designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary) of the fair market value of the net assets of such Restricted Subsidiary at the time that such Restricted Subsidiary is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary; *provided, however*, that upon a redesignation of such Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, the Borrower will be deemed to continue to have a permanent “Investment” in an Unrestricted Subsidiary in an amount (if positive) equal to (a) the Borrower’s “Investment” in such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation less (b) the portion (proportionate to the Borrower’s equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the fair market value of the net assets (as conclusively determined by an Officer or the Board of Directors of the Borrower in good faith) of such Subsidiary at the time that such Subsidiary is so re-designated a Restricted Subsidiary; and
- (b) any property transferred to or from an Unrestricted Subsidiary will be valued at its fair market value at the time of such transfer (or if earlier at the time of entering into an agreement to sell such property), in each case as determined in good faith by an Officer or the Board of Directors of the Borrower.

The amount of any Investment outstanding at any time shall be the original cost of such Investment, reduced (at the Borrower’s option) by any dividend, distribution, interest payment, return of capital, repayment or other amount or value received in respect of such Investment.

“**Investment Grade Securities**” means:

- (a) securities issued or directly and fully Guaranteed or insured by the United States or Canadian government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (other than Cash Equivalents);
- (b) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United Kingdom, a member state of the European Union, Switzerland, Norway or any agency or instrumentality thereof (other than Cash Equivalents);
- (c) debt securities or debt instruments with a rating of “BBB” or higher from S&P or “Baa3” or higher by Moody’s or the equivalent of such rating by such rating organization or, if no rating of Moody’s or S&P then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any other Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization, but excluding any debt securities or instruments constituting loans or advances among the Borrower and its Subsidiaries; and
- (d) investments in any fund that invests exclusively in investments of the type described in clauses (a), (b) and (c) above which fund may also hold cash and Cash Equivalents pending investment or distribution.

“**Investor**” means the ultimate controlling shareholder of Altice USA on the Effective Date.

“**Investor Affiliate**” means (i) the Investor or any of his immediate family members, and any such persons’ respective Affiliates and direct and indirect Subsidiaries, (ii) any sponsor, limited partnerships or entities managed or controlled by the Investor or any of his immediate family, or any of such persons’ respective Affiliates and direct or indirect Subsidiaries, (iii) any trust of the

Investor or any of his immediate family, or any of such persons' respective Affiliates and direct or indirect Subsidiaries or any trust in respect of which any such persons is a trustee, (iv) any partnership of which the Investor or any of his immediate family, or any of such persons' respective Affiliates or direct or indirect Subsidiaries is a partner that is managed or controlled by the Investor, any of his immediate family or any of such persons' respective Affiliates or direct or indirect Subsidiaries, and (v) any trust, fund or other entity which is managed by, or is under the control of, the Investor or any of his immediate family, or any of such persons' respective Affiliates or direct or indirect Subsidiaries, but excluding the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries.

“Issue Date” means the date of issuance of the New Senior Guaranteed Notes.

“Joinder Agreement” shall mean an agreement, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, pursuant to which a Subsidiary becomes a party to, and bound by the terms of, the Facility Guaranty.

“L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA” means as of any date of determination, Pro Forma EBITDA for the period of the most recent two consecutive fiscal quarters ending prior to the date of such determination for which internal consolidated financial statements of the Borrower are available multiplied by 2.0.

“Combination Date Cablevision Co-Issued Notes” means the (i) 5.125% Senior Notes due 2021, (ii) 7.75% Senior Notes due 2025 and (iii) 7.5% Senior Notes due 2028, in each case, as originally co-issued by Cequel Communications Holdings I, LLC and Cequel Capital Corporation and as succeeded to by Cablevision Systems Corporation and/or Cequel Capital Corporation, as successor co-issuers in connection with the Combination Transactions, and in each case, in an aggregate principal amount outstanding after giving effect to the Combination Transactions.

“Legacy CSC Senior Notes” means the (i) \$526 million aggregate principal amount of the Borrower's 8.625% Senior Notes due 2019 and 8.625% Series B Senior Notes due 2019, (ii)

\$1,000 million aggregate principal amount of the Borrower's 6.75% Senior Notes due 2021 and 6.75% Series B Senior Notes due 2021 and (iii) \$750 million aggregate principal amount of Borrower's of the Borrower's 5.25% Senior Notes due 2024 and 5.25% Series B Senior Notes due 2024.

“Lien” means any mortgage, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, lien or charge of any kind (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement or lease in the nature thereof).

“Limited Recourse” means a letter of credit, revolving loan commitment, cash collateral account, guarantee or other credit enhancement issued by the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than a Receivables Subsidiary) in connection with the incurrence of Indebtedness by a Receivables Subsidiary under a Qualified Receivables Financing; provided that, the aggregate amount of such letter of credit reimbursement obligations and the aggregate available amount of such revolving loan commitments, cash collateral accounts, guarantees or other such credit enhancements of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than a Receivables Subsidiary) shall not exceed 25% of the principal amount of such Indebtedness at any time.

“**Listed Entity**” refers to Altice USA or its successors.

“**Loan Guarantee**” means the Guarantee by each Guarantor of the Obligations (other than any Obligations with respect to Swap Contracts of Treasury Services Agreements), executed pursuant to the provisions of the Facility Guaranty.

“**Management Advances**” means loans or advances made to, or Guarantees with respect to loans or advances made to, directors, officers, employees or consultants of any Parent, the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary:

- (a) in respect of travel, entertainment or moving related expenses Incurred in the ordinary course of business or (b) for purposes of funding any such Person’s purchase of Capital Stock or Subordinated Shareholder Funding (or similar obligations) of the Borrower, its Restricted Subsidiaries or any CVC Parent (i) not to exceed an amount (net of repayments of any such loans or advances) equal to \$20 million in any calendar year (with unused amounts in any calendar year being carried over to the succeeding calendar years; *provided* that the aggregate Management Advances made under this sub-clause (b)(i) do not exceed \$40 million in any fiscal year) or (ii) with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Borrower;
- (b) in respect of moving related expenses Incurred in connection with any closing or consolidation of any facility or office; or
- (c) (in the case of this clause (c) not exceeding \$20 million in the aggregate outstanding at any time.

“**Management Investors**” means the current or former officers, directors, employees and other members of the management of or consultants to any Parent, the Borrower, or any of their respective Subsidiaries, or spouses, family members or relatives thereof, or any trust, partnership or other entity for the benefit of or the beneficial owner of which (directly or indirectly) is any of the foregoing, or any of their heirs, executors, successors and legal representatives, who at any date beneficially own or have the right to acquire, directly or indirectly, Capital Stock of the Borrower, any Restricted Subsidiary or any Parent.

“**Market Capitalization**” means an amount equal to (i) the total number of issued and outstanding shares of Capital Stock of the Listed Entity on the date of the declaration of the relevant dividend or purchase, repurchase or other acquisition or retirement of common stock or common equity interests multiplied by (ii) the arithmetic mean of the closing prices per share of such Capital Stock for the 30 consecutive trading days immediately preceding the date of declaration of such dividends or purchase, repurchase or other acquisition or retirement of common stock or common equity interests.

“**Material Intellectual Property**” means any intellectual property owned by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary that is material to the operations of the business of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

“**Moody’s**” means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. or any of its successors or assigns that is a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization.

“Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization” shall have the same meaning as used in Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.

“Net Available Cash” from an Asset Disposition means cash payments received (including any cash payments received by way of deferred payment of principal pursuant to a note or installment receivable or otherwise and net proceeds from the sale or other disposition of any securities received as consideration, but only as and when received, but excluding any other consideration received in the form of assumption by the acquiring person of Indebtedness or other obligations relating to the properties or assets that are the subject of such Asset Disposition or received in any other non-cash form) therefrom, in each case net of:

- (a) all legal, accounting, investment banking, title and recording tax expenses, commissions and other fees and expenses Incurred, and all Taxes paid or required to be paid or accrued as a liability under GAAP (after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any Tax Sharing Agreements), as a consequence of such Asset Disposition;
- (b) all payments made on any Indebtedness which is secured by any assets subject to such Asset Disposition, in accordance with the terms of any Lien upon such assets, or which must by its terms, or in order to obtain a necessary consent to such Asset Disposition, or by applicable law, be repaid out of the proceeds from such Asset Disposition;
- (c) all distributions and other payments required to be made to minority interest holders (other than any Parent, the Borrower or any of their respective Subsidiaries) in Subsidiaries or joint ventures as a result of such Asset Disposition; and
- (d) the deduction of appropriate amounts required to be provided by the seller as a reserve, on the basis of GAAP, against (a) any liabilities associated with the assets disposed in such Asset Disposition and retained by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary after such Asset Disposition; or (b) any purchase price adjustment or earn-out in connection with such Asset Disposition.

“Net Cash Proceeds” means, with respect to any issuance or sale of Capital Stock or Subordinated Shareholder Funding, any Incurrence of any Indebtedness or any sale of any asset, the cash proceeds of such issuance or sale, net of attorneys’ fees, accountants’ fees, underwriters’ or placement agents’ fees, listing fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees and charges actually Incurred in connection with such issuance or sale and net of taxes paid or payable as a result of such issuance or sale (after taking into account any available tax credit or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements).

“New Senior Guaranteed Notes” means the Borrower’s senior guaranteed notes, expected to be issued on the Issue Date in accordance with the New Senior Guaranteed Notes Offering Memorandum.

“New Senior Guaranteed Notes Indenture” means the indenture dated as of the Issue Date, as amended, between the Borrower, as issuer, and the trustee party thereto, governing the New Senior Guaranteed Notes.

“New Senior Guaranteed Notes Offering Memorandum” means the version of offering memorandum in relation to the New Senior Guaranteed Notes provided to the Administrative Agent on or about the date of the Seventh Amendment.

“Officer” means, with respect to any Person, (1) any member of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, any Vice President, the Treasurer or the Secretary (a) of such Person or (b) if such Person is owned or managed by a single entity, of such entity, or (2) any other individual designated as an “Officer” for the purposes of this Agreement by the Board of Directors of such Person.

“Officer’s Certificate” means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by one Officer of such Person.

“Operating IRU” means an indefeasible right of use of, or operating lease or payable for lit or unlit fiber optic cable or telecommunications conduit or the use of either.

“Opinion of Counsel” means a written opinion from legal counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, which opinion may contain customary assumptions and qualifications. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to any Parent, the Borrower or any of their Subsidiaries.

“Original Notes Issue Date” means October 9, 2015.

“Parent” means any Person of which the Borrower at any time is or becomes a Subsidiary and any holding companies established by any Permitted Holder for purposes of holding its investment in any Parent.

“Parent Expenses” means:

- (a) costs (including all professional fees and expenses) Incurred by any Parent in connection with reporting obligations under or otherwise Incurred in connection with compliance with applicable laws, rules or regulations of any governmental, regulatory or self-regulatory body or stock exchange, this Agreement or any other agreement or instrument relating to Indebtedness of a Parent, (excluding principal and interest under any such agreement or instrument relating to obligations of the Parent), the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, including in respect of any reports filed with respect to the Securities Act, Exchange Act or the respective rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (b) customary indemnification obligations of any Parent owing to directors, officers, employees or other Persons under its charter or by-laws or pursuant to written agreements with any such Person to the extent relating to a Parent, the Borrower or their respective Subsidiaries;
- (c) obligations of any Parent in respect of director and officer insurance (including premiums therefor) to the extent relating to a Parent, the Borrower or their respective Subsidiaries and reasonable fees and reimbursement of expenses to, and customary indemnities and employee benefit and pension expenses provided on behalf of, directors, officers, consultants or employees of the Borrower, any Restricted Subsidiary or any Parent (whether directly or indirectly and including through any Person owned or controlled by any of such directors, officers or employees);

- (d) fees and expenses payable by any Parent in connection with the Altice USA Distribution, the Transactions and the Existing Transactions;
- (e) general corporate overhead expenses, including (a) professional fees and expenses and other operational expenses of any Parent related to the ownership or operation of the business of the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries including acquisitions or dispositions by the Borrower or a Subsidiary permitted hereunder (whether or not successful), in each case, to the extent such costs, obligations and/or expenses are not paid by another Subsidiary of such Parent or (b) costs and expenses with respect to any litigation or other dispute relating to the Existing Transactions, the Transactions and the Altice USA Distribution, or the ownership, directly or indirectly, by any Parent;
- (f) any fees and expenses required to maintain any Parent's corporate existence and to provide for other ordinary course operating costs, including customary salary, bonus and other benefits payable to officers and employees of such Parent;
- (g) to reimburse out-of-pocket expenses of the Board of Directors of any Parent and payment of all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses Incurred by any Permitted Holder in connection with its direct or indirect investment in the Borrower and its Subsidiaries;
- (h) other fees, expenses and costs relating directly or indirectly to activities of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or any Parent or any other Person established for purposes of or in connection with the Existing Transactions, the Transactions and the Altice USA Distribution or which holds directly or indirectly any Capital Stock or Subordinated Shareholder Funding of the Borrower, in an amount not to exceed \$10 million in any fiscal year;
- (i) any Public Offering Expenses;
- (j) payments pursuant to any Tax Sharing Agreement in the ordinary course of business or as a result of the formation and maintenance of any consolidated group for tax or accounting purposes in the ordinary course of business; and
- (k) franchise, excise and similar taxes and other fees, taxes and expenses, in each case, required for the Borrower to maintain its operations and paid by the Parent.

"Payment Block Event" means: (1) any Event of Default described in Section 7.01(a) of the Credit Agreement has occurred and is continuing; (2) any Event of Default described in Section 7.01(g) has occurred and is continuing; and (3) any other Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the Administrative Agent has declared all the Loans to be due and payable immediately (and such acceleration has not been rescinded). No Payment Block Event shall be deemed to have occurred unless the Administrative Agent has delivered notice of the occurrence of such Payment Block Event to the Borrower.

"Pension Plan" means any Employee Benefit Plan, other than a Multiemployer Plan, which is subject to Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or Section 302 of ERISA.

"Permitted Asset Swap" means the concurrent purchase and sale or exchange of assets used or useful in a Similar Business or a combination of such assets and cash, Cash Equivalents or Temporary Cash Investments between the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries and

another Person; *provided* that any cash or Cash Equivalents received in excess of the value of any cash or Cash Equivalents sold or exchanged must be applied in accordance with Section 4.08.

“Permitted Collateral Liens” means:

- (a) Liens on the Collateral that are described in one or more of clauses (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h), (j), (k), (l), (m), (r), (t), (w), (x) and (bb) of the definition of “Permitted Liens”; and
- (b) Liens on the Collateral to secure (a) Indebtedness that is permitted to be Incurred under Section 4.04(a) (so long as on the date of Incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to such Section 4.04(a) and after giving effect thereto on a *pro forma* basis, (including a *pro forma* application of the net proceeds therefrom) as if such Indebtedness had been Incurred at the beginning of the relevant period, the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio is no greater than 4.0 to 1.0), (b) Indebtedness that is permitted to be Incurred under Section 4.04(b)(1), Section 4.04(b)(2)(a) (in the case of Section 4.04(b)(2)(a), to the extent such Guarantee is in respect of Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be secured on the Collateral as specified in this definition of Permitted Collateral Liens), Section 4.04(b)(5) (so long as, in the case of Section 4.04(b)(5), on the date of Incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to such Section 4.04(b)(5) and after giving effect thereto on a *pro forma* basis (including a *pro forma* application of the net proceeds therefrom) as if such Indebtedness had been Incurred at the beginning of the relevant period, either (x) the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio is no greater than 4.0 to 1.0 or (y) the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio would not be greater than it was immediately prior to giving effect to such acquisition or other transaction), Section 4.04(b)(7)(a) (to the extent relating to Currency Agreements or Interest Rate Agreements related to Indebtedness), Section 4.04(b)(7)(b), Section 4.04(b)(14) (so long as, in the case of Section 4.04(b)(14), on the date of Incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to such Section 4.04(b)(14) and after giving effect thereto on a *pro forma* basis (including a *pro forma* application of the net proceeds therefrom) as if such Indebtedness had been Incurred at the beginning of the relevant period, together with any Incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(1)(ii) and Section 4.04(b)(5) on the date on which Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(14) is Incurred, (x) the Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio is no greater than 4.0 to 1.0 and (y) the Borrower could Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness under Section 4.04(a), and Section 4.04(b)(16) and (c) any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect of Indebtedness referred to in the foregoing sub-clauses (a) or (b) of this clause (b) of the definition of Permitted Collateral Liens, provided, however, that (i) such Lien shall rank *pari passu* or junior to the Liens securing the Loans and the Loan Guarantees (including by virtue of the Intercreditor Agreement or an Additional Intercreditor Agreement); (ii) in each case, all property and assets (including, without limitation, the Collateral) securing such Indebtedness also secure the Loans or the Loan Guarantees on a senior or *pari passu* basis (including by virtue of the Intercreditor Agreement or an Additional Intercreditor Agreement but no such Indebtedness shall have priority to the Loans over amounts received from the sale of the Collateral pursuant to an enforcement sale or other distressed disposal of such Collateral); and (iii) each of the parties thereto will have entered into the Intercreditor Agreement or an Additional Intercreditor Agreement.

“Permitted Guarantor Indebtedness” means, as of any date of determination, the sum, without duplication of the aggregate outstanding amount of any Pari Passu Indebtedness Incurred by a Guarantor pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(2) (with respect to any Guarantee Incurred by a Guarantor in respect of Pari Passu Indebtedness that would constitute Permitted Guarantor Indebtedness if Incurred by a Guarantor), Section 4.04(b)(8) and Section 4.04(b)(16).

“Permitted Holders” means, collectively, (1) the Investor, (2) Investor Affiliates, (3) any Person who is acting as an underwriter in connection with a public or private offering of Capital Stock of any Parent or the Borrower, acting in such capacity, (4) BCP and (5) CPPIB.

“Permitted Investment” means (in each case, by the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries):

- (a) Investments in (i) a Restricted Subsidiary (including the Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary) or the Borrower or (ii) any Person (including the Capital Stock of any such Person) that is engaged in any Similar Business and such Person will, upon the making of such Investment, become a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (b) Investments in another Person if such Person is engaged in any Similar Business and as a result of such Investment such other Person is merged, consolidated or otherwise combined with or into, or transfers or conveys all or substantially all its assets to, the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (c) Investments in cash, Cash Equivalents, Temporary Cash Investments or Investment Grade Securities;
- (d) Investments in receivables owing to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary created or acquired in the ordinary course of business and payable or dischargeable in accordance with customary trade terms; provided, however, that such trade terms may include such concessionary trade terms as the Borrower or any such Restricted Subsidiary deems reasonable under the circumstances;
- (e) Investments in payroll, travel and similar advances to cover matters that are expected at the time of such advances ultimately to be treated as expenses for accounting purposes and that are made in the ordinary course of business;
- (f) Management Advances;
- (g) Investments in Capital Stock, obligations or securities received in settlement of debts created in the ordinary course of business and owing to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary (including obligations of trade creditors and customers), or as a result of foreclosure, perfection or enforcement of any Lien, or in satisfaction of judgments or pursuant to any plan of reorganization or similar arrangement including upon the bankruptcy or insolvency of a debtor or in compromise or resolution of any litigation, arbitration or other dispute;
- (h) Investments made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from a sale or other disposition of property or assets, including an Asset Disposition, in each case, that was made in compliance with Section 4.08 and other Investments resulting from the

disposition of assets in transactions excluded from the definition of “Asset Disposition” pursuant to the exclusions from such definition;

- (i) Investments in existence on, or made pursuant to legally binding commitments in existence on, the Effective Date and any modification, replacement, renewal or extension thereof; provided that the amount of any such Investment may not be increased except (a) as required by the terms of such Investment as in existence on the Effective Date or (b) as otherwise permitted by this Agreement;
- (j) Currency Agreements, Interest Rate Agreements, Commodity Hedging Agreements and related Hedging Obligations, which transactions or obligations are Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(b)(7);
- (k) pledges or deposits with respect to leases or utilities provided to third parties in the ordinary course of business or Liens otherwise described in the definition of “Permitted Liens” or made in connection with Liens permitted under Section 4.06;
- (l) any Investment to the extent made using Capital Stock of the Borrower (other than Disqualified Stock or Designated Preference Shares), Subordinated Shareholder Funding or Capital Stock of any Parent as consideration;
- (m) any transaction to the extent constituting an Investment that is permitted and made in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09(b) (except those described in Section 4.09(b)(1), Section 4.09(b)(3), Section 4.09(b)(6), Section 4.09(b)(8), Section 4.09(b)(9) and Section 4.09(b)(12));
- (n) Guarantees not prohibited by Section 4.04 and (other than with respect to Indebtedness) guarantees, keepwells and similar arrangements in the ordinary course of business;
- (o) Investments in the Loans, the New Senior Guaranteed Notes (and any additional notes issued under the New Senior Guaranteed Notes Indenture), the Existing Notes (and any additional notes issued under the Existing Notes Indentures), or any Pari Passu Indebtedness of the Borrower or a Guarantor;
- (p) (a) Investments acquired after the Effective Date as a result of the acquisition by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary of another Person, including by way of a merger, amalgamation or consolidation with or into the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in a transaction that is not prohibited by Article V hereof to the extent that such Investments were not made in contemplation of such acquisition, merger, amalgamation or consolidation and (b) Investments of a Restricted Subsidiary existing on the date such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary to the extent that such Investments were not made in contemplation of such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (q) Investments, taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (q) and at any time outstanding, in an aggregate amount at the time of such Investment not to exceed the greater of 35% of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA and \$1,455 million plus the amount of any distributions, dividends, payments or other returns in respect of such Investments (without duplication for purposes of Section 4.05) (with the fair market value of each Investment being measured in accordance with Section 4.05); *provided,*

that, if an Investment is made pursuant to this clause in a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary and such Person subsequently becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, such Investment shall thereafter be deemed to have been made pursuant to clause (a) or (b) of the definition of “Permitted Investments” and not this clause;

- (r) Investments in (a) joint ventures and similar entities and (b) Unrestricted Subsidiaries having an aggregate fair market value, when taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (r) that are at the time outstanding, not to exceed the greater of \$2,080 million and 50% of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA at the time of such Investment plus the amount of any distributions, dividends, payments or other returns in respect of such Investments (without duplication for purposes of Section 4.05) (with the fair market value of each Investment being measured in accordance with Section 4.05(c)); *provided, however,* that Investments under sub-clause (b) of this clause (r) (i) in the aggregate at any one time outstanding do not exceed the greater of \$1,245 million and 30% of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA plus the amount of any distributions, dividends, payments or other returns in respect of such Investment; and (ii) shall not be made unless the Specified Gross Leverage Condition is satisfied;
- (s) Investments by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary in a Receivables Subsidiary or any Investment by a Receivables Subsidiary in any other Person, in each case, in connection with a Qualified Receivables Financing, provided, however, that any Investment in any such Person is in the form of a Purchase Money Note, or any equity interest or interests in Receivables and related assets generated by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary and transferred to any Person in connection with a Qualified Receivables Financing or any such Person owning such Receivables;
- (t) Investments made to effect, or otherwise made in connection with, the Existing Transactions or the Transactions or any non-cash Investments made in connection with Permitted Reorganizations;
- (u) Investments by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary in an Effective Date Unrestricted Subsidiary, in existence as of the Effective Date;
- (v) Investments by the Borrower related to Comcast common stock owned by the Borrower on the Effective Date (including guarantees in favor of certain financial institutions in respect of ongoing interest expense obligations in connection with the monetization of Comcast common stock); and
- (w) Investments of all or a portion of escrowed property permitted under an escrow agreement substantially similar to the escrow agreement entered into by Neptune Finco Corp. in connection with certain of the Existing Transactions.

“**Permitted Liens**” means, with respect to any Person:

- (a) Liens on assets or property of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor securing Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary or another Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor;
- (b) pledges, deposits or Liens under workmen’s compensation laws, unemployment insurance laws, social security laws or similar legislation, or insurance related

obligations (including pledges or deposits securing liability to insurance carriers under insurance or self-insurance arrangements and including Liens on insurance policies and proceeds thereof, or other deposits, to secure insurance premium financings), or in connection with bids, tenders, completion guarantees, contracts (other than for borrowed money) or leases, or to secure utilities, licenses, public or statutory obligations, or to secure surety, indemnity, judgment, appeal or performance bonds, guarantees of government contracts (or other similar bonds, instruments or obligations), or as security for contested taxes or import or customs duties or for the payment of rent, or other obligations of like nature, in each case Incurred in the ordinary course of business;

- (c) Liens imposed by law, including carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', landlords', materialmen's and repairmen's or other like Liens, in each case for sums not yet overdue for a period of more than 60 days or that are bonded or being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;
- (d) Liens for taxes, assessments or other governmental charges not yet subject to penalties for non-payment or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; provided that appropriate reserves required pursuant to GAAP have been made in respect thereof;
- (e) (a) Liens in favor of issuers of surety, performance or other bonds, guarantees or letters of credit or bankers' acceptances (not issued to support Indebtedness for borrowed money) issued pursuant to the request of and for the account of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of its business and (b) Liens in connection with cash management programs established in the ordinary course of business;
- (f) encumbrances, ground leases, easements (including reciprocal easement agreements), survey exceptions, or reservations of, or rights of others for, licenses, rights of way, sewers, electric lines, telegraph and telephone lines and other similar purposes, or zoning, building codes or other restrictions (including minor defects or irregularities in title and similar encumbrances) as to the use of real properties or Liens incidental to the conduct of the business of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries or to the ownership of its properties which do not in the aggregate materially adversely affect the value of said properties or materially impair their use in the operation of the business of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (g) Liens on assets or property of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary securing Hedging Obligations permitted under this Agreement;
- (h) leases, licenses, subleases and sublicenses of assets (including real property and intellectual property rights), in each case entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (i) Liens arising out of judgments, decrees, orders or awards not giving rise to an Event of Default and notices of lis pendens and associated rights so long as any appropriate legal proceedings which may have been duly initiated for the review of such judgment, decree, order, award or notice have not been finally terminated or the period within which such proceedings may be initiated has not expired;
- (j) Liens on assets or property of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary (including Capital Stock) for the purpose of securing Capitalized Lease Obligations or Purchase

Money Obligations, or securing the payment of all or a part of the purchase price of, or securing other Indebtedness Incurred to finance or refinance the acquisition, improvement or construction of, assets or property acquired or constructed in the ordinary course of business; provided that (a) the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness secured by such Liens is otherwise permitted to be Incurred under this Agreement (excluding Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to Section 4.04(a)) and (b) any such Lien may not extend to any assets or property of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary other than assets or property acquired, improved, constructed or leased with the proceeds of such Indebtedness and any improvements or accessions to such assets and property;

- (k) Liens arising by virtue of any statutory or common law provisions relating to banker's Liens, rights of set-off or similar rights and remedies as to deposit accounts or other funds maintained with a depository or financial institution (including, without limitation, Liens of a collection bank arising under Section 4-210 of the Uniform Commercial Code);
- (l) Liens arising from Uniform Commercial Code financing statement filings (or similar filings in other applicable jurisdictions) regarding operating leases entered into by the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;
- (m) with respect to the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, Liens existing on or provided for or required to be granted under written agreements existing on the Effective Date after giving effect to the Transactions;
- (n) Liens on property, other assets or shares of stock of a Person at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary (or at the time the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary acquires such property, other assets or shares of stock, including any acquisition by means of a merger, consolidation or other business combination transaction with or into the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary); provided, however, that such Liens are not created, Incurred or assumed in anticipation of or in connection with such other Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary (or such acquisition of such property, other assets or stock); provided, further, that such Liens are limited to all or part of the same property, other assets or stock (plus improvements, accession, proceeds or dividends or distributions in connection with the original property, other assets or stock) that secured (or, under the written arrangements under which such Liens arose, could secure) the obligations to which such Liens relate;
- (o) Liens on assets or property of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary securing Indebtedness or other obligations of the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary owing to the Borrower or another Restricted Subsidiary, or Liens in favor of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (p) Liens securing Refinancing Indebtedness Incurred to refinance Indebtedness that was previously so secured, and permitted to be secured under this Agreement; *provided* that any such Lien is limited to all or part of the same property or assets (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds or dividends or distributions in respect thereof) that secured (or, under the written arrangements under which the original Lien arose, could secure) the

Indebtedness being refinanced or is in respect of property that is or could be the security for or subject to a Permitted Lien hereunder;

- (q) any interest or title of a lessor under any Capitalized Lease Obligation or operating lease;
- (r) (a) mortgages, liens, security interest, restrictions, encumbrances or any other matters of record that have been placed by any government, statutory or regulatory authority, developer, landlord or other third party on property over which the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary has easement rights or on any leased property and subordination or similar arrangements relating thereto and (b) any condemnation or eminent domain proceedings affecting any real property;
- (s) any encumbrance or restriction (including put and call arrangements) with respect to Capital Stock of, or assets owned by, any joint venture or similar arrangement pursuant to any joint venture or similar agreement;
- (t) Liens on property or assets under construction (and related rights) in favor of a contractor or developer or arising from progress or partial payments by a third party relating to such property or assets;
- (u) Liens on Receivables Assets Incurred in connection with a Qualified Receivables Financing;
- (v) Liens on Escrowed Proceeds for the benefit of the related holders of debt securities or other Indebtedness (or the underwriters or arrangers thereof) or on cash set aside at the time of the Incurrence of any Indebtedness or government securities purchased with such cash, in either case to the extent such cash or government securities prefund the payment of interest on such Indebtedness and are held in an escrow account or similar arrangement to be applied for such purpose;
- (w) bankers' Liens, Liens on specific items of inventory or other goods (and the proceeds thereof) of any Person securing such Person's obligations in respect of bankers' acceptances issued or created in the ordinary course of business of such Person to facilitate the purchase, shipment or storage of such inventory or other goods and Liens securing or arising by reason of any netting or set-off arrangement entered into in the ordinary course of banking or other trading activities;
- (x) Liens arising out of conditional sale, title retention, hire purchase, consignment or similar arrangements for the sale of goods entered into in the ordinary course of business, and pledges of goods, the related documents of title and/or other related documents arising or created in the ordinary course of business or operations as Liens only for Indebtedness to a bank or financial institution directly relating to the goods or documents on or over which the pledge exists;
- (y) Permitted Collateral Liens;
- (z) Liens on Capital Stock or other securities or assets of any Unrestricted Subsidiary that secure Indebtedness of such Unrestricted Subsidiary;

- (aa) any security granted over Cash Equivalents in connection with the disposal thereof to a third party and Liens on cash, Cash Equivalents or other property arising in connection with the defeasance, discharge or redemption of Indebtedness;
- (bb) (a) Liens created for the benefit of or to secure, directly or indirectly, the Obligations, (b) Liens pursuant to the Intercreditor Agreement and (c) Liens in respect of property and assets securing Indebtedness if the recovery in respect of such Liens is subject to loss-sharing or similar provisions as among the Lenders and the creditors of such Indebtedness pursuant to the Intercreditor Agreement or an Additional Intercreditor Agreement;
- (cc) Liens created on any asset of the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary established to hold assets of any stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit or incentive plan or unit trust of the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary securing any loan to finance the acquisition of such assets
- (dd) Liens; provided that the maximum amount of Indebtedness secured in the aggregate at any one time pursuant to this clause (dd) does not exceed the greater of \$830 million and 20% of L2QA Pro Forma EBITDA;
- (ee) Liens consisting of any right of set-off granted to any financial institution acting as a lockbox bank in connection with a Qualified Receivables Financing;
- (ff) Liens for the purpose of perfecting the ownership interests of a purchaser of Receivables and related assets pursuant to any Qualified Receivables Financing;
- (gg) Cash deposits or other Liens for the purpose of securing Limited Recourse;
- (hh) Liens arising in connection with other sales of Receivables permitted hereunder without recourse to the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (ii) Liens encumbering reasonable customary initial deposits and margin deposits and similar Liens attaching to commodity trading accounts or other brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes;
- (jj) Liens (a) on any cash earnest money deposits or cash advances made by the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with any letter of intent or purchase agreement permitted under this Agreement, or (b) on other cash advances in favor of the seller of any property to be acquired in an Investment or other acquisition permitted hereunder to be applied against the purchase price for such Investment or other acquisition;
- (kk) Liens or rights of set-off against credit balances of the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries with credit card issuers or credit card processors or amounts owing by such credit card issuers or credit card processors to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business to secure the obligations of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary to the credit card Borrowers or credit card processors as a result of fees and charges;

- (ll) customary Liens of an indenture trustee on money or property held or collected by it to secure fees, expenses and indemnities owing to it by any obligor under an indenture;
- (mm) any liens over Comcast common stock owned by the Borrower on the Effective Date; and
- (nn) Liens arising in connection with any Permitted Reorganization.

“Permitted Reorganization” means any reorganizations and other activities related to tax planning and tax reorganization, so long as, after giving effect thereto, the enforceability of the Loan Guarantees and the security of the Secured Parties in the Collateral, in each case taken as a whole, are not materially impaired.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, limited liability company, government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

“Preferred Stock”, as applied to the Capital Stock of any Person, means Capital Stock of any class or classes (however designated) which is preferred as to the payment of dividends or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution of such Person, over shares of Capital Stock of any other class of such Person.

“Primary Jurisdiction” means Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the United States of America, any State of the United States of America or the District of Columbia.

“Pro Forma EBITDA” means, for any period, the Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries, provided that for the purposes of calculating *Pro Forma EBITDA* for such period, if, as of such date of determination:

- (a) since the beginning of such period the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary has disposed of any company, any business, or any group of assets constituting an operating unit of a business or otherwise ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary (and is not a Restricted Subsidiary at the end of such period) (any such disposition, a “Sale”) or if the transaction giving rise to the need to calculate *Pro Forma EBITDA* is such a Sale, *Pro Forma EBITDA* for such period will be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated *EBITDA* (if positive) attributable to the assets which are the subject of such Sale for such period or increased by an amount equal to the Consolidated *EBITDA* (if negative) attributable thereto for such period; provided that if any such sale constitutes “discontinued operations” in accordance with GAAP, Consolidated Net Income shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated Net Income (if positive) attributable to such operations for such period or increased by an amount equal to the Consolidated Net Income (if negative) attributable thereto for such period;
- (b) since the beginning of such period, a Parent, the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary (by merger or otherwise) has made an Investment in any Person that thereby becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, or otherwise has acquired any company, any business, or any group of assets constituting an operating unit of a business or a Person otherwise becomes a Restricted Subsidiary (and remains a Restricted Subsidiary at the end of such period) (any such Investment, acquisition or designation, a “Purchase”), including any such Purchase occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be

made hereunder, *Pro Forma EBITDA* for such period will be calculated after giving *pro forma* effect thereto as if such Purchase occurred on the first day of such period; and

- (c) since the beginning of such period, any Person (that became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged or otherwise combined with or into the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary since the beginning of such period) will have made any Sale or any Purchase that would have required an adjustment pursuant to clause (a) or (b) above if made by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary since the beginning of such period, *Pro Forma EBITDA* for such period will be calculated after giving *pro forma* effect thereto as if such Sale or Purchase occurred on the first day of such period.

For the purposes of this definition and the definitions of Consolidated EBITDA, Consolidated Income Taxes, Consolidated Interest Expense, Consolidated Net Income, Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio, Consolidated Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio ~~and, Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio and Gross~~ Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio or any other purpose hereunder (a) whenever *pro forma* effect is to be given to any transaction (including, without limitation, transactions listed in clauses (a)-(c) hereof) or calculation hereunder or such other definitions, the *pro forma* calculations will be as determined in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer of the Borrower or an Officer of the Borrower (including in respect of anticipated expense and cost reductions and synergies (other than revenue synergies)) (calculated on a *pro forma* basis as though such expense and cost reductions and synergies had been realized on the first day of the period for which *Pro Forma EBITDA* is being determined and as though such cost savings, operating expense reductions and synergies were realized during the entirety of such period), (b) in determining the amount of Indebtedness outstanding on any date of determination, *pro forma* effect shall be given to any Incurrence, repayment, repurchase, defeasance or other acquisition, retirement or discharge of Indebtedness as if such transaction had occurred on the first day of the relevant period and (c) if any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given *pro forma* effect, the interest on such Indebtedness shall be calculated as if the rate in effect on the date of determination had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account any Hedging Obligations applicable to such Indebtedness if such Hedging Obligations have a remaining term in excess of 12 months).

“Public Debt” means any Indebtedness consisting of bonds, debentures, notes or other similar debt securities issued in (1) a public offering registered under the Securities Act or (2) a private placement to institutional investors that is underwritten for resale in accordance with Rule 144A or Regulation S under the Securities Act, whether or not it includes registration rights entitling the holders of such debt securities to registration thereof with the SEC for public resale.

“Public Offering” means any offering, including the Initial Public Offering, of shares of common stock or other common equity interests that are listed on an exchange or publicly offered (which shall include an offering pursuant to Rule 144A and/or Regulation S under the Securities Act to professional market investors or similar persons).

“Public Offering Expenses” means expenses Incurred by any Parent in connection with any Public Offering or any offering of Public Debt (whether or not successful):

- (a) where the net proceeds of such offering are intended to be received by or contributed or loaned to the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary;

- (b) in a pro-rated amount of such expenses in proportion to the amount of such net proceeds intended to be so received, contributed or loaned; or
- (c) otherwise on an interim basis prior to completion of such offering so long as any Parent shall cause the amount of such expenses to be repaid to the Borrower or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary out of the proceeds of such offering promptly if completed, in each case, to the extent such expenses are not paid by another Subsidiary of such Parent.

“**Purchase**” is defined in the definition of “Pro Forma EBITDA”.

“**Purchase Money Note**” means a promissory note of a Receivables Subsidiary evidencing the deferred purchase price of Receivables (and related assets) and/or a line of credit, which may be irrevocable, from the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in connection with a Qualified Receivables Financing with a Receivables Subsidiary, which deferred purchase price or line is repayable from cash available to the Receivables Subsidiary, other than amounts required to be established as reserves pursuant to agreements, amounts paid to investors in respect of interest, principal and other amounts owing to such investors and amounts owing to such investors and amounts paid in connection with the purchase of newly generated Receivables.

“**Purchase Money Obligations**” means any Indebtedness Incurred to finance or refinance the acquisition, leasing, construction or improvement of property (real or personal) or assets (including Capital Stock), and whether acquired through the direct acquisition of such property or assets or the acquisition of the Capital Stock of any Person owning such property or assets, or otherwise.

“**Qualified Receivables Financing**” means any Receivables Financing of a Receivables Subsidiary that meets the following conditions: (1) an Officer or the Board of Directors of the Borrower shall have determined in good faith that such Qualified Receivables Financing (including financing terms, covenants, termination events and other provisions) is in the aggregate economically fair and reasonable to the Borrower and the Receivables Subsidiary, (2) all sales of accounts receivable and related assets to the Receivables Subsidiary are made at fair market value (as determined in good faith by the Borrower), and (3) the financing terms, covenants, termination events and other provisions thereof shall be on market terms (as determined in good faith by the Borrower) and may include Standard Securitization Undertakings.

The grant of a security interest in any accounts receivable of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than a Receivables Subsidiary) to secure Indebtedness under a Credit Facility or Indebtedness in respect of the New Senior Guaranteed Notes shall not be deemed a Qualified Receivables Financing.

“**Ratio Guarantor Indebtedness**” means, as of any date of determination, the sum, without duplication, of the aggregate outstanding amount of any Pari Passu Indebtedness Incurred by a Guarantor pursuant to Section 4.04(a), Section 4.04(b)(1), Section 4.04(b)(2) (with respect to any Guarantee incurred in respect of Pari Passu Indebtedness that would otherwise constitute Ratio Guarantor Indebtedness if Incurred by a Guarantor), Section 4.04(b)(4), Section 4.04(b)(5) and Section 4.04(b)(14).

“Receivable” means a right to receive payment arising from a sale or lease of goods or services by a Person pursuant to an arrangement with another Person pursuant to which such other Person is obligated to pay for goods or services under terms that permit the purchase of such goods and services on credit, as determined on the basis of GAAP, and shall include, in any event, any items of property that would be classified as an “account,” “chattel paper,” “payment intangible” or “instrument” under the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York and any “supporting obligations” as so defined.

“Receivables Assets” means any assets that are or will be the subject of a Qualified Receivables Financing.

“Receivables Fees” means distributions or payments made directly or by means of discounts with respect to any participation interest issued or sold in connection with, and other fees paid to a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with, any Receivables Financing.

“Receivables Financing” means any transaction or series of transactions that may be entered into by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to which the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries may sell, convey or otherwise transfer to (a) a Receivables Subsidiary (in the case of a transfer by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries), or (b) any other Person (in the case of a transfer by a Receivables Subsidiary), or may grant a security interest in, any accounts receivable (whether now existing or arising in the future) of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, and any assets related thereto, including all collateral securing such accounts receivable, all contracts and all guarantees or other obligations in respect of such accounts receivable, proceeds of such accounts receivable and other assets which are customarily transferred or in respect of which security interest are customarily granted in connection with asset securitization transactions involving accounts receivable and any Hedging Obligations entered into by the Borrower or any such Subsidiary in connection with such accounts receivable.

“Receivables Repurchase Obligation” means any obligation of a seller of receivables in a Qualified Receivables Financing to repurchase receivables arising as a result of a breach of a representation, warranty or covenant or otherwise, including as a result of a receivable or portion thereof becoming subject to any asserted defense, dispute, off-set or counterclaim of any kind as a result of any action taken by, any failure to take action by or any other event relating to the seller.

“Receivables Subsidiary” means a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the Borrower (or another Person in which the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower makes an Investment and to which the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower transfers accounts receivable and related assets) which engages in no activities other than in connection with the financing of accounts receivable of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, all proceeds thereof and all rights (contractual or other), collateral and other assets relating thereto, and any business or activities incidental or related to such business, and which is designated by the Board of Directors of the Borrower (as provided below) as a Receivables Subsidiary and:

- (a) no portion of the Indebtedness or any other obligations (contingent or otherwise) of which (i) is guaranteed by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary (excluding guarantees of obligations (other than the principal of, and interest on, Indebtedness) pursuant to Standard Securitization Undertakings), (ii) is recourse to or obligates the

Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in any way other than pursuant to Standard Securitization Undertakings or (iii) subjects any property or asset of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, directly or indirectly, contingently or otherwise, to the satisfaction thereof, other than pursuant to Standard Securitization Undertakings except, in each case, Limited Recourse and sub-clauses (ee) through (hh) of the definition of Permitted Liens;

- (b) with which neither the Borrower nor any other Restricted Subsidiary has any material contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding (except in connection with a Purchase Money Note or a Qualified Receivables Financing) other than on terms which the Borrower reasonably believes to be no less favorable to the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons that are not Affiliates of the Borrower other than fees payable in the ordinary course of business in connection with servicing Receivables; and
- (c) to which neither the Borrower nor any other Restricted Subsidiary has any obligation to maintain or preserve such entity's financial condition or cause such entity to achieve certain levels of operating results (other than those related to or incidental to the relevant Qualified Receivables Financing), except for Limited Recourse.

Any such designation by the Board of Directors of the Borrower shall be evidenced to the Administrative Agent by filing with the Administrative Agent a copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors of the Borrower giving effect to such designation and an Officer's Certificate certifying that such designation complied with the foregoing conditions.

"Refinance" means refinance, refund, replace, renew, repay, modify, restate, defer, substitute, supplement, reissue, resell, extend or increase (including pursuant to any defeasance or discharge mechanism) and the terms "refinances", "refinanced" and "refinancing" as used for any purpose in this Agreement shall have a correlative meaning.

"Refinancing Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary to refund, refinance, replace, exchange, renew, repay or extend (including pursuant to any defeasance or discharge mechanism) any Indebtedness existing on the Effective Date or Incurred in compliance with this Agreement including Indebtedness that refinances Refinancing Indebtedness; *provided, however*, that:

- (a) if the Indebtedness being refinanced constitutes Subordinated Indebtedness, the Refinancing Indebtedness has a final stated maturity at the time such Refinancing Indebtedness is Incurred that is the same as or later than the final stated maturity of the Indebtedness being refinanced or, if shorter, the 2016 Extended Term Loans;
- (b) such Refinancing Indebtedness is Incurred in an aggregate principal amount (or if issued with original issue discount, an aggregate issue price) that is equal to or less than the sum of the aggregate principal amount (or if issued with original issue discount, the aggregate accreted value) then outstanding of the Indebtedness being refinanced (and with respect to Reserved Indebtedness, including an amount equal to any unutilized commitments for such Reserved Indebtedness being refinanced, extended, replaced, refunded, renewed or defeased to the extent permanently terminated in connection with such Refinancing Indebtedness) (plus, without duplication, any additional Indebtedness

Incurred to pay interest or premiums required by the instruments governing such existing Indebtedness, tender premiums and costs, expenses and fees Incurred in connection therewith);

- (c) if the Indebtedness being refinanced is expressly subordinated to the Loans or any Loan Guarantee, such Refinancing Indebtedness is subordinated to the Loans or such Loan Guarantee, as applicable, on terms at least as favorable to the Lenders as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being refinanced; and
- (d) if the Borrower or any Guarantor was the obligor on the Indebtedness being refinanced, such Indebtedness is incurred either by the Borrower or by a Guarantor,

provided, however, that Refinancing Indebtedness shall not include (i) Indebtedness of the Borrower that refinances Indebtedness of an Unrestricted Subsidiary or (ii) Indebtedness of the Borrower owing to and held by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary or Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary owing to and held by the Borrower or any other Restricted Subsidiary.

Refinancing Indebtedness in respect of any Credit Facility or any other Indebtedness may be Incurred from time to time after the termination, discharge, or repayment of any such Credit Facility or other Indebtedness.

“**Related Taxes**” means, without duplication (including, for the avoidance of doubt, without duplication of any amounts paid pursuant to any Tax Sharing Agreement):

- (a) any Taxes, including sales, use, transfer, rental, ad valorem, value added, stamp, property, consumption, franchise, license, capital, registration, business, customs, net worth, gross receipts, excise, occupancy, intangibles or similar Taxes (other than (x) Taxes measured by income and (y) withholding taxes), required to be paid (*provided* such Taxes are in fact paid) by any Parent by virtue of its:
 - (i) being incorporated or otherwise being established or having Capital Stock outstanding (but not by virtue of owning stock or other equity interests of any corporation or other entity other than, directly or indirectly, the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower);
 - (ii) issuing or holding Subordinated Shareholder Funding;
 - (iii) being a holding company parent, directly or indirectly, of the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower;
 - (iv) receiving dividends from or other distributions in respect of the Capital Stock of, directly or indirectly, the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower; or
 - (v) having made any payment in respect to any of the items for which the Borrower is permitted to make payments to any Parent pursuant to Section 4.05; or
- (b) if and for so long as the Borrower is a member of or included in a group filing a consolidated or combined tax return with any Parent or, for so long as the Borrower is an entity disregarded as separate from its Parent for U.S. federal income tax purposes, any

Taxes measured by income for which such Parent is liable up to an amount not to exceed with respect to such Taxes the amount of any such Taxes that the Borrower and Subsidiaries of the Borrower would have been required to pay on a separate company basis or on a consolidated basis if the Borrower and the Subsidiaries of the Borrower had paid tax on a consolidated, combined, group, affiliated or unitary basis on behalf of an affiliated group consisting only of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries of the Borrower.

“Restricted Investment” means any Investment other than a Permitted Investment.

“Restricted Purpose” means, in relation to a Restricted Payment or Permitted Payment, that such Restricted Payment or Permitted Payment is either a Specified Restricted Payment or a Permitted Payment made for the purpose of effecting a Specified Restricted Payment.

“Restricted Subsidiary” means a Subsidiary of the Borrower other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

“S&P” means Standard & Poor’s Investors Ratings Services or any of its successors or assigns that is a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization.

“Sale” is defined in the definition of “Pro Forma EBITDA”.

“SEC” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Secondary Jurisdiction” means a member of the European Union (other than Luxembourg and the Netherlands) as of the Effective Date or the date on which any Person becomes the Successor Company pursuant to Section 5.01(a) of Annex I, Switzerland or Canada.

“Securities Act” means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder, as amended.

“Securitization Assets” means (a) the account receivable, royalty or other revenue streams and other rights to payment and other assets related thereto subject to a Qualified Receivables Financing and the proceeds thereof and (b) contract rights, lockbox accounts and records with respect to such accounts receivable and any other assets customarily transferred together with accounts receivable in a securitization financing.

“Senior Guaranteed Notes” means the Existing Senior Guaranteed Notes, the New Senior Guaranteed Notes and any similar notes that benefit from guarantees of the Borrower’s Subsidiaries.

“Senior Secured Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person as of any date of determination, any Specified Indebtedness; provided that such Indebtedness is in each case secured by a Lien on the assets of the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries on a basis *pari passu* with or senior to the security in favor of the Loans.

“Senior Unguaranteed Notes” means the Existing Senior Notes, the New Senior Notes and any similar notes that do not benefit from any guarantees of the Borrower’s Subsidiaries.

“Seventh Amendment” means the seventh amendment to this Agreement (incremental loan assumption agreement and refinancing amendment) between, *inter alios*, the various lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent.

“Significant Subsidiary” means any Restricted Subsidiary that meets any of the following conditions:

- (a) the Borrower’s and the Restricted Subsidiaries’ investments in and advances to the Restricted Subsidiary exceed 10% of total assets of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal year;
- (b) the Borrower’s and the Restricted Subsidiaries’ proportionate share of the total assets (after intercompany eliminations) of the Restricted Subsidiary exceeds 10% of total assets of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal year; or
- (c) if positive, the Borrower’s and the Restricted Subsidiaries’ equity in the income from continuing operations before income taxes, extraordinary items and cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle of the Restricted Subsidiary exceeds 10% of such income of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis for the most recently completed fiscal year.

“Similar Business” means (a) any businesses, services or activities (including marketing) engaged in by the Borrower, Cablevision or any of their Subsidiaries on the Effective Date, (b) telecommunications, broadcast television, broadband and fixed and mobile telephony businesses, including the distribution, sale and for provision of mobile voice and data, fixed-line voice and internet services, transit voice traffic services and advertising and other services and equipment in relation thereto, and producing and selling any print, audio, video or other content and (c) any businesses, services and activities (including marketing) engaged in by the Borrower, Cablevision or any of their Subsidiaries that are (i) related, complementary, incidental, ancillary or similar to any of the foregoing or (ii) are reasonable extensions or developments of any thereof.

“Specified Gross Leverage Condition” means, with respect to any transaction which requires the calculation of the Gross Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio, that the Gross Guarantor Indebtedness Ratio is less than, or equal to, 3.5 to 1.0, determined on a pro forma basis for such transaction (including, in connection with an Asset Disposition, a pro forma application of any Net Available Cash from an Asset Disposition).

“Specified Indebtedness” means with respect to any Person as of any date of determination, any Indebtedness for borrowed money that is Incurred under Section 4.04(a), Section 4.04(b)(1), Section 4.04(b)(4)(a), Section 4.04(b)(4)(b), Section 4.04(b)(5), Section 4.04(b)(7), Section 4.04(b)(14) or Section 4.04(b)(16) and any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect of the foregoing.

“Specified Restricted Payment” means a Restricted Payment referred to in clauses (1), (2), and (4) of Section 4.05(a).

“Specified Restricted Payment Funding Condition” means, with respect to any Restricted Payment or Permitted Payment for a Restricted Purpose, that, if otherwise permitted, such Restricted Payment or Permitted Payment is funded, directly or indirectly, with proceeds of Indebtedness that does not constitute Pari Passu Indebtedness.

“Standard Securitization Undertakings” means representations, warranties, covenants, indemnities and guarantees of performance entered into by the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower which the Borrower has determined in good faith to be customary in a Receivables Financing, including, without limitation, Limited Recourse and those relating to the servicing of the assets of a Receivables Subsidiary, it being understood that any Receivables Repurchase Obligation shall be deemed to be a Standard Securitization Undertaking.

“Stated Maturity” means, with respect to any installment of interest or principal on any series of Indebtedness, the date on which the payment of interest or principal is scheduled to be paid, and will not include any contingent obligations to repay, redeem or repurchase any such interest or principal prior to the date scheduled for the payment thereof.

“Subordinated Indebtedness” means, in the case of the Borrower, any Indebtedness (whether outstanding on the Effective Date or thereafter Incurred) which is expressly subordinated or junior in right of payment to the Loans or pursuant to a written agreement and, in the case of a Guarantor, any Indebtedness (whether outstanding on the Effective Date or thereafter Incurred) which is expressly subordinated or junior in right of payment pursuant to a written agreement to the Loan Guarantee of such Guarantor.

“Subordinated Shareholder Funding” means, collectively, any funds provided to the Borrower by any Parent, any Affiliate of any Parent or any Permitted Holder or any Affiliate thereof, in exchange for or pursuant to any security, instrument or agreement other than Capital Stock, in each case issued to and held by any of the foregoing Persons, together with any such security, instrument or agreement and any other security or instrument other than Capital Stock issued in payment of any obligation under any Subordinated Shareholder Funding; provided, however, that such Subordinated Shareholder Funding:

- (a) does not mature or require any amortization, redemption or other repayment of principal or any sinking fund payment prior to the first anniversary of the Stated Maturity of the 2016 Extended Term Loans (other than through conversion or exchange of such funding into Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Borrower or any funding meeting the requirements of this definition) or the making of any such payment prior to the first anniversary of the Stated Maturity of the 2016 Extended Term Loans is restricted by the Intercreditor Agreement, an Additional Intercreditor Agreement or another intercreditor agreement;
- (b) does not require, prior to the first anniversary of the Stated Maturity of the 2016 Extended Term Loans, payment of cash interest, cash withholding amounts or other cash gross-ups, or any similar cash amounts or the making of any such payment prior to the first anniversary of the Stated Maturity of the 2016 Extended Term Loans is restricted by the Intercreditor Agreement or an Additional Intercreditor Agreement;
- (c) contains no change of control or similar provisions and does not accelerate and has no right to declare a default or event of default or take any enforcement action or otherwise require any cash payment, in each case, prior to the date that is six months following the

Stated Maturity of the 2016 Extended Term Loans or the payment of any amount as a result of any such action or provision or the exercise of any rights or enforcement action, in each case, prior to the date that is six months following the Stated Maturity of the 2016 Extended Term Loans, is restricted by the Intercreditor Agreement or an Additional Intercreditor Agreement;

- (d) does not provide for or require any security interest or encumbrance over any asset of the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries; and
- (e) pursuant to its terms or to the Intercreditor Agreement, an Additional Intercreditor Agreement or another intercreditor agreement, is fully subordinated and junior in right of payment to the Loans pursuant to subordination, payment blockage and enforcement limitation terms which are customary in all material respects for similar funding.

“Subsidiary” means, with respect to any Person:

- (a) any corporation, association, or other business entity (other than a partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or similar entity) of which more than 50% of the total ordinary voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time of determination owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person or a combination thereof; or
- (b) any partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or similar entity of which:
 - (i) more than 50% of the capital accounts, distribution rights, total equity and voting interests or general or limited partnership interests, as applicable, are owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person or a combination thereof whether in the form of membership, general, special or limited partnership interests or otherwise; and
 - (ii) such Person or any Subsidiary of such Person is a controlling general partner or otherwise controls such entity.

“Subsidiary Guarantee” means a Loan Guarantee provided by a Subsidiary Guarantor.

“Subsidiary Guarantor” means any Restricted Subsidiary that Guarantees the Loans.

“Tax Sharing Agreement” means any tax sharing or profit and loss pooling or similar agreement with customary or arm’s-length terms entered into with any Parent or Unrestricted Subsidiary, as the same may be amended, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof and of this Agreement.

“Temporary Cash Investments” means any of the following:

- (a) any investment in
 - (i) direct obligations of, or obligations Guaranteed by, (i) the United States of America, (ii) Canada, (iii) the United Kingdom, (iv) any European Union member state, (v) Switzerland, (vi) any country in whose currency funds are being held specifically pending application in the making of an investment or

capital expenditure by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary in that country with such funds or (vii) any agency or instrumentality of any such country or member state, or

- (ii) direct obligations of any country recognized by the United States of America rated at least “A” by S&P or “A-1” by Moody’s (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization);
- (b) overnight bank deposits, and investments in time deposit accounts, certificates of deposit, bankers’ acceptances and money market deposits (or, with respect to foreign banks, similar instruments) maturing not more than one year after the date of acquisition thereof issued by:
- (i) any institution authorized to operate as a bank in any of the countries or member states referred to in sub-clause (a)(i) above, or
 - (ii) any bank or trust company organized under the laws of any such country or member state or any political subdivision thereof, in each case, having capital and surplus aggregating in excess of \$250 million (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) and whose long-term debt is rated at least “A” by S&P or “A-2” by Moody’s (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization) at the time such Investment is made;
- (c) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than 30 days for underlying securities of the types described in clause (a) or (b) above entered into with a Person meeting the qualifications described in clause (b) above;
- (d) Investments in commercial paper, maturing not more than 270 days after the date of acquisition, issued by a Person (other than the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries), with a rating at the time as of which any Investment therein is made of “P-2” (or higher) according to Moody’s or “A-2” (or higher) according to S&P (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization);
- (e) Investments in securities maturing not more than one year after the date of acquisition issued or fully Guaranteed by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States of America, Canada, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, any European Union member state or by any political subdivision or taxing authority of any such state, commonwealth, territory, country or member state, and rated at least “BBB –” by S&P or “Baa3” by Moody’s (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization);

- (f) bills of exchange issued in the United States of America, Canada, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, or a member state of the European Union eligible for rediscount at the relevant central bank and accepted by a bank (or any dematerialized equivalent);
- (g) any money market deposit accounts issued or offered by a commercial bank organized under the laws of a country that is a member of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, in each case, having capital and surplus in excess of \$250 million (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) or whose long term debt is rated at least “A” by S&P or “A-2” by Moody’s (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization) at the time such Investment is made;
- (h) investment funds investing 95% of their assets in securities of the type described in clauses (a) through (g) above (which funds may also hold reasonable amounts of cash pending investment and/or distribution); and
- (i) investments in money market funds complying with the risk limiting conditions of Rule 2a-7 (or any successor rule) of the SEC under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

“**Transactions**” means, as at any date, to the extent consummated or expected to be consummated on such date, (i) any transactions described under “*The Transactions*” in the New Senior Guaranteed Notes Offering Memorandum, including the issuance of the New Senior Guaranteed Notes, and (ii) any borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facilities (and, in each case, the application of the proceeds thereof).

“**Uniform Commercial Code**” means the New York Uniform Commercial Code. “**Unrestricted Subsidiary**” means:

- (a) any Subsidiary of the Borrower that at the time of determination is an Unrestricted Subsidiary (as designated by the Board of Directors of the Borrower in the manner provided below);
- (b) any Effective Date Unrestricted Subsidiaries (until any such Subsidiary is designated as a Restricted Subsidiary in the manner provided below); and
- (c) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

The Board of Directors of the Borrower may designate any Subsidiary of the Borrower (including any newly acquired or newly formed Subsidiary or a Person becoming a Subsidiary through merger, consolidation or other business combination transaction, or Investment therein) to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary only if:

- (a) such Subsidiary or any of its Subsidiaries does not own any Capital Stock or Indebtedness of, or own or hold any Lien on any property of, the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower which is not a Subsidiary of the Subsidiary to be so designated or otherwise an Unrestricted Subsidiary; and

- (b) such designation and the Investment of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries in such Subsidiary complies with Section 4.05 hereof.

Any such designation by the Board of Directors of the Borrower shall be evidenced to the Administrative Agent by filing with the Administrative Agent a copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors of the Borrower giving effect to such designation and an Officer's Certificate certifying that such designation complies with the foregoing conditions.

The Board of Directors of the Borrower may designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; *provided* that immediately after giving effect to such designation (1) no Default or Event of Default would result therefrom and (2) (x) the Borrower could Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness under Section 4.04(a) or (y) the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio would be no higher than it was immediately prior to giving effect to such designation, in each case, on a *pro forma* basis taking into account such designation. Any such designation by the Board of Directors shall be evidenced to the Administrative Agent by promptly providing the Administrative Agent with a copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors giving effect to such designation or an Officer's Certificate certifying that such designation complied with the foregoing provisions.

"Voting Stock" of a Person means all classes of Capital Stock of such Person then outstanding and normally entitled to vote in the election of directors.

"Wholly Owned Subsidiary" means (1) in respect of any Person, a Person, all of the Capital Stock of which (other than (a) directors' qualifying shares or an immaterial amount of shares required to be owned by other Persons pursuant to applicable law, regulation or to ensure limited liability and (b) in the case of a Receivables Subsidiary, shares held by a Person that is not an Affiliate of the Borrower solely for the purpose of permitting such Person (or such Person's designee) to vote with respect to customary major events with respect to such Receivables Subsidiary, including without limitation the institution of bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar proceedings, any merger or dissolution, and any change in charter documents or other customary events) is owned by that Person directly or (2) indirectly by a Person that satisfies the requirements of clause (1) of this definition.

Schedule 4

The Facility Guaranty

[See attached]

FACILITY GUARANTY

FACILITY GUARANTY (this “Guaranty”), dated as of June 21, 2016, by each of the Affiliates of the Borrower listed on the signature pages hereto (each such Person, individually, a “Guarantor” and, collectively, the “Guarantors”) in favor of (a) JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent (together with any successor and assign, the “Administrative Agent”) for its own benefit and the benefit of the other Secured Parties, (b) the Secured Parties and (c) the Security Agent (on behalf of and for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties, but solely in its role as representative of the Secured Parties in holding and enforcing the Collateral and the Security Documents).

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of October 9, 2015 (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated hereafter, the “Credit Agreement”), among CSC Holdings, LLC (a successor by merger to Neptune Finco Corp.), a Delaware limited liability company (the “Borrower”), the lenders party thereto (the “Lenders”), the Administrative Agent, and the other parties thereto. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Lenders have agreed to make loans and other extensions of credit (collectively, “Loans”) to the Borrower pursuant to, and upon the terms and subject to the conditions specified in, the Credit Agreement.

WHEREAS, each Guarantor acknowledges that it is an integral part of a consolidated enterprise and that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the availability of the credit facilities provided for in the Credit Agreement and from the making of the Loans by the Lenders.

WHEREAS, the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans are conditioned upon, among other things, the execution and delivery by the Guarantors of a guaranty in the form hereof. As consideration therefor, and in order to induce the Lenders to make Loans, the Guarantors are willing to execute this Guaranty.

Accordingly, each Guarantor hereby agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Guaranty. Each Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally guaranties, jointly with the other Guarantors and severally, as a primary obligor and not merely as a surety, to the Secured Parties, the Administrative Agent and to the Security Agent (on behalf of and for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties, but solely in its role as representative of the Secured Parties in holding and enforcing the Collateral and the Security Documents) the due and punctual payment when due (whether at the stated maturity, by required prepayment, by acceleration or otherwise) and performance by the Borrower and the other Guarantors of all Obligations (collectively, the “Guaranteed Obligations”), including all

such Guaranteed Obligations which shall become due but for the operation of any Bankruptcy Law. Each Guarantor further agrees that, to the fullest extent permitted by local laws, the Guaranteed Obligations may be extended or renewed, in whole or in part, or increased without notice to or further assent from it, and that it will remain bound upon this Guaranty notwithstanding any extension, renewal or increase of any Guaranteed Obligation.

SECTION 2. Guaranteed Obligations Not Affected. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, each Guarantor waives presentment to, demand of payment from, and protest to, any Loan Party of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, and also waives notice of acceptance of this Guaranty, notice of protest for nonpayment and all other notices of any kind. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, the obligations of each Guarantor hereunder shall not be affected by (a) the failure of the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party to assert any claim or demand or to enforce or exercise any right or remedy against any Loan Party under the provisions of the Credit Agreement, any other Loan Document or otherwise or against any other party with respect to any of the Guaranteed Obligations, (b) any rescission, waiver, amendment or modification of, or any release from, any of the terms or provisions of this Guaranty, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, with respect to any Loan Party or with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations, (c) any renewal, extension or acceleration of, or any increase in the amount of the Guaranteed Obligations, (d) the invalidity or unenforceability of the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Documents, (e) the failure to perfect any security interest in, or the release of, any of the Collateral held by or on behalf of the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party or (f) the lack of legal existence of any Loan Party or legal obligation to discharge any of the Guaranteed Obligations by any Loan Party for any reason whatsoever, including, without limitation, in any insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of any Loan Party.

SECTION 3. Security. Each of the Guarantors hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Security Agent and the Secured Parties may (a) take and hold security for the payment of this Guaranty and the Guaranteed Obligations and exchange, enforce, waive and release any such security, (b) apply such security and direct the order or manner of sale thereof as they in their sole discretion may determine and (c) release or substitute any one or more endorsees, the Borrower, other Guarantors or other obligors, in each case without affecting or impairing in any way the liability of any Guarantor hereunder.

SECTION 4. Guaranty of Payment. Each of the Guarantors further agrees that this Guaranty constitutes a guaranty of payment and performance when due of all Guaranteed Obligations and not of collection and, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, waives any right to require that any resort be had by the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party to any of the Collateral or other security held for payment of the Guaranteed Obligations or to any balance of any deposit account or credit on the books of the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party in favor of any Loan Party or any other Person or to any other guarantor of all or part of the Guaranteed Obligations. Any payment required to be made by the Guarantors hereunder may be required by the Security Agent, Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party on any number of occasions and shall be payable to the Security Agent or Administrative Agent (as applicable), for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties, in the manner provided in the Credit Agreement and the Intercreditor Agreement (if applicable).

SECTION 5. No Discharge or Diminishment of Guaranty. The obligations of each Guarantor hereunder shall not be subject to any reduction, limitation, impairment or termination

for any reason (other than the indefeasible payment in full in cash of the Guaranteed Obligations), including any claim of waiver, release, surrender, alteration or compromise of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, and shall not be subject to any defense or set-off, counterclaim, recoupment or termination whatsoever by reason of the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of the Guaranteed Obligations or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Guaranteed Obligations of each Guarantor hereunder shall not be discharged or impaired or otherwise affected by the failure of the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party to assert any claim or demand or to enforce any remedy under this Guaranty, the Credit Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, by any waiver or modification of any provision of any thereof, by any default, failure or delay, willful or otherwise, in the performance of the Guaranteed Obligations, or by any other act or omission that may or might in any manner or to any extent vary the risk of any Guarantor or that would otherwise operate as a discharge of any Guarantor as a matter of law or equity (other than the indefeasible payment in full in cash of the Guaranteed Obligations).

SECTION 6. Defenses of Loan Parties Waived. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, each of the Guarantors waives any defense based on or arising out of any defense of any Loan Party or the unenforceability of the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof from any cause, or the cessation from any cause of the liability of any Loan Party, other than the indefeasible payment in full in cash of the Guaranteed Obligations. Each Guarantor hereby acknowledges that the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties may, at their election, foreclose on any security held by one or more of them by one or more judicial or nonjudicial sales, accept an assignment of any such security in lieu of foreclosure, compromise or adjust any part of the Guaranteed Obligations, make any other accommodation with any Loan Party, or exercise any other right or remedy available to them against any Loan Party, without affecting or impairing in any way the liability of any Guarantor hereunder except to the extent that the Guaranteed Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full in cash. Pursuant to, and to the extent permitted by, applicable Law, each of the Guarantors waives any defense arising out of any such election and waives any benefit of and right to participate in any such foreclosure action, even though such election operates, pursuant to applicable Law, to impair or to extinguish any right of reimbursement or subrogation or other right or remedy of such Guarantor against any Loan Party, as the case may be, or any security. Each Guarantor agrees that it shall not assert any claim in competition with the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party in respect of any payment made hereunder in any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or any other proceeding.

SECTION 7. Agreement to Pay; Subordination. In furtherance of the foregoing and not in limitation of any other right that the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party has at law or in equity against any Guarantor by virtue hereof, upon the failure of any Loan Party to pay any Guaranteed Obligation when and as the same shall become due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, after notice of prepayment or otherwise, each of the Guarantors hereby promises to and will forthwith pay, or cause to be paid, to the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent or such other Secured Party as designated thereby in cash the amount of such unpaid Guaranteed Obligations. Upon payment by any Guarantor of any sums to the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party as provided above, all rights of such Guarantor against any Loan Party arising as a result thereof by way of right of subrogation, contribution, reimbursement, indemnity or otherwise shall in all respects be subordinate and junior in right of payment to the prior indefeasible payment in full in cash of all the Guaranteed Obligations. If any amount shall erroneously be paid to any Guarantor on

account of such subrogation, contribution, reimbursement, indemnity or similar right, such amount shall be held in trust for the benefit of the Secured Parties and shall forthwith be paid to the Security Agent or Administrative Agent (as applicable) to be credited against the payment of the Guaranteed Obligations, whether matured or unmatured, in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement. Any right of subrogation of any Guarantor shall be enforceable solely after the indefeasible payment in full in cash of all the Guaranteed Obligations and solely against the Guarantors and the Borrower, and not against the Secured Parties, and neither the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent nor any other Secured Party shall have any duty whatsoever to warrant, ensure or protect any such right of subrogation or to obtain, perfect, maintain, hold, enforce or retain any collateral securing or purporting to secure any of the Guaranteed Obligations for any purpose related to any such right of subrogation.

SECTION 8. Limitation on Guaranty of Guaranteed Obligations.

(a) In any action or proceeding with respect to any Guarantor involving any state corporate law, any Bankruptcy Law or any other state or federal bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other law affecting the rights of creditors generally, including, without limitation, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar foreign, federal or state law to the extent applicable to the guaranty set forth herein and the obligations of each Guarantor hereunder, if the obligations of such Guarantor under Section 1 hereof would otherwise be determined to be void, invalid or unenforceable, or subordinated to the claims of any other creditors, in such action or proceeding on account of the amount of its liability under Section 1, then, notwithstanding any other provision hereof to the contrary, the amount of such liability shall, without any further action by such Guarantor, any Lender, the Security Agent, Administrative Agent or any other Person, be automatically limited and reduced to the highest amount which is valid and enforceable and not subordinated to the claims of other creditors as determined in such action or proceeding.

(b) In such circumstances, to effectuate the foregoing, the amount of the liability of each Guarantor hereunder shall be determined without taking into account any liabilities under any other indebtedness of or guarantee by such Guarantor. For purposes of the foregoing, all indebtedness and guarantees of such Guarantor other than the guarantee under Section 1 hereof will be deemed to be enforceable and payable after the guarantee under Section 1. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, this Section 8 shall be for the benefit solely of creditors and representatives of creditors of each Guarantor and not for the benefit of such Guarantor or the holders of any equity interest in such Guarantor. Each Guarantor agrees that Obligations may at any time and from time to time be incurred or permitted in an amount exceeding the maximum liability of such Guarantor under this Section 8 without impairing the guaranty contained in Section 1 hereof or affecting the rights and remedies of any Secured Party hereunder.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Guaranty or any provision of any other Loan Document, if and to the extent, under the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., as amended from time to time, and any successor statute) (the “Commodity Exchange Act”) or any rule, regulation or order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “CFTC”) (or the application or official interpretation of any thereof), all or a portion of the guarantee of such Guarantor of, or the grant by such Guarantor of a security interest for, any obligation (a “Swap Obligation”) to pay or perform under any agreement, contract, Swap Contract or transaction that constitutes a “swap” within the meaning of Section 1a(47) of the Commodity Exchange Act (or the analogous term or section in any

amended or successor statute) is or becomes illegal (an “Excluded Swap Obligation”), the Guaranteed Obligations of such Guarantor shall not extend to or include any such Excluded Swap Obligation.

SECTION 9. Representations, Warranties and Covenants of the Guarantors

(a) Subject to Section 2.22 of the Credit Agreement, each Guarantor represents and warrants to the Secured Parties that on the date hereof and on the date of each extension of credit under the Credit Agreement (other than the Closing Date) (or, if later, the date on which such Guarantor becomes a party to this Guaranty pursuant to Section 15 hereof), the representations and warranties set forth in Article III of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which such Guarantor is a party, each of which is incorporated herein by reference, are true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects if qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect), on and as of such date with the same effect as though made on and as of such date, except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects if qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect), on and as of such earlier date.

(b) Each Guarantor covenants and agrees with the Secured Parties that, from and after the date of this Guaranty (or, if later, the date such Guarantor becomes a party hereto pursuant to Section 15 hereof) until the payment in full of the Guaranteed Obligations, such Guarantor will perform and observe, and cause each of its Subsidiaries to perform and observe, all of the terms, covenants and agreements set forth in the Loan Documents on its or their part to be performed or observed or that the Borrower has agreed to cause such Guarantor or such Subsidiaries to perform or observe.

SECTION 10. Enforcement Expenses; Indemnification.

(a) Each Guarantor agrees to pay or reimburse the Security Agent and Administrative Agent for all its costs and expenses incurred in collecting against such Guarantor under the guarantee contained in Section 1 or otherwise enforcing or preserving any rights under this Guaranty and the other Loan Documents to which such Guarantor is a party, including, without limitation, the fees and disbursements of counsel, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 9.05(a) of the Credit Agreement.

(b) Each Guarantor agrees to pay, and to hold the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent and all Secured Parties, and all Indemnitees pursuant to Section 9.05 of the Credit Agreement, harmless from, any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever with respect to the execution, delivery, enforcement, performance and administration of this Guaranty to the extent the Borrower would be required to do so pursuant to Section 9.05 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) Each Guarantor agrees that the provisions of Section 2.20 of the Credit Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference, mutatis mutandis, and each Secured Party shall be entitled to rely on each of them as if they were fully set forth herein.

(d) The agreements in this Section 10 shall survive repayment of the Guaranteed Obligations and all other amounts payable under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

SECTION 11. Information. Each of the Guarantors assumes all responsibility for being and keeping itself informed of each Loan Party's financial condition and assets, and of all other circumstances bearing upon the risk of nonpayment of the Guaranteed Obligations and the nature, scope and extent of the risks that such Guarantor assumes and incurs hereunder, and agrees that none of the Administrative Agent or the other Secured Parties will have any duty to advise any of the Guarantors of information known to it or any of them regarding such circumstances or risks.

SECTION 12. Termination; Release.

(a) This Guaranty (i) shall terminate upon termination of the Commitments, payment in full of the Guaranteed Obligations (other than contingent, unasserted indemnification obligations and obligations and liabilities under Treasury Services Agreements and Swap Contracts) and the expiration or termination of all Letters of Credit (other than Letters of Credit that are Cash Collateralized or back-stopped by a letter of credit in form, amount and substance reasonably satisfactory to the applicable L/C Issuer) and (ii) shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment, or any part thereof, of any Guaranteed Obligation is rescinded or must otherwise be restored by any Secured Party or any Guarantor upon the bankruptcy or reorganization of any Loan Party or otherwise.

(b) A Guarantor shall be automatically released from its obligations under this Guaranty:

- (i) upon a sale or other disposition (including by way of consolidation, merger, amalgamation or combination) of the Capital Stock of the relevant Guarantor (whether by direct sale or sale of a holding company of such Guarantor) such that after giving effect to such sale or other disposition such Guarantor ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary or the sale or disposition of all or substantially all the assets of the Guarantor (other than to the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary), in each case if the sale or other disposition does not violate Section 4.08 in Annex I to the Credit Agreement;
- (ii) (A) upon the designation in accordance with the Credit Agreement of that Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary or (B) if such Guarantor otherwise becomes an Excluded Subsidiary (other than pursuant to clause (1) of the definition thereof);
- (iii) with respect to any Guarantor that is not the continuing or surviving Person in the relevant consolidation or merger, as a result of a transaction that complies with the provisions of Section 5.02 in Annex I to the Credit Agreement;
- (iv) as described under Section 4.16 in Annex I to the Credit Agreement; or
- (v) as provided under Section 9.08 of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 13. Binding Effect; Several Agreement; Assignments. Whenever in this Guaranty any of the parties hereto is referred to, such reference shall be deemed to include the successors and assigns of such party, and all covenants, promises and agreements by or on behalf of the Guarantors that are contained in this Guaranty shall bind and inure to the benefit of each of the Guarantors and its respective successors and assigns. This Guaranty shall be binding upon each of the Guarantors and their respective successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties, and their respective successors and assigns, except that no Guarantor shall have the right to assign or transfer its rights or obligations hereunder or any interest herein (and any such attempted assignment or transfer shall be void), except as expressly permitted by this Guaranty or the Credit Agreement. This Guaranty shall be construed as a separate agreement with respect to each Guarantor and may be amended, modified, supplemented, waived or released with respect to any Guarantor without the approval of any other Guarantor and without affecting the obligations of any other Guarantor hereunder.

SECTION 14. Waivers; Amendment.

(a) The rights, remedies, powers, privileges, and discretions of the Administrative Agent hereunder and under applicable Law (herein, the “Administrative Agent’s Rights and Remedies”) shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies which they would otherwise have. No delay or omission by the Administrative Agent in exercising or enforcing any of the Administrative Agent’s Rights and Remedies shall operate as, or constitute, a waiver thereof. No waiver by the Administrative Agent of any Event of Default or of any default under any other agreement shall operate as a waiver of any other default hereunder or under any other agreement. No single or partial exercise of any of the Administrative Agent’s Rights or Remedies, and no express or implied agreement or transaction of whatever nature entered into between the Administrative Agent and any Person, at any time, shall preclude the other or further exercise of the Administrative Agent’s Rights and Remedies. No waiver by the Administrative Agent of any of the Administrative Agent’s Rights and Remedies on any one occasion shall be deemed a waiver on any subsequent occasion, nor shall it be deemed a continuing waiver. The Administrative Agent’s Rights and Remedies may be exercised at such time or times and in such order of preference as the Administrative Agent may determine. The Administrative Agent’s Rights and Remedies may be exercised without resort or regard to any other source of satisfaction of the Guaranteed Obligations. No waiver of any provisions of this Guaranty or any other Loan Document or consent to any departure by any Guarantor therefrom shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be permitted by Section 14(b) hereof, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which given. No notice to or demand on any Guarantor in any case shall entitle such

Guarantor or any other Guarantor to any other or further notice or demand in the same, similar or other circumstances.

(b) Neither this Guaranty nor any provision hereof may be waived, amended or modified except pursuant to a written agreement entered into between the Administrative Agent and a Guarantor or the Guarantors with respect to whom such waiver, amendment or modification is to apply, subject to any consent required in accordance with Section 9.08 of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 15. Additional Guarantors. Each Person that becomes a party to this Guaranty shall become a Guarantor as defined in the Credit Agreement for all purposes of this Guaranty upon execution and delivery by such Person of a Joinder Agreement in the form of Annex I hereto. The obligations of a Guarantor executing and delivering a Joinder Agreement shall be subject to such limitations as are mandated under applicable laws in addition to the limitations set forth in Section 8 and set out in the relevant Joinder Agreement.

SECTION 16. Keepwell. Each Qualified ECP Guarantor hereby jointly and severally absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably undertakes to provide such funds or other support as may be needed from time to time by each other Guarantor to honor all of its obligations under this Guaranty in respect of Swap Obligations; provided, however, that each Qualified ECP Guarantor shall only be liable under this Section 16 for the maximum amount of such liability that can be hereby incurred without rendering its obligations under this Section 16, or otherwise under this Guaranty, voidable under applicable law relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer, and not for any greater amount. The obligations of each Qualified ECP Guarantor under this Section 16 shall remain in full force and effect until the Guaranteed Obligations are paid in full (other than contingent, unasserted indemnification obligations and obligations and liabilities under Treasury Services Agreements and Swap Contracts not due and payable), the expiration or termination of all Letters of Credit (other than Letters of Credit that are Cash Collateralized or back-stopped by a letter of credit in form, amount and substance reasonably satisfactory to the applicable L/C Issuer) and the termination of Commitments. Each Qualified ECP Guarantor intends that this Section 16 constitute, and this Section 16 shall be deemed to constitute, a “keepwell, support, or other agreement” for the benefit of each other Guarantor for all purposes of Section 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act. For purposes of this Guaranty, a Guarantor shall qualify as a “Qualified ECP Guarantor” with respect to any Swap Obligation, if it has total assets exceeding \$10,000,000 at the time its guarantee thereof becomes effective with respect to such Swap Obligation or if such Guarantor otherwise constitutes an “eligible contract participant” under the Commodity Exchange Act or any regulations promulgated thereunder and can cause another person to qualify as an “eligible contract participant” at such time by entering into a keepwell under Section 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

SECTION 17. Copies and Facsimiles. This instrument and all documents which have been or may be hereinafter furnished by the Guarantors to the Administrative Agent may be reproduced by the Administrative Agent by any photographic, microfilm, xerographic, digital imaging, or other process. Any such reproduction shall be admissible in evidence as the original itself in any judicial or administrative proceeding (whether or not the original is in existence and whether or not such reproduction was made in the regular course of business). Any facsimile or other electronic transmission which bears proof of transmission shall be binding on the party which or on whose behalf such transmission was initiated and likewise so admissible in evidence as if the original of such facsimile or other electronic transmission had been delivered to the party which or on whose behalf such transmission was received.

SECTION 18. Governing Law. THIS GUARANTY AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY, DISPUTE OR CAUSE OF ACTION (WHETHER SOUNDING IN CONTRACT OR TORT OR OTHERWISE) BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS GUARANTY AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 19. Notices. All communications and notices hereunder shall (except as otherwise expressly permitted herein) be in writing and given as provided in Section 9.01 of the Credit Agreement; provided, that communications and notices to the Guarantors may be delivered to the Borrower on behalf of each of the Guarantors.

SECTION 20. Survival of Agreement; Severability.

(a) All covenants, agreements, indemnities, representations and warranties made by the Guarantors herein and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Guaranty, the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be considered to have been relied upon by the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties and shall survive the execution and delivery of this Guaranty, the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents and the making of any Loans by the Lenders, regardless of any investigation made by the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party or on their behalf, and shall continue in full force and effect until terminated as provided in Section 12 hereof.

(b) In the event any provision of this Guaranty should be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby (it being understood that the invalidity of a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not in and of itself affect the validity of such provision in any other jurisdiction). The parties shall endeavor in good-faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which come as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

SECTION 21. Counterparts. This Guaranty may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. Delivery of an executed signature page to this Guaranty by facsimile transmission or by other electronic transmission (including “.pdf” or “.tif”) shall be as effective as delivery of a manually signed counterpart of this Guaranty.

SECTION 22. Rules of Interpretation. The rules of interpretation specified in Section 1.02 of the Credit Agreement shall be applicable to this Guaranty.

SECTION 23. Jurisdiction; Consent to Service of Process.

(a) Each of the Guarantors hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the exclusive jurisdiction of any New York State court or Federal court of the United States of America sitting in New York County, and any appellate court from any thereof, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Guaranty or the other Loan Documents (other than with respect to actions taken by the Security Agent and any other Secured Party in respect of rights under any Security Document governed by any law other than New York law or with respect to any Collateral subject thereto), or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims in respect of any such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such New York State or, to the extent permitted by law, in such Federal court.

Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in this Guaranty shall affect any right that the Administrative Agent, the Security Agent or any other Secured Party may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding relating to this Guaranty or the other Loan Documents against a Guarantor or its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction if required to realize upon the Collateral as determined in good faith by the Person bringing such action or proceeding.

(b) Each of the Guarantors hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Guaranty or the other Loan Documents in any New York State or Federal court. Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court.

(c) Each party to this Guaranty irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 19 hereof. Nothing in this Guaranty will affect the right of any party to this Guaranty to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

SECTION 24. Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS GUARANTY. EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS GUARANTY BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 24.

SECTION 25. Judgment Currency. Each Guarantor agrees that the provisions of Section 9.21 of the Credit Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference, mutatis mutandis, and the Security Agent, the Administrative Agent and each other Secured Party shall be entitled to rely on each of them as if they were fully set forth herein.

[Signature Pages Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantors have duly executed this Guaranty as of the day and year first above written.

GUARANTORS:

[•]

By: _____
Name:
Title:

[•]

By: _____
Name:
Title:

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED
as of the date first above written:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,
as Administrative Agent

By: _____
Name:
Title:

[Signature Page to Facility Guaranty]

JOINDER AGREEMENT, dated as of _____, 20____, made by _____, a _____ corporation (the "Additional Guarantor"), in favor of (a) JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent (together with any successor and assign, the "Administrative Agent") for its own benefit and the benefit of the other Secured Parties, (b) the Secured Parties and (c) the Security Agent (on behalf of and for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties, but solely in its role as representative of the Secured Parties in holding and enforcing the Collateral and the Security Documents). Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of October 9, 2015 (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated hereafter, the "Credit Agreement"), among CSC Holdings, LLC (a successor by merger to Neptune Finco Corp.), a Delaware limited liability company (the "Borrower"), the Lenders party thereto (the "Lenders"), the Administrative Agent and the other parties thereto. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Credit Agreement, the Borrower and certain of its Affiliates (other than the Additional Guarantor) have entered into the Guaranty, dated as of [] (as amended, supplemented replaced or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Guaranty") in favor of the (a) Administrative Agent for its own benefit and the benefit of the other Secured Parties, (b) the Secured Parties and (c) the Security Agent (on behalf of and for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties, but solely in its role as representative of the Secured Parties in holding and enforcing the Collateral and the Security Documents);

WHEREAS, the Credit Agreement requires the Additional Guarantor to become a party to the Guaranty; and

WHEREAS, the Additional Guarantor has agreed to execute and deliver this Joinder Agreement in order to become a party to the Guaranty;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED:

1. Guaranty. By executing and delivering this Joinder Agreement, the Additional Guarantor, as provided in Section 15 of the Guaranty, hereby becomes a party to the Guaranty as a Guarantor thereunder with the same force and effect as if originally named therein as a Guarantor and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, hereby expressly assumes all obligations and liabilities of a Guarantor thereunder. The Additional Guarantor hereby represents and warrants that, subject to any supplements to the Loan Document schedules attached hereto as Annex A [and Section 2.22 of the Credit Agreement], each of the representations and warranties contained in Article III of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which such Guarantor is a party, in each case as they relate to such Guarantor, each of which is incorporated herein by reference, are true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects if qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect) on and as the

date hereof (after giving effect to this Joinder Agreement) as if made on and as of such date, except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties are true and correct in all material respects (or in all respects if qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect), on and as of such earlier date, provided that each such reference in each such representation and warranty to any Borrower's knowledge shall, for the purposes of this Section 1, be deemed to be a reference to such Guarantor's knowledge.

2. GOVERNING LAW. THIS JOINDER AGREEMENT AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY, DISPUTE OR OTHER CAUSE OF ACTION (WHETHER SOUNDING IN CONTRACT OR TORT OR OTHERWISE) BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS JOINDER AGREEMENT AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

3. Successors and Assigns. This Joinder Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns, except that the Additional Guarantor may not assign, transfer or delegate any of its rights or obligations under this Joinder Agreement without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and any such assignment, transfer or delegation without such consent shall be null and void.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Joinder Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

[ADDITIONAL GUARANTOR]

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Loan Document Schedule Supplements

CERTIFICATION

I, Dennis Mathew, Chief Executive Officer of Altice USA, Inc., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Altice USA, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including their consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting;
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 2, 2023

By: /s/ Dennis Mathew
Dennis Mathew
Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Marc Sirota, Chief Financial Officer of Altice USA, Inc., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Altice USA, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including their consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting;
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 2, 2023

By: /s/ Marc Sirota
Marc Sirota
Chief Financial Officer

Certifications

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, each of the undersigned officers of Altice USA, Inc. ("Altice USA") hereby certifies, to such officer's knowledge, that Altice USA's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2023 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Altice USA.

Date: August 2, 2023

By: /s/ Dennis Mathew
Dennis Mathew
Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 2, 2023

By: /s/ Marc Sirota
Marc Sirota
Chief Financial Officer