# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 15, 2015

# NuStar Energy L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** 

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-16417

(Commission File Number)

74-2956831

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

19003 IH-10 West San Antonio, Texas 78257

(Address of principal executive offices)

(210) 918-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

#### Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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#### Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On June 15, 2015, NuStar Energy L.P. (the "Partnership") and certain of its subsidiaries entered into a \$125 million accounts receivable securitization facility (the "A/R Facility") pursuant to (i) a Purchase and Sale Agreement ("PSA") entered into by and among NuStar Energy Services, Inc., NuStar Logistics, L.P. ("Logistics"), NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P., NuStar Supply & Trading LLC (together the "Originators"), the Partnership as initial servicer and NuStar Finance LLC, a newly formed bankruptcy-remote special purpose entity and wholly owned subsidiary of NuStar Logistics, L.P. (the "SPE"), as buyer and (ii) a Receivables Financing Agreement ("RFA") by and among the SPE as borrower, PNC Bank, National Association ("PNC") as administrative agent, lender and group agent, Mizuho Bank, Ltd. ("Mizuho") as lender and group agent, and the Partnership as initial servicer and performance guarantor. The RFA has an initial termination date of June 15, 2018, and allows for the Borrower to thereafter annually request extensions for additional 364 day periods.

Under the PSA, the Originators will sell or contribute, on an ongoing basis, certain of their accounts receivable and related security and interests in the proceeds thereof to the SPE. The SPE will finance a portion of its purchase of the accounts receivable through borrowings, on a revolving basis, of up to \$125 million (with the ability to request an increase in the size of the A/R Facility by \$75 million) under the RFA, and such borrowings will be secured by the accounts receivable. The SPE will finance its purchase of the remaining portion of the accounts receivable by issuing subordinated promissory notes to the Originators for the amount of the purchase price of the receivable not paid in cash. The Partnership will be responsible for the servicing, administration and collection of the accounts receivable, with all collections going into lockbox accounts, and has also provided a customary guaranty of performance to the administrative agent with respect to certain obligations of the Originators and any successor servicer under the A/R Facility. Furthermore, the Partnership has delegated its duties and obligations under the RFA to Logistics as a sub-servicer. However, none of the Originators, the SPE or the Partnership has guaranteed the collectability of the accounts receivable or the creditworthiness of the obligors thereunder.

Loans under the RFA bear interest at a fluctuating rate that is either the applicable commercial paper rate (CP Rate as defined in the RFA) for conduit lenders issuing notes or, for loans funded other than through the issuance of notes, at the applicable Bank Rate (as defined in the RFA).

The A/R Facility contains various customary affirmative and negative covenants and default, indemnification and termination provisions, and the RFA provides for acceleration of amounts owed upon the occurrence of certain specified events. PNC and Mizuho areparties to Logistics' Amended and Restated 5-Year Revolving Credit Agreement, as amended, and may have had relationships with the Partnership or its affiliates involving the provision of various financial services, such as investment banking, underwriting and commercial banking services.

The foregoing summary of the A/R Facility does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the PSA and RFA, which are filed as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth in Item 1.01 regarding the A/R Facility is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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Exhibit 10.1	Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of June 15, 2015, among NuStar Energy Services, Inc., NuStar Logistics, L.P., NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P. and NuStar Supply & Trading LLC, as Originators, NuStar Energy L.P., as Servicer, and NuStar Finance LLC, as Buyer			
Exhibit 10.2	Receivables Financing Agreement, dated as of June 15, 2015, by and among NuStar Finance LLC, as Borrower, the persons from time to time party thereto as Lenders and Group Agents, PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, and Nustar Energy L.P., as initial Servicer			

#### **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 hereunto duly authorized.

NUSTAR ENERGY L.P.

Date: June 19, 2015

By: Riverwalk Logistics, L.P. its general partner

By: NuStar GP, LLC its general partner

By: /s/ Amy L. Perry

Name: Amy L. Perry

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel - Corporate & Commercial Law and

Corporate Secretary

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# PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

Dated as of June 15, 2015

among

VARIOUS ENTITIES LISTED ON SCHEDULE I HERETO, as Originators,

NUSTAR ENERGY L.P., as Servicer,

and

NUSTAR FINANCE LLC, as Buyer

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This PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of June 15, 2015 is entered into among the VARIOUS ENTITIES LISTED ON <u>SCHEDULE I HERETO</u> (the "<u>Originators</u>" and each, an "<u>Originator</u>"), NUSTAR ENERGY L.P., as initial Servicer (as defined below) ("<u>NuStar Energy</u>"), and NUSTAR FINANCE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Buyer</u>").

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise indicated herein, capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this Agreement are defined in Article I of the Receivables Financing Agreement, dated as of the date hereof (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Receivables Financing Agreement"), among the Buyer, as borrower, NuStar Energy, as initial Servicer (in such capacity, the "Servicer"), the Persons from time to time party thereto as Lenders and as Group Agents, and PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent. All references hereto to months are to calendar months unless otherwise expressly indicated. All accounting terms not specifically defined herein shall be construed in accordance with GAAP. All terms used in Article 9 of the UCC in the State of New York, and not specifically defined herein, are used herein as defined in such Article 9. Unless the context otherwise requires, "or" means "and/or," and "including" (and with correlative meaning "include" and "includes") means including without limiting the generality of any description preceding such term.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 1. The Buyer is a special purpose limited liability company, all of the issued and outstanding membership interests of which are owned by NuStar Logistics, L.P. ("NuStar Logistics").
  - 2. The Originators generate Receivables in the ordinary course of their businesses.
- 3. The Originators, in order to finance their respective businesses, wish to sell and/or, in the case of NuStar Logistics to the extent permitted in <u>Article III</u>, contribute Receivables and the Related Rights to the Buyer, and the Buyer is willing to purchase and/or accept such Receivables and the Related Rights from the Originators, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein.
- 4. The Originators and the Buyer intend each such transaction to be a true sale and/or, in the case of any Contributed Receivables (as defined in <u>Section 3.1(a)</u>), an absolute contribution and conveyance of Receivables and the Related Rights by each Originator to the Buyer, providing the Buyer with the full benefits of ownership of the Receivables, and the Originators and the Buyer do not intend the transactions hereunder to be characterized as a loan from the Buyer to any Originator.
- 5. The Buyer intends to pledge the Receivables and the Related Rights to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Receivables Financing Agreement.

Purchase and Sale Agreement

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE AND SELL

- SECTION 1.1 <u>Agreement To Purchase and Sell</u>. On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, each Originator, severally and for itself, agrees to sell to the Buyer, and the Buyer agrees to purchase from such Originator, from time to time on or after the Closing Date, but before the Purchase and Sale Termination Date (as defined in <u>Section 1.4</u>), all of such Originator's right, title and interest in and to:
- (a) each Receivable (other than Contributed Receivables as defined in Section 3.1(a)) of such Originator that existed and was owing to such Originator at the closing of such Originator's business on the Cut-Off Date (as defined below);
- (b) each Receivable (other than Contributed Receivables) generated by such Originator from and including the Cut-Off Date to but excluding the Purchase and Sale Termination Date;
- (c) all of such Originator's interest in any goods (including returned goods), and documentation of title evidencing the shipment or storage of any goods (including returned goods), the sale of which gave rise to such Receivable;
  - (d) all instruments and chattel paper that may evidence such Receivable;
- (e) all other security interests or liens and property subject thereto from time to time purporting to secure payment of such Receivable, whether pursuant to the Contract related to such Receivable or otherwise, together with all UCC financing statements or similar filings relating thereto;
- (f) solely to the extent applicable to such Receivable, all of such Originator's rights, interests and claims under the related Contracts and all guaranties, indemnities, insurance and other agreements (including the related Contract) or arrangements of whatever character from time to time supporting or securing payment of such Receivable or otherwise relating to such Receivable, whether pursuant to the Contract related to such Receivable or otherwise;
- (g) all books and records of such Originator to the extent related to any of the foregoing, and all rights, remedies, powers, privileges, title and interest (but not obligations) in and to each Lock-Box and all Lock-Box Accounts, into which any Collections or other proceeds with respect to such Receivables may be deposited, and any related investment property acquired with any such Collections or other proceeds (as such term is defined in the applicable UCC); and
- (h) all Collections and other proceeds (as defined in the UCC) of any of the foregoing that are or were received by such Originator on or after the Cut-Off Date, including,

without limitation, all funds which either are received by such Originator, the Buyer or the Servicer from or on behalf of the Obligors in payment of any amounts owed (including, without limitation, invoice price, finance charges, interest and all other charges) in respect of any of the above Receivables or are applied to such amounts owed by the Obligors (including, without limitation, any insurance payments that such Originator, the Buyer or the Servicer applies in the ordinary course of its business to amounts owed in respect of any of the above Receivables, and net proceeds of sale or other disposition of repossessed goods or other collateral or property of the Obligors in respect of any of the above Receivables or any other parties directly or indirectly liable for payment of such Receivables).

All purchases and contributions hereunder shall be made without recourse, but shall be made pursuant to, and in reliance upon, the representations, warranties and covenants of the Originators set forth in this Agreement. No obligation or liability to any Obligor on any Receivable is intended to be assumed by the Buyer hereunder, and any such assumption is expressly disclaimed. The property, proceeds and rights described in <u>clauses (c)</u> through (<u>h)</u> above, including with respect to any Contributed Receivable, are herein referred to as the "<u>Related Rights</u>", and the Buyer's foregoing commitment to purchase Receivables and Related Rights is herein called the "<u>Purchase Facility</u>."

As used herein, "<u>Cut-Off Date</u>" means (a) with respect to each Originator party hereto on the date hereof, March 31, 2015, and (b) with respect to any Originator that first becomes a party hereto after the date hereof, the calendar day prior to the date on which such Originator becomes a party hereto or such other date as the Buyer and such Originator agree to in writing.

### SECTION 1.2 <u>Timing of Purchases</u>.

- (a) <u>Closing Date Purchases</u>. Effective on the Closing Date, each Originator hereby sells to the Buyer, and the Buyer hereby purchases, such Originator's entire right, title and interest in, to and under (i) each Receivable (other than Contributed Receivables) that existed and was owing to such Originator at the Cut-Off Date, (ii) each Receivable (other than Contributed Receivables) generated by such Originator from and including the Cut-Off Date, to and including the Closing Date, and (iii) all Related Rights with respect thereto.
- (b) <u>Subsequent Purchases</u>. After the Closing Date, until the Purchase and Sale Termination Date, each Receivable and the Related Rights generated by each Originator shall be, and shall be deemed to have been, sold or contributed, as applicable, by such Originator to the Buyer immediately (and without further action) upon the creation of such Receivable.
- SECTION 1.3 <u>Consideration for Purchases</u>. On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Buyer agrees to make Purchase Price payments to the Originators and to reflect all capital contributions in accordance with <u>Article III</u>.
- SECTION 1.4 <u>Purchase and Sale Termination Date</u>. The "<u>Purchase and Sale Termination Date</u>" shall be the earlier to occur of (a) the date the Purchase Facility is terminated pursuant to <u>Section 8.2(a)</u> and (b) the Final Payout Date.

SECTION 1.5 <u>Intention of the Parties</u>. It is the express intent of each Originator and the Buyer that each conveyance by such Originator to the Buyer pursuant to this Agreement of the Receivables, including without limitation, all Receivables, if any, constituting general intangibles as defined in the UCC, and all Related Rights be construed as a valid and perfected sale and absolute assignment or, in the case of Contributed Receivables, an absolute contribution and conveyance (in each case, without recourse except as provided herein), of such Receivables and Related Rights by such Originator to the Buyer (rather than the grant of a security interest to secure a debt or other obligation of such Originator) and that the right, title and interest in and to such Receivables and Related Rights conveyed to the Buyer be prior to the rights of and enforceable against all other Persons at any time, including, without limitation, lien creditors, secured lenders, purchasers and any Person claiming through such Originator. However, if, contrary to the mutual intent of the parties, any conveyance of Receivables, including without limitation any Receivables constituting general intangibles as defined in the UCC, and all Related Rights is not construed to be both a valid and perfected sale and absolute assignment or, in the case of Contributed Receivables, an absolute contribution and conveyance, of such Receivables and Related Rights, and a conveyance of such Receivables and Related Rights that is prior to the rights of and enforceable against all other Persons at any time, including without limitation lien creditors, secured lenders, purchasers and any Person claiming through such Originator, then, it is the intent of such Originator and the Buyer that (i) this Agreement also shall be deemed to be, and hereby is, a security agreement within the meaning of the UCC and (ii) such Originator shall be deemed to have granted to the Buyer as of the date of this Agreement, and such Originator hereby grants to the Buyer a security interest in, to and under all of such Originator's right, title and interest in and to: (A) the Receivables and the Related Rights now existing and hereafter created by such Originator transferred or purported to be transferred hereunder, (B) all monies due or to become due and all amounts received with respect thereto and (C) all books and records of such Originator to the extent related to any of the foregoing.

# ARTICLE II PURCHASE REPORT; CALCULATION OF PURCHASE PRICE

- SECTION 2.1 <u>Purchase Report</u>. On the Closing Date and on each date when an Information Package is due to be delivered under the Receivables Financing Agreement (each such date, a "<u>Monthly Purchase Report Date</u>"), the Servicer shall deliver to the Buyer and each Originator a report in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> (each such report being herein called a "<u>Purchase Report</u>") setting forth, among other things:
- (a) Receivables purchased by the Buyer from each Originator, or contributed to the capital of the Buyer by NuStar Logistics, on the Closing Date (in the case of the Purchase Report to be delivered on the Closing Date);
- (b) Receivables purchased by the Buyer from each Originator, or contributed to the capital of the Buyer by NuStar Logistics, during the calendar month immediately preceding such Monthly Purchase Report Date (in the case of each subsequent Purchase Report); and
  - (c) the calculations of reductions of the Purchase Price for any Receivables as provided in <u>Section 3.3(a)</u> and <u>(b)</u>.

SECTION 2.2 <u>Calculation of Purchase Price</u>. The "<u>Purchase Price</u>" to be paid to each Originator in accordance with the terms of <u>Article III</u> for the Receivables and the Related Rights that are purchased hereunder from such Originator shall be determined in accordance with the following formula:

PP	=	OB x FMVD
where:		
PP	=	Purchase Price for each Receivable as calculated on the relevant Payment Date.
OB	=	The Outstanding Balance of such Receivable on the relevant Payment Date.
FMVD	=	Fair Market Value Discount, as measured on such Payment Date, which is equal to the quotient (expressed as percentage) of (a) one, divided by (b) the sum of (i) one, plus (ii) the product of (A) the Prime Rate on such Payment Date, times (B) a fraction, the numerator of which is the Days' Sales Outstanding (calculated as of the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding such Payment Date) and the denominator of which is 365 or 366, as applicable.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Payment Date" means (i) the Closing Date and (ii) each Business Day thereafter that the Originators are open for business.

"<u>Prime Rate</u>" means a <u>per annum</u> rate equal to the "U.S. Prime Rate" as published in the "Money Rates" section of The Wall Street Journal or if such information ceases to be published in The Wall Street Journal, such other publication as determined by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion.

# ARTICLE III CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENT OF PURCHASE PRICE

SECTION 3.1 Initial Contribution of Receivables and Initial Purchase Price Payment.

- (a) On the Closing Date, NuStar Logistics shall, and hereby does, contribute to the capital of the Buyer Receivables and Related Rights consisting of each Receivable of NuStar Logistics that exists and is owing to NuStar Logistics on the Closing Date beginning with the oldest of such Receivables and continuing chronologically thereafter such that the equity (taking into account any cash contributions made on or prior to the Closing Date) held by NuStar Logistics in the Buyer, after giving effect to such contribution of Receivables (the value of which shall be determined based on the Purchase Price definition), shall be at least equal to the Required Capital Amount. Each Receivable contributed by NuStar Logistics to the capital of the Buyer pursuant to this Section 3.1(a) and Section 3.2 below is herein referred to as a "Contributed Receivable".
- (b) On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Buyer agrees to pay to each Originator the Purchase Price for the purchase to be made from such

Originator on the Closing Date (x) to the extent the Buyer has cash available therefor, partially in cash (in an amount to be agreed between the Buyer and such Originator and set forth in the initial Purchase Report) and, solely in the case of NuStar Logistics if elected by NuStar Logistics in its sole discretion, by accepting a contribution to the Buyer's capital and (y) the remainder by issuing a promissory note in the form of Exhibit B to such Originator (each such promissory note, as it may be amended, supplemented, endorsed or otherwise modified from time to time, together with all promissory notes issued from time to time in substitution therefor or renewal thereof in accordance with the Transaction Documents, each being herein called a "Subordinated Note") with an initial principal amount equal to the remaining Purchase Price payable to such Originator not paid in cash or, in the case of NuStar Logistics, contributed to the Buyer's capital.

- SECTION 3.2 <u>Subsequent Purchase Price Payments</u>. On each Payment Date subsequent to the Closing Date, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Buyer shall pay the Purchase Price to each Originator for the Receivables and the Related Rights generated by such Originator on such Payment Date as follows:
- (a) *First*, in cash to each Originator to the extent the Buyer has cash available therefor (and such payment is not prohibited under the Receivables Financing Agreement);
- (b) <u>Second</u>, solely in the case of NuStar Logistics, if elected by NuStar Logistics in its sole discretion, to the extent any portion of the Purchase Price remains unpaid, by accepting a contribution of such Receivable and the Related Rights to its capital in an amount equal to such remaining unpaid portion of such Purchase Price designated as a contribution to Buyer's capital; and
- (c) *Third*, to the extent any portion of the Purchase Price remains unpaid, the principal amount outstanding under the applicable Subordinated Note shall be automatically increased by an amount equal to the lesser of (x) such remaining unpaid portion of such Purchase Price and (y) the maximum increase in the principal balance of the applicable Subordinated Note that could be made without rendering the Buyer's Net Worth less than the Required Capital Amount;

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if more than one Originator is selling Receivables to the Buyer on the date of such purchase, the Buyer shall make cash payments among the Originators in such a way as to minimize to the greatest extent practicable the aggregate principal amounts outstanding under the Subordinated Notes; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, <u>however</u>, that the foregoing shall not be construed to require NuStar Logistics to make any capital contribution to the Buyer.

"Net Worth" has the meaning set forth under "Borrower's Net Worth" in the Receivables Financing Agreement.

All amounts paid by the Buyer to any Originator shall be allocated <u>first</u> to the payment of accrued and unpaid interest on the Subordinated Note of such Originator and <u>second</u> to the repayment of the principal outstanding on the Subordinated Note of such Originator to the extent of such outstanding principal thereof as of the date of such payment before such amounts may be allocated for any other purpose. The Servicer shall make all appropriate record keeping entries with respect to each of the Subordinated Notes to reflect the foregoing payments and payments and reductions

made pursuant to <u>Section 3.3</u>, and the Servicer's books and records shall constitute rebuttable presumptive evidence of the principal amount of, and accrued interest on, each of the Subordinated Notes at any time. Each Originator hereby irrevocably authorizes the Servicer to mark the Subordinated Notes "CANCELED" and to return such Subordinated Notes to the Buyer upon the final payment thereof after the occurrence of the Purchase and Sale Termination Date.

### SECTION 3.3 Settlement as to Specific Receivables and Dilution.

- (a) If, (i) on the day of purchase of any Receivable from an Originator hereunder, any of the representations or warranties set forth in Sections 5.5, 5.12, 5.20, 5.22, 5.23, 5.26 or 5.27 are not true with respect to such Receivable or (ii) as a result of any action or inaction (other than solely as a result of the failure to collect such Receivable due to a discharge in bankruptcy or similar insolvency proceeding or other credit related reasons with respect to the relevant Obligor) of such Originator, on any subsequent day, any of such representations or warranties set forth in Sections 5.5, 5.12, 5.20, 5.23, 5.26 or 5.27 is no longer true with respect to such Receivable, then the Purchase Price for such Receivable shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Outstanding Balance of such Receivable and shall be accounted to such Originator as provided in clause (c) below; provided, that if the Buyer thereafter receives payment on account of the Outstanding Balance of such Receivable, the Buyer promptly shall deliver such funds to such Originator.
- (b) If, on any day, the Outstanding Balance of any Receivable purchased or contributed hereunder is either (i) reduced or canceled as a result of (A) any defective, rejected or returned goods or services, any cash or other discount, or any failure by an Originator to deliver any goods or perform any services or otherwise perform under the underlying Contract or invoice, (B) any change in or cancellation of any of the terms of such Contract or invoice or any other adjustment by an Originator, the Servicer or the Buyer which reduces the amount payable by the Obligor on the related Receivable, (C) any rebates, warranties, allowances or charge-backs or (D) any setoff or credit in respect of any claim by the Obligor thereof (whether such claim arises out of the same or a related transaction or an unrelated transaction), or (ii) subject to any specific dispute, offset, counterclaim or defense whatsoever (except the discharge in bankruptcy of the Obligor thereof), then the Purchase Price with respect to such Receivable shall be reduced by the amount of such net reduction or dispute and shall be accounted to such Originator as provided in clause (c) below.
- (c) Any reduction in the Purchase Price of any Receivable pursuant to <u>clause (a)</u> or <u>(b)</u> above shall be applied as a credit for the account of the Buyer against the Purchase Price of Receivables subsequently purchased by the Buyer from such Originator hereunder; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u> if, on such day, there have been no purchases of Receivables from such Originator (or insufficiently large purchases of Receivables) to create a Purchase Price sufficient to so apply such credit against, the amount of such credit:
  - (i) to the extent of any outstanding principal balance under the Subordinated Note payable to such Originator shall be deemed to be a payment under, and shall be deducted from the principal amount outstanding under, the Subordinated Note payable to such Originator; and

(ii) after making any deduction pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> above, shall be paid in cash to the Buyer by such Originator in the manner and for application as described in the following <u>proviso</u>;

<u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that at any time (x) when an Event of Default or an Unmatured Event of Default exists under the Receivables Financing Agreement or (y) on or after the Purchase and Sale Termination Date, the amount of any such credit shall be paid by such Originator to the Buyer in cash by deposit of immediately available funds into a Lock-Box Account for application by the Servicer to the same extent as if Collections of the applicable Receivable in such amount had actually been received on such date.

SECTION 3.4 <u>Reconveyance of Receivables</u>. In the event that the Purchase Price of a Receivable has been reduced to zero, and the credit for such reduction has been applied pursuant to <u>Section 3.3</u>, the Buyer shall reconvey such Receivable to such Originator, without representation or warranty, but free and clear of all liens, security interests, charges, and encumbrances created by the Buyer.

# ARTICLE IV CONDITIONS OF PURCHASES; ADDITIONAL ORIGINATORS

- SECTION 4.1 <u>Conditions Precedent to Initial Purchase</u>. The initial purchase hereunder is subject to the condition precedent that the Buyer, the Administrative Agent (as the Buyer's assignee) and each Group Agent shall have received, on or before the Closing Date, the following, each (unless otherwise indicated) dated the Closing Date, and each in form and substance satisfactory to the Buyer and the Administrative Agent (as the Buyer's assignee) and each Group Agent:
- (a) a copy of the resolutions or unanimous written consent of the board of directors of NuStar GP, LLC, the general partner of the general partner of NuStar Energy, the direct or indirect owner of each Originator, approving this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to be executed and delivered by it and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, certified by the Secretary, Assistant Secretary or other authorized person responsible for maintaining the records of such Originator;
- (b) good standing certificates for each Originator issued as of a recent date acceptable to the Buyer and the Administrative Agent (as the Buyer's assignee) by the Secretary of State (or similar official) of the jurisdiction of such Originator's organization or formation and each other jurisdiction where such Originator is required to be qualified to transact business, except where the failure to be so qualified would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (c) a certificate of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary or other authorized person responsible for maintaining the records of each Originator, certifying the names and true signatures of the officers authorized on such Person's behalf to sign this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to be executed and delivered by it (on which certificate the Servicer, the Buyer, the Administrative Agent (as the Buyer's assignee) and each Group Agent may conclusively rely until such time as the Servicer, the Buyer, the Administrative Agent (as the Buyer's assignee) and each

Group Agent shall receive from such Person a revised certificate meeting the requirements of this <u>clause</u> (c));

- (d) the certificate or articles of incorporation or other organizational document of each Originator (including all amendments and modifications thereto) duly certified by the Secretary of State (or similar official) of the jurisdiction of such Originator's organization as of a recent date, together with a copy of the by-laws or other governing documents of such Originator (including all amendments and modifications thereto), as applicable, each duly certified by the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary or other authorized person responsible for maintaining the records of such Originator;
- (e) proper financing statements (Form UCC-1) that have been duly authorized and name each Originator as the debtor/seller and the Buyer as the buyer/assignor (and the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, as secured party/assignee) of the Receivables generated by such Originator as may be necessary or, in the Buyer's or the Administrative Agent's reasonable opinion, desirable under the UCC of all appropriate jurisdictions to perfect the Buyer's ownership or security interest in such Receivables and the Related Rights in which an ownership or security interest has been assigned to it hereunder;
- (f) a written search report from a Person satisfactory to the Buyer and the Administrative Agent (as the Buyer's assignee) listing all effective financing statements that name the Originators as debtors or sellers and that are filed in all jurisdictions in which filings may be made against such Person pursuant to the applicable UCC, together with copies of such financing statements (none of which, except for those described in the foregoing clause (e) (and/or released or terminated, as the case may be, prior to the date hereof), shall cover any Receivable or any Related Rights which are to be sold to the Buyer hereunder), and tax and judgment lien search reports (including, without limitation, liens of the PBGC) from a Person satisfactory to the Buyer and the Administrative Agent (as the Buyer's assignee) showing no evidence of such liens filed against any Originator;
- (g) favorable opinions of counsel to the Originators, in form and substance satisfactory to the Buyer, the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent;
  - (h) a copy of a Subordinated Note in favor of each Originator, duly executed by the Buyer; and
- (i) evidence (i) of the execution and delivery by each of the parties thereto of each of the other Transaction Documents to be executed and delivered by it in connection herewith and (ii) that each of the conditions precedent to the execution, delivery and effectiveness of such other Transaction Documents has been satisfied to the Buyer's and the Administrative Agent's (as the Buyer's assignee) satisfaction.
- SECTION 4.2 <u>Certification as to Representations and Warranties</u>. Each Originator, by accepting the Purchase Price related to each purchase of Receivables generated by such Originator, shall be deemed to have certified that the representations and warranties of such Originator contained in <u>Article V</u>, as from time to time amended in accordance with the terms hereof, are true and correct

in all material respects (unless such representation or warranty contains a materiality qualification and, in such case, such representation and warranty shall be true and correct as made) on and as of such day, with the same effect as though made on and as of such day (except for representations and warranties which apply to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (unless such representation or warranty contains a materiality qualification and, in such case, such representation and warranty shall be true and correct as made) as of such earlier date).

- SECTION 4.3 <u>Additional Originators</u>. Additional Persons may be added as Originators hereunder, with the prior written consent of the Buyer, the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent (which consents may be granted or withheld in their sole discretion); <u>provided</u> that the following conditions are satisfied or waived in writing by the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent on or before the date of such addition:
- (a) the Servicer shall have given the Buyer, the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent at least thirty days' prior written notice of such proposed addition and the identity of the proposed additional Originator and shall have provided such other information with respect to such proposed additional Originator as the Buyer, the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent may reasonably request;
- (b) such proposed additional Originator shall have executed and delivered to the Buyer, the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent an agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit C">Exhibit C</a> (a "Joinder Agreement");
- (c) such proposed additional Originator shall have delivered to the Buyer, the Administrative Agent (as the Buyer's assignee) and each Group Agent each of the documents with respect to such Originator described in <u>Section 4.1</u>, in each case in form and substance satisfactory to the Buyer, the Administrative Agent (as the Buyer's assignee) and each Group Agent;
- (d) no Purchase and Sale Termination Event or Unmatured Purchase and Sale Termination Event shall have occurred and be continuing; and
  - (e) no Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

# ARTICLE V REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE ORIGINATORS

In order to induce the Buyer to enter into this Agreement and to make purchases hereunder, each Originator (and solely with respect to Section 5.21, the Buyer) hereby represents and warrants with respect to itself that each representation and warranty concerning it or the Receivables sold by it hereunder that is contained in the Receivables Financing Agreement is true and correct in all material respects (unless such representation or warranty contains a materiality qualification and, in such case, such representation and warranty shall be true and correct as made) on and as of such day, with the same effect as though made on and as of such day (except for representations and warranties which apply to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall

be true and correct in all material respects (unless such representation or warranty contains a materiality qualification and, in such case, such representation and warranty shall be true and correct as made) as of such earlier date), and hereby makes the representations and warranties set forth in this <u>Article V</u>:

SECTION 5.1 Existence and Power. Such Originator (i) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization or formation, (ii) has full power and authority to own its properties and to conduct its business as such properties are currently owned and such business is presently conducted and (iii) is duly qualified to do business, is in good standing as a foreign entity and has obtained all necessary licenses and approvals in all jurisdictions in which the conduct of its business requires such qualification, licenses or approvals, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.2 <u>Power and Authority; Due Authorization</u>. Such Originator (i) has all necessary power and authority to (A) execute and deliver this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, (B) perform its obligations under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party and (C) grant a security interest in the Receivables and the Related Rights to the Buyer on the terms and subject to the conditions herein provided and (ii) has duly authorized by all necessary action such grant and the execution, delivery and performance of, and the consummation of the transactions provided for in, this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party.

SECTION 5.3 No Conflict or Violation. The execution, delivery and performance of, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, and the fulfillment of the terms hereof and thereof, will not (i) conflict with, result in any breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time or both) a default under its organizational documents or any indenture, sale agreement, credit agreement, loan agreement, security agreement, mortgage, deed of trust, or other agreement or instrument to which such Originator is a party or by which it or any of its properties is bound, (ii) result in the creation or imposition of any Adverse Claim upon any of the Collateral pursuant to the terms of any such indenture, credit agreement, loan agreement, security agreement, mortgage, deed of trust, or other agreement or instrument other than this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents or (iii) conflict with or violate any Applicable Law, except to the extent that any such conflict, breach, default, Adverse Claim or violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.4 <u>Governmental Approvals</u>. Except where the failure to obtain or make such authorization, consent, order, approval or action could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, all authorizations, consents, orders and approvals of, or other actions by, any Governmental Authority that are required to be obtained by such Originator in connection with the grant of a security interest in the Receivables and the Related Rights to the Buyer hereunder or the due execution, delivery and performance by such Originator of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document to which it is a party and the consummation by such Originator of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect.

SECTION 5.5 <u>Valid Sale</u>. Each sale of Receivables and the Related Rights made by such Originator pursuant to this Agreement shall constitute a valid sale, transfer and assignment of Receivables and Related Rights to the Buyer, enforceable against creditors of, and purchasers from, such Originator, except (i) as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and (ii) as such enforceability may be limited by general principles of equity, regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

SECTION 5.6 <u>Binding Effect of Agreement</u>. This Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of such Originator, enforceable against such Originator in accordance with their respective terms, except (i) as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and (ii) as such enforceability may be limited by general principles of equity, regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

SECTION 5.7 <u>Accuracy of Information</u>. All certificates, reports, statements, documents and other information furnished to the Buyer, the Administrative Agent or any other Credit Party by or on behalf of such Originator pursuant to any provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, or in connection with or pursuant to any amendment or modification of, or waiver under, this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, are, at the time the same are so furnished, complete and correct in all material respects on the date the same are furnished to the Buyer, the Administrative Agent or such other Credit Party, and, at the time the same are so furnished, do not contain any material misstatement of fact or omit to state a material fact or any fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not materially misleading.

SECTION 5.8 Actions, Suits. Except as set forth on Schedule IV, (i) there is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the best knowledge of such Originator, threatened, against such Originator before any Governmental Authority and (ii) such Originator is not subject to any order, judgment, decree, injunction, stipulation or consent order of or with any Governmental Authority that, in the case of either of the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), (A) asserts the invalidity of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, (B) seeks to prevent the grant of a security interest in any Receivable or Related Right by such Originator to the Buyer, the ownership or acquisition by the Buyer of any Receivables or Related Right or the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, (C) seeks any determination or ruling that could materially and adversely affect the performance by such Originator of its obligations under, or the validity or enforceability of, this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or (D) individually or in the aggregate for all such actions, suits, proceedings and investigations could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.9 <u>No Material Adverse Effect</u>. Since December 31, 2014, there has been no Material Adverse Effect with respect to such Originator.

SECTION 5.10 <u>Names and Location</u>. Except as described in <u>Schedule III</u>, such Originator has not used any corporate names, trade names or assumed names since the date occurring five calendar years prior to the Closing Date other than its name set forth on the signature pages

hereto. Such Originator is "located" (as such term is defined in the applicable UCC) in the jurisdiction specified in <u>Schedule I</u> and since the date occurring five calendar years prior to the Closing Date, has not been "located" (as such term is defined in the applicable UCC) in any other jurisdiction (except as specified in <u>Schedule I</u>). The office(s) where such Originator keeps its records concerning the Receivables is at the address(es) set forth on <u>Schedule II</u>.

- SECTION 5.11 <u>Margin Stock</u>. Such Originator is not engaged, principally or as one of its important activities, in the business of extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meanings of Regulations T, U and X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System), and no Purchase Price payments or proceeds under this Agreement will be used to purchase or carry any margin stock or to extend credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any margin stock.
- SECTION 5.12 <u>Eligible Receivables</u>. Each Receivable sold, transferred or assigned hereunder is an Eligible Receivable on the date of sale, transfer or assignment.
- SECTION 5.13 <u>Credit and Collection Policy</u>. Such Originator has complied in all material respects with the Credit and Collection Policy with regard to each Receivable sold by it hereunder and each related Contract.
- SECTION 5.14 <u>Investment Company Act</u>. Such Originator is not, and is not controlled by, an "investment company" registered or required to be registered under the Investment Company Act.
- SECTION 5.15 <u>Anti-Money Laundering/International Trade Law Compliance</u>. Such Originator is not a Sanctioned Person. Such Originator, either in its own right or through any third party, (i) does not have any of its assets in a Sanctioned Country or in the possession, custody or control of a Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law; (ii) neither does business in or with, nor derives any of its income from investments in or transactions with, any Sanctioned Country or Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law; or (iii) does not engage in any dealings or transactions prohibited by any Anti-Terrorism Law.

#### SECTION 5.16 Financial Condition.

- (a) The audited consolidated balance sheet of NuStar Energy and its Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014, the related audited consolidated statement of operations for the fiscal year then ended and the related audited consolidated statement of equity for the fiscal year then ended, copies of which have been furnished to the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent, present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position of NuStar Energy and its Subsidiaries for the period ended on such date, all in accordance with GAAP consistently applied except as noted therein.
- (b) On the date hereof, and on the date of each purchase hereunder (both before and immediately after giving effect to such purchase), such Originator is, and will be on such date, Solvent and no Insolvency Proceeding with respect to such Originator is, or will be on such date, pending or threatened.

SECTION 5.17 <u>Tax Status</u>. Such Originator has (i) timely filed all material Tax returns (federal, state, foreign and local) and reports required by Applicable Law to have been filed by it and (ii) paid, or caused to be paid, all material Taxes, assessments and governmental charges thereby shown to be owing by it, other than any such Taxes, assessments or charges that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which appropriate reserves in accordance with GAAP have been established.

#### SECTION 5.18 ERISA.

- (a) Each of the Parent and the ERISA Affiliates is in compliance with the applicable provisions of ERISA and the provisions of the Code relating to Pension Plans and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder and any similar applicable non-U.S. law, except for such noncompliance that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Reportable Event has occurred during the past five years other than a Reportable Event that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The excess of the present value of all benefit liabilities under each Pension Plan of Parent and the ERISA Affiliates (based on the assumptions used to determine required minimum contributions under Section 412 of the Code with respect to such Pension Plan), over the value of the assets of such Pension Plan, determined as of the most recent annual valuation date applicable thereto for which a valuation has been completed, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and the excess of the present value of all benefit liabilities of all underfunded Pension Plans (based on the assumptions used to determine required minimum contributions under Section 412 of the Code with respect to each such Pension Plan), over the value of the assets of all such under funded Pension Plans, determined as of the most recent annual valuation dates applicable thereto for which valuations have been completed, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. None of the Parent or the ERISA Affiliates has received any written notification that any Multiemployer Plan is in reorganization or has been terminated within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA, or has knowledge that any Multiemployer Plan is reasonably expected to be in reorganization or to be terminated, where such reorganization or termination has had or would reasonably be expected to have, through increases in the contributions required to be made to such Pension Plan or otherwise, a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) Each of the Parent and the ERISA Affiliates is in compliance (i) with all applicable provisions of law and all applicable regulations and published interpretations thereunder with respect to any employee pension benefit plan governed by the laws of a jurisdiction other than the United States and (ii) with the terms of any such plan, except, in each case, for such noncompliance that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- SECTION 5.19 <u>Bulk Sales</u>. No transaction contemplated by this Agreement requires compliance by it with any bulk sales act or similar law.
- SECTION 5.20 <u>No Fraudulent Conveyance</u>. No sale or contribution hereunder constitutes a fraudulent transfer or conveyance under any United States federal or applicable state bankruptcy or insolvency laws or is otherwise void or voidable under such or similar laws or principles or for any other reason.

SECTION 5.21 <u>Ordinary Course of Business</u>. Each of the Originators and the Buyer represents and warrants as to itself that each remittance of Collections by or on behalf of such Originator to the Buyer under this Agreement will have been (i) in payment of a debt incurred by such Originator in the ordinary course of business or financial affairs of such Originator and the Buyer and (ii) made in the ordinary course of business or financial affairs of such Originator and the Buyer.

SECTION 5.22 <u>Good Title; Perfection</u>. (a) Immediately preceding its sale or contribution of each Receivable hereunder, such Originator was the owner of such Receivable sold or contributed or purported to be sold or contributed, as the case may be, free and clear of any Adverse Claims, and each such sale or contribution hereunder constitutes a valid sale, transfer and assignment of all of such Originator's right, title and interest in, to and under the Receivables sold or contributed by it, free and clear of any Adverse Claims. On or before the date hereof and before the generation by such Originator of any new Receivable to be sold, contributed or otherwise conveyed hereunder, all financing statements and other documents, if any, required to be recorded or filed in order to perfect and protect the Buyer's ownership interest in Receivables to be sold or otherwise conveyed hereunder against all creditors of and purchasers from such Originator will have been duly filed in each filing office necessary for such purpose, and all filing fees and taxes, if any, payable in connection with such filings shall have been paid in full. Upon the creation of each new Receivable sold, contributed or otherwise conveyed or purported to be conveyed hereunder and on the Closing Date for then existing Receivables, the Buyer shall have a valid and perfected first priority ownership or security interest in each Receivable sold or conveyed to it hereunder, free and clear of any Adverse Claim.

### SECTION 5.23 Perfection Representations.

- (a) This Agreement creates a valid and continuing ownership or security interest (as defined in the applicable UCC) in the Originator's right, title and interest in, to and under the Receivables and Related Rights which (A) security interest has been perfected and is enforceable against creditors of and purchasers from such Originator and (B) will be free of all Adverse Claims.
- (b) The Receivables constitute "accounts" or "general intangibles" within the meaning of Section 9-102 of the UCC.
- (c) Prior to their sale or contribution to Buyer pursuant to this Agreement, such Originator owned and had good and marketable title to the Receivables and Related Rights free and clear of any Adverse Claim of any Person.
- (d) All appropriate financing statements, financing statement amendments and continuation statements have been filed in the proper filing office in the appropriate jurisdictions under Applicable Law in order to perfect (and continue the perfection of) the sale and contribution of the Receivables and Related Rights from each Originator to the Buyer pursuant to this Agreement.

- (e) Other than the ownership or security interest granted to the Buyer pursuant to this Agreement, such Originator has not pledged, assigned, sold, granted a security interest in, or otherwise conveyed any of the Receivables or Related Rights except as permitted by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents. Such Originator has not authorized the filing of and is not aware of any financing statements filed against such Originator that include a description of collateral covering the Receivables and Related Rights other than any financing statement (i) in favor of the Administrative Agent or (ii) that has been terminated or amended to reflect the release of any security interest in the Receivables and Related Rights. Such Originator is not aware of any judgment lien, ERISA lien or tax lien filings against such Originator.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, the representations contained in this <u>Section 5.23</u> shall be continuing and remain in full force and effect until the Final Payout Date.
- SECTION 5.24 <u>Reliance on Separate Legal Identity</u>. Such Originator acknowledges that each of the Lenders, the Group Agents and the Administrative Agent are entering into the Transaction Documents to which they are parties in reliance upon the Buyer's identity as a legal entity separate from such Originator.
- SECTION 5.25 <u>Opinions</u>. The facts regarding such Originator, the Receivables sold by it hereunder, the Related Security and the related matters set forth or assumed in each of the opinions of counsel delivered in connection with this Agreement and the Transaction Documents are true and correct in all material respects.
- SECTION 5.26 <u>Enforceability of Contracts</u>. Each Contract related to any Receivable sold or contributed by such Originator hereunder is effective to create, and has created, a legal, valid and binding obligation of the related Obligor to pay the outstanding balance of such Receivable, enforceable against the Obligor in accordance with its terms, without being subject to any defense, deduction, offset or counterclaim and such Originator has performed its obligations under such Contract in all material respects.
- SECTION 5.27 <u>Nature of Pool Receivables</u>. All Pool Receivables: (i) were originated by such Originator in the ordinary course of its business, (ii) were sold to Buyer for fair consideration and reasonably equivalent value and (iii) represent all, or a portion of the purchase price of merchandise, insurance or services within the meaning of Section 3(c)(5)(A) of the Investment Company Act. The purchase of Pool Receivables with the proceeds of Loans made under the Receivables Financing Agreement would constitute a "current transaction" for purposes of Section 3(a)(3) of the Securities Act.
- SECTION 5.28 <u>Compliance with Applicable Laws</u>. Each Originator is in compliance with the requirements of all laws, rules and regulations applicable to its property or business operations, except in such instance where (i) any failure to comply therewith, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) the requirement to comply therewith is being contested in good faith.

- SECTION 5.29 <u>Servicing Programs</u>. No license or approval is required for Servicer or Buyer's use of any software or other computer program used by such Originator in the servicing of the Receivables, other than those that have been obtained and are in full force and effect.
- SECTION 5.30 <u>Adverse Change in Receivables</u>. Since December 31, 2014, there has been no material adverse change in either the collectibility or the payment history of the Receivables originated by such Originator.
- SECTION 5.31 <u>Compliance with Transaction Documents</u>. Each Originator has complied with all of the terms, covenants and agreements contained in the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party.
- SECTION 5.32 Reaffirmation of Representations and Warranties by each Originator. On each day that a new Receivable is created, and when sold or contributed to the Buyer hereunder, such Originator shall be deemed to have certified that all representations and warranties set forth in this Article V are true and correct in all material respects (unless such representation or warranty contains a materiality qualification and, in such case, such representation or warranty shall be true and correct as made) on and as of such day (except for representations and warranties which apply as to an earlier date (in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (unless such representation or warranty contains a materiality qualification and, in such case, such representation or warranty shall be true and correct as made) as of such earlier date)). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, the representations contained in this Article shall be continuing and remain in full force and effect until the Final Payout Date.

# ARTICLE VI COVENANTS OF THE ORIGINATORS

- SECTION 6.1 <u>Covenants</u>. From the date hereof until the Final Payout Date, each Originator will, unless the Administrative Agent and the Buyer shall otherwise consent in writing, perform the following covenants:
- (a) <u>Financial Reporting</u>. Each Originator will maintain a system of accounting established and administered in accordance with GAAP, and each Originator shall furnish to the Buyer, the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent such information as the Buyer, the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent may from time to time reasonably request relating to such system.
  - (b) <u>Notices</u>. Such Originator will notify the Buyer, Administrative Agent and each Group Agent in writing of any of the following events promptly upon (but in no event later than three (3) Business Days after) a Financial Officer learning of the occurrence thereof, with such notice describing the same, and if applicable, the steps being taken by the Person(s) affected with respect thereto:
    - (i) <u>Notice of Purchase and Sale Termination Event, Unmatured Purchase and Sale Termination Event,</u> Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default. A

statement of a Financial Officer or other authorized person of such Originator setting forth details of any Purchase and Sale Termination Event (as defined in Section 8.1), Unmatured Purchase and Sale Termination Event (as defined in Section 8.1), Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default that has occurred and is continuing and the action that such Originator proposes to take with respect thereto.

- (ii) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The failure of any representation or warranty made or deemed to be made by such Originator under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document to be true and correct in any material respect when made.
- (iii) <u>Litigation</u>. The institution of any litigation, arbitration proceeding or governmental proceeding with respect to such Originator, the Buyer, the Servicer, the Performance Guarantor, or any other Originator, that with respect to any Person other than the Buyer, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (iv) Adverse Claim. (A) Any Person shall obtain an Adverse Claim upon Receivables or Related Rights or any portion thereof, (B) any Person other than the Buyer, the Servicer or the Administrative Agent shall obtain any rights or direct any action with respect to any Lock-Box Account (or related Lock-Box) or (C) any Obligor shall receive any change in payment instructions with respect to Pool Receivable(s) from a Person other than the Servicer or the Administrative Agent.
- (v) <u>Name Changes</u>. Any change in such Originator's name, jurisdiction of organization or any other change requiring the amendment of UCC financing statements.
- (vi) <u>Change in Accountants or Accounting Policy</u>. Any change in (i) the external accountants of such Originator, the Servicer, any other Originator or the Parent or (ii) any material accounting policy of such Originator that is relevant to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Transaction Document (it being understood that any change to the manner in which such Originator accounts for the Receivables shall be deemed "material" for such purpose).
- (c) <u>Conduct of Business; Preservation of Existence</u>. Each Originator will carry on and conduct its business in substantially the same manner and in substantially the same fields of enterprise as it is presently conducted and will do all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its existence and, except where the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, its franchises, authority to do business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted, licenses, patents, trademarks, copyrights and other proprietary rights; provided however, that nothing in this paragraph (c) shall prevent any transaction permitted by paragraph (o) below or not otherwise prohibited by this Agreement or any other Transaction Document.
- (d) <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. Each Originator will comply with the requirements of all laws, rules and regulations applicable to its property or business operations, except in such

instance where (i) any failure to comply therewith, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) the requirement to comply therewith is being contested in good faith.

(e) Furnishing of Information and Inspection of Receivables. Each Originator will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Buyer, the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent from time to time such information with respect to the Pool Receivables as the Buyer, the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent may reasonably request. Each Originator will, at such Originator's expense, during regular business hours with at least three (3) Business Days' prior written notice (or if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, prior written notice), (i) permit the Buyer, the Administrative Agent and/or any Group Agent or their agents or representatives to (A) examine and make copies of and abstracts from all books and records relating to the Pool Receivables or other Collateral, (B) visit the offices and properties of such Originator for the purpose of examining such books and records (subject to applicable restrictions or limitations on access to any facility or information that is classified or restricted by contract (so long as any such contractual restrictions are not created in contemplation of preventing the inspection rights under this provision and no such restriction shall apply to any Contract or any record of payment by Obligors with respect to any Receivable) or by law, regulation or governmental guidelines and in accordance with applicable safety procedures), and (C) discuss matters relating to the Pool Receivables, other Collateral or such Originator's performance under hereunder or under the Transaction Documents to which it is a party with any of the officers, directors or employees of such Originator (provided that representatives of such Originator are present during such discussions) and (only during the continuance of an Event of Default) its independent accountants (provided that representatives of such Originator are present during such discussions), in each case, having knowledge of such matters and (ii) without limiting the provisions of clause (i) above, during regular business hours, at the Originator's expense, upon at least three (3) Business Days prior written notice (or if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, prior written notice) from the Buyer, the Administrative Agent or a Group Agent, permit certified public accountants or other auditors acceptable to the Administrative Agent to conduct a review of its books and records with respect to such Pool Receivables; provided, that the party taking or requesting any such action pursuant to clause (i) above shall coordinate such action with the other parties entitled to take such action; provided further, that the Originators shall be required to reimburse the Administrative Agent for only one (1) such review pursuant to clause (ii) above in any twelve-month period, unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

So long as NuStar Energy or an Affiliate of NuStar Energy is the Servicer, this Section 6.1(e) shall be read together with Sections 8.01(g) and 8.02(e) of the Receivables Financing Agreement, such that the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent shall be entitled to information pursuant to such provisions and examination, inspection and other rights described in such sections with respect to the Pool Receivables and the other Collateral, on a collective basis, from Buyer, Servicer or Originators, and if such information is delivered or rights satisfied by any of Buyer, Servicer or Originators, the provisions with respect to all such parties shall be deemed satisfied.

(f) <u>Payments on Receivables, Lock-Box Accounts</u>. Each Originator will, at all times, instruct all Obligors to deliver payments on the Pool Receivables to a Lock-Box Account or

a Lock-Box. Each Originator will at all times, maintain such books and records necessary to (i) identify Collections received from time to time on Receivables and (ii) segregate such Collections from other property of the other Originators or other Affiliates, if any, held by such Originator; provided, however, that segregation of such Collections from Affiliate Collections shall not be required unless a Level 2 Ratings Event or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. If any payments on the Pool Receivables or other Collections are received by an Originator, the Buyer or the Servicer, it shall hold (or cause such Originator, the Buyer or the Servicer to hold) such payments in trust for the benefit of the Buyer (and the Administrative Agent, the Group Agents and the Lenders as the Buyer's assignees) and promptly (but in any event within one (1) Business Day after receipt) remit such funds into a Lock-Box Account. The Originators will not cause any Lock-Box Bank to violate the terms of any Lock-Box Agreement. The Originators shall not permit funds other than Affiliate Collections, Collections on Pool Receivables and other Collateral to be deposited into any Lock-Box Account. If such funds are nevertheless deposited into any Lock-Box Account, the Originators (or the Servicer on its behalf) will, within two (2) Business Days, identify and transfer such funds to the appropriate Person entitled to such funds. The Originators will not, and will not permit any other Person, to commingle Collections in any Lock-Box Account with any other funds to which the Buyer (or the Administrative Agent, the Group Agents or the Lenders, as the Buyer's assignees) is entitled other than Affiliate Collections. The Originators shall only add (or permit the Servicer to add) a Lock-Box Account (or a related Lock-Box), or a Lock-Box Bank to those listed on Schedule II to the Receivables Financing Agreement, if the Administrative Agent has received notice of such addition and an executed and acknowledged copy of a Lock-Box Agreement (or an amendment thereto) in form and substance acceptable to the Administrative Agent from the applicable Lock-Box Bank. The Originators shall only terminate (or permit the Servicer to terminate) a Lock-Box Bank or close a Lock-Box Account (or a related Lock-Box) with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement or any other Transaction Document:

- (i) within one Business Day of deposit of any Affiliate Collections into any Lock-Box Account (or the related Lock-Box), the Originators (or the Servicer on its behalf) will identify the portion of funds deposited into each Lock-Box Account (and any related Lock-Box) that represent Affiliate Collections;
- (ii) each Originator will, at all times, maintain such books and records necessary to (a) identify Affiliate Collections received from time to time by such Originator, if any, and (b) segregate such Affiliate Collections from other property of the Originators; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that segregation of such Affiliate Collections shall not be required unless a Level 2 Ratings Event or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;
- (iii) on each Business Day, the Originators shall provide such information with respect to Affiliate Collections deposited into each Lock-Box Account (and any related Lock-Box) as reasonably requested by the Buyer or the Administrative Agent;
- (iv) upon the occurrence of a Level 2 Ratings Event, the Originators shall instruct the obligor of each Affiliate Receivable to cease remitting payments with respect to all Affiliate

Receivables to any Lock-Box Account or Lock-Box and to instead remit payments with respect thereto to any other account or lock-box (other than a Lock-Box Account or Lock-Box) from time to time identified to such obligor; and

- (v) at all times during the continuation of a Level 2 Ratings Event (i) the Originators shall not permit Affiliate Collections to be deposited into any Lock-Box or Lock-Box Account, (ii) if Affiliate Collections are nevertheless deposited into any Lock-Box or Lock-Box Account, the Originators (or the Servicer on its behalf) will within two (2) Business Days identify and transfer such funds to the appropriate Person entitled to such funds and (iii) the Originators will not, and will not permit any other Person, to commingle Collections or other funds to which the Buyer (or the Administrative Agent, the Group Agents or the Lenders, as the Buyer's assignees) is entitled, with any Affiliate Collections.
- (g) <u>Sales, Liens, etc.</u> Except as otherwise provided herein, no Originator will sell, assign (by operation of law or otherwise) or otherwise dispose of, or create or suffer to exist any Adverse Claim upon (including, without limitation, the filing of any financing statement) or with respect to, any Pool Receivable or other Related Rights, or assign any right to receive income in respect thereof.
- (h) Extension or Amendment of Pool Receivables. Except as otherwise permitted by the Receivables Financing Agreement, no Originator will, or will permit the Servicer to, alter the delinquency status or adjust the Outstanding Balance or otherwise modify the terms of any Pool Receivable in any material respect, or amend, modify or waive, in any material respect, any term or condition of any related Contract; provided, however that any Originator may modify or permit the Servicer or any Originator to modify any Contract so long as the Contract Amendment Conditions are then satisfied with respect to such Contract. Each Originator shall at its expense, timely and fully perform and comply in all material respects with all provisions, covenants and other promises required to be observed by it under the Contracts related to the Pool Receivables, and timely comply in all material respects with the Credit and Collection Policy with regard to each Pool Receivable and the related Contract.
- (i) <u>Fundamental Changes</u>. Each Originator shall not make any change in such Originator's name, location or making any other change in such Originator's identity or corporate structure that could impair or otherwise render any UCC financing statement filed in connection with this Agreement or the Receivables Financing Agreement "seriously misleading" as such term (or similar term) is used in the applicable UCC, in each case, unless the Buyer, the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent have each (A) received 30 days' prior notice thereof, (B) consented in writing thereto (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), (C) received executed copies of all documents, certificates and opinions (including, without limitation, opinions relating to bankruptcy and UCC matters) as the Buyer or the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request and (D) been reasonably satisfied that all other action to perfect and protect the interests of the Buyer and the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Lenders, in and to the Receivables to be sold by it hereunder and other Related Rights, as reasonably requested by the Buyer or the Administrative Agent shall have been taken by, and at the expense of, such Originator (including the filing of any

UCC financing statements, the receipt of certificates and other requested documents from public officials and all such other actions required pursuant to <u>Section 7.3</u>).

- (j) <u>Change in Credit and Collection Policy</u>. No Originator will make, or direct the Servicer to make, any material change in the Credit and Collection Policy without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Majority Group Agents (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- (k) Records. Each Originator will maintain and implement (or cause the Servicer to maintain and implement) administrative and operating procedures (including an ability to recreate records evidencing Pool Receivables and related Contracts in the event of the destruction of the originals thereof), and keep and maintain (or cause the Servicer to keep and maintain) all documents, books, records, computer tapes and disks and other information reasonably necessary or advisable for the collection of all Pool Receivables (including records adequate to permit the daily identification of each Pool Receivable and all Collections of and adjustments to each existing Pool Receivable).
- (l) Ownership Interest, Etc. Each Originator shall (and shall cause the Servicer to), at its expense, take all action necessary or reasonably desirable to establish and maintain a valid and enforceable ownership or security interest in the Pool Receivables, the Related Rights and Collections with respect thereto, and a first priority perfected security interest in the Collateral, in each case free and clear of any Adverse Claim, in favor of the Buyer (and the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Lenders), as the Buyer's assignee), including taking such action to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the interest of the Buyer (and the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Lenders), as the Buyer's assignee) as the Buyer, the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent may reasonably request. In order to evidence the security interests of the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, such Originator shall, from time to time take such action, or execute and deliver such instruments as may be necessary (including, without limitation, such actions as are reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent) to maintain and perfect, as a first-priority interest, the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Receivables, Related Security and Collections. Such Originator shall, from time to time and within the time limits established by law, prepare and present to the Administrative Agent for the Administrative Agent's authorization and approval, all financing statements, amendments, continuations or initial financing statements in lieu of a continuation statement, or other filings necessary to continue, maintain and perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest as a first-priority interest. The Administrative Agent's approval of such filings shall authorize such Originator to file such financing statements under the UCC without the signature of such Originator, any other Originator or the Administrative Agent where allowed by Applicable Law. Notwithstanding anything else in the Transaction Documents to the contrary, such Originator shall not have any authority to file a termination, partial termination, release, partial release, or any amendment that deletes the name of a debtor or excludes collateral of any such financing statements filed in connection with the Transaction Documents, without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent.
- (m) <u>Further Assurances.</u> Each Originator hereby authorizes and hereby agrees from time to time, at its own expense, promptly to execute (if necessary) and deliver all further

instruments and documents, and to take all further actions, that may be necessary or desirable, or that the Buyer or the Administrative Agent may reasonably request, to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the purchases and contributions made hereunder or under the Receivables Financing Agreement and/or security interest granted pursuant to the Receivables Financing Agreement or any other Transaction Document, or to enable the Buyer or the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Lenders) to exercise and enforce their respective rights and remedies hereunder, under the Receivables Financing Agreement or under any other Transaction Document. Without limiting the foregoing, such Originator hereby authorizes, and will, upon the request of the Buyer or the Administrative Agent, at such Originator's own expense, execute (if necessary) and file such financing statements or continuation statements, or amendments thereto, and such other instruments and documents, that may be necessary or desirable, or that the Buyer or Administrative Agent may reasonably request, to perfect, protect or evidence any of the foregoing.

- (n) <u>Transaction Information</u>. None of the Originators, any Affiliate of an Originator or any third party with which an Originator or any Affiliate thereof has contracted, shall deliver, in writing or orally, to any Rating Agency, any Transaction Information without providing such Transaction Information to the applicable Group Agent prior to delivery to such Rating Agency and will not participate in any oral communications with respect to Transaction Information with any Rating Agency without the participation of such Group Agent.
- (o) Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, etc. No Originator shall (i) be a party to any merger, consolidation or other restructuring, except a merger, consolidation or other restructuring where the Buyer, the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent have each (A) received 30 days' prior notice thereof, (B) consented in writing thereto (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), (C) received executed copies of all documents, certificates and opinions (including, without limitation, opinions relating to bankruptcy and UCC matters) as the Buyer or the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request and (D) been satisfied that all other action to perfect and protect the interests of the Buyer and the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Lenders, in and to the Receivables to be sold by it hereunder and other Related Rights, as reasonably requested by the Buyer or the Administrative Agent shall have been taken by, and at the expense of, such Originator (including the filing of any UCC financing statements, the receipt of certificates and other requested documents from public officials and all such other actions required pursuant to Section 7.3) or (ii) directly or indirectly sell, transfer, assign, convey or lease (A) whether in one or a series of transactions, all or substantially all of its assets or (B) any Receivables or any interest therein (other than pursuant to this Agreement).
- (p) <u>Frequency of Billing</u>. Cause the Servicer to prepare and deliver invoices with respect to all Receivables in accordance with the Credit and Collection Policies, but in any event no less frequently than as required under the Contract related to such Receivable.
- (q) <u>Receivables Not to Be Evidenced by Promissory Notes or Chattel Paper</u>. No Originator shall take any action to cause or permit any Receivable created, acquired or originated by it to become evidenced by any "instrument" or "chattel paper" (as defined in the applicable UCC) without the prior written consent of the Buyer and the Administrative Agent.

- (r) Anti-Money Laundering/International Trade Law Compliance. Such Originator will not become a Sanctioned Person. Such Originator, either in its own right or through any third party, will not (a) have any of its assets in a Sanctioned Country or in the possession, custody or control of a Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law; (b) do business in or with, or derive any of its income from investments in or transactions with, any Sanctioned Country or Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law; (c) engage in any dealings or transactions prohibited by any Anti-Terrorism Law or (d) use the proceeds from the sale of the Receivables to fund any operations in, finance any investments or activities in, or, make any payments to, a Sanctioned Country or Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law. Such Originator shall comply with all Anti-Terrorism Laws. Such Originator shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent and each Lender in writing upon the occurrence of a Reportable Compliance Event.
- (s) Each Originator (or the Servicer on its behalf) shall have placed on the most recent, and have taken all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that there shall be placed on each subsequent, data processing report that it generates which are of the type that a proposed purchaser or lender would use to evaluate the Receivables, the following legend (or the substantive equivalent thereof): "THE RECEIVABLES DESCRIBED HEREIN HAVE BEEN SOLD PURSUANT TO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF JUNE 15, 2015, AS AMENDED, BETWEEN EACH OF THE ENTITIES LISTED ON SCHEDULE I THERETO, AS ORIGINATORS, NUSTAR ENERGY L.P., AS SERVICER AND NUSTAR FINANCE LLC, AS BUYER; AND THE RECEIVABLES DESCRIBED HEREIN HAVE BEEN PLEDGED TO PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, PURSUANT TO A RECEIVABLES FINANCING AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF JUNE 15, 2015, AS AMENDED, AMONG NUSTAR FINANCE LLC, AS BORROWER, NUSTAR ENERGY L.P., AS SERVICER, THE VARIOUS LENDERS AND GROUP AGENTS FROM TIME TO TIME PARTY THERETO AND PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT".
  - (t) <u>Buyer's Tax Status</u>. Neither NuStar Energy nor any Originator shall take or cause any action to be taken that could result in the Buyer (i) being treated other than as a "disregarded entity" within the meaning of U.S. Treasury Regulation § 301.7701-3 for U.S. federal income tax purposes or (ii) becoming an association taxable as a corporation or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.
  - (u) <u>Insurance</u>. Such Originator will be covered by group casualty and liability insurance to the extent deemed appropriate in Originator's good faith business judgment.
- (v) <u>Subordinated Notes, Etc.</u> Such Originator will not sell, assign (by operation of law or otherwise) or otherwise dispose of, or grant any option with respect to, or create or suffer to exist any Adverse Claim upon (including, without limitation, the filing of any financing statement) or with respect to, any Subordinated Note.
- SECTION 6.2 <u>Separateness Covenants</u>. Each Originator hereby acknowledges that this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents are being entered into in reliance upon the Buyer's identity as a legal entity separate from such Originator and its Affiliates. Therefore, from and after the date hereof, each Originator shall take all reasonable steps necessary to make it apparent to third

Persons that the Buyer is an entity with assets and liabilities distinct from those of such Originator and any other Person, and is not a division of such Originator, its Affiliates or any other Person. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and in addition to and consistent with the other covenants set forth herein, such Originator shall take such actions as shall be required in order that:

- (a) such Originator shall not be involved in the day to day management of the Buyer;
- (b) such Originator shall maintain separate records and books of account from the Buyer and otherwise will observe corporate formalities and, to the extent that it renders or otherwise furnishes services to the Buyer, it will be compensated by the Buyer for such services;
- (c) the financial statements and books and records of such Originator shall be prepared after the date of creation of the Buyer to reflect and shall reflect the separate existence of the Buyer; <u>provided</u>, that the Buyer's assets and liabilities may be included in a consolidated financial statement issued by an Affiliate of the Buyer; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any such consolidated financial statement or the notes thereto shall make clear that the Buyer's assets are not available to satisfy the obligations of such Affiliate;
- (d) except as permitted by the Receivables Financing Agreement, (i) such Originator shall maintain its assets (including, without limitation, deposit accounts) separately from the assets (including, without limitation, deposit accounts) of the Buyer and (ii) such Originator's assets, and records relating thereto, have not been, are not, and shall not be, commingled with those of the Buyer;
  - (e) such Originator shall not act as an agent for the Buyer (except in the capacity of Servicer or a Sub-Servicer);
- (f) such Originator shall not conduct any of the business of the Buyer in its own name (except in the capacity of Servicer or a Sub-Servicer);
  - (g) such Originator shall not pay any liabilities of the Buyer out of its own funds or assets;
  - (h) such Originator shall maintain an arm's-length relationship with the Buyer;
- (i) such Originator shall not assume or guarantee or become obligated for the debts of the Buyer or hold out its credit as being available to satisfy the obligations of the Buyer;
  - (j) such Originator shall not acquire obligations of the Buyer (other than the Subordinated Notes);
- (k) such Originator shall allocate fairly and reasonably overhead or other expenses that are properly shared with the Buyer, including, without limitation, shared office space;
  - (l) such Originator shall identify and hold itself out as a separate and distinct entity from the Buyer;

- (m) such Originator shall correct any known misunderstanding respecting its separate identity from the Buyer;
- (n) such Originator shall not enter into, or be a party to, any transaction with the Buyer, except in the ordinary course of its business and on terms which are intrinsically fair and not less favorable to it than would be obtained in a comparable arm's-length transaction with an unrelated third party;
  - (o) such Originator shall not pay the salaries of the Buyer's employees, if any; and
- (p) to the extent not already covered in <u>paragraphs (a)</u> through (<u>o</u>) above, such Originator shall comply and/or act in accordance with all of the other separateness covenants set forth in <u>Section 8.03</u> of the Receivables Financing Agreement.

# ARTICLE VII ADDITIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS IN RESPECT OF RECEIVABLES

SECTION 7.1 Rights of the Buyer. Each Originator hereby authorizes the Buyer, the Servicer or their respective designees or assignees under the Receivables Financing Agreement (including, without limitation, the Administrative Agent) to take any and all steps in such Originator's name necessary or desirable, in their respective determination, to collect all amounts due under any and all Receivables sold, contributed or otherwise conveyed or purported to be conveyed by it hereunder, including, without limitation, endorsing the name of such Originator on checks and other instruments representing Collections and enforcing such Receivables and the provisions of the related Contracts that concern payment and/or enforcement of rights to payment; provided, however, the Administrative Agent shall not take any of the foregoing actions unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

### SECTION 7.2 <u>Responsibilities of the Originators</u>. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding:

- (a) Each Originator shall perform its obligations hereunder, and the exercise by the Buyer or its designee of its rights hereunder shall not relieve such Originator from such obligations.
- (b) None of the Buyer, the Servicer, the Lenders, the Group Agents or the Administrative Agent shall have any obligation or liability to any Obligor or any other third Person with respect to any Receivables, Contracts related thereto or any other related agreements, nor shall the Buyer, the Servicer, the Lenders, the Group Agents or the Administrative Agent be obligated to perform any of the obligations of such Originator thereunder.
- (c) Each Originator hereby grants to the Administrative Agent an irrevocable power-of-attorney, with full power of substitution, coupled with an interest, during the occurrence and continuation of an Event of Default to take in the name of such Originator all steps necessary

or advisable to endorse, negotiate or otherwise realize on any writing or other right of any kind held or transmitted by such Originator or transmitted or received by the Buyer (whether or not from such Originator) in connection with any Receivable sold, contributed or otherwise conveyed or purported to be conveyed by it hereunder or Related Right.

SECTION 7.3 Further Action Evidencing Purchases. On or prior to the Closing Date, each Originator shall mark its master data processing records evidencing Pool Receivables and Contracts with a legend, acceptable to the Buyer and the Administrative Agent, evidencing that the Pool Receivables have been transferred in accordance with this Agreement and none of the Originators or Servicer shall change or remove such notation without the consent of the Buyer and the Administrative Agent. Each Originator agrees that from time to time, at its expense, it will promptly execute and deliver all further instruments and documents, and take all further action that the Buyer, the Servicer, the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent may reasonably request in order to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the Receivables and Related Rights purchased by or contributed to the Buyer hereunder, or to enable the Buyer to exercise or enforce any of its rights hereunder or under any other Transaction Document. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, upon the request of the Buyer, the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent, such Originator will execute (if applicable), authorize and file such financing or continuation statements, or amendments thereto or assignments thereof, and such other instruments or notices, as may be necessary or appropriate.

Each Originator hereby authorizes the Buyer or its designee or assignee (including, without limitation, the Administrative Agent) to file one or more financing or continuation statements, and amendments thereto and assignments thereof, relative to all or any of the Receivables and Related Rights sold or otherwise conveyed or purported to be conveyed by it hereunder and now existing or hereafter generated by such Originator. If any Originator fails to perform any of its agreements or obligations under this Agreement, the Buyer or its designee or assignee (including, without limitation, the Administrative Agent) may (but shall not be required to) itself perform, or cause the performance of, such agreement or obligation, and the expenses of the Buyer or its designee or assignee (including, without limitation, the Administrative Agent) incurred in connection therewith shall be payable by such Originator.

SECTION 7.4 <u>Application of Collections</u>. Any payment by an Obligor in respect of any indebtedness owed by it to any Originator shall, except as otherwise specified by such Obligor or required by Applicable Law and unless otherwise instructed by the Servicer (with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent) or the Administrative Agent, be applied as a Collection of any Receivable or Receivables of such Obligor to the extent of any amounts then due and payable thereunder (such application to be made starting with the oldest outstanding Receivable or Receivables) before being applied to any other indebtedness of such Obligor.

SECTION 7.5 <u>Performance of Obligations</u>. Each Originator shall (i) perform all of its obligations under the Contracts related to the Receivables generated by such Originator to the same extent as if interests in such Receivables had not been transferred hereunder, and the exercise by the Buyer or the Administrative Agent of its rights hereunder shall not relieve any Originator from any such obligations and (ii) pay when due any taxes, including, without limitation, any sales taxes

payable in connection with the Receivables generated by such Originator and their creation and satisfaction.

# ARTICLE VIII PURCHASE AND SALE TERMINATION EVENTS

- SECTION 8.1 <u>Purchase and Sale Termination Events</u>. Each of the following events or occurrences described in this <u>Section 8.1</u> shall constitute a "<u>Purchase and Sale Termination Event</u>" (each event which with notice or the passage of time or both would become a Purchase and Sale Termination Event being referred to herein as an "<u>Unmatured Purchase and Sale Termination Event</u>"):
  - (a) the Termination Date shall have occurred;
- (b) any Originator shall fail to make when due any payment or deposit to be made by it under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document to which it is a party and such failure shall remain unremedied for three (3) Business Days;
- (c) any representation or warranty made or deemed to be made by any Originator (or any of its officers) under or in connection with this Agreement, any other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, or any other information or report delivered pursuant hereto or thereto shall prove to have been incorrect or untrue in any material respect when made or deemed made or delivered; <u>provided</u>, that such circumstance shall not constitute a Purchase and Sale Termination Event pursuant to this clause (c) if either such representation or warranty, or such information or report, is part of an Information Package, is corrected promptly (but not later than five (5) Business Days) after the Originator has knowledge or receives notice thereof; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u> that no breach of a representation or warranty set forth in <u>Sections 5.5</u>, <u>5.12</u>, <u>5.20</u>, <u>5.25</u>, <u>5.25</u> or <u>5.26</u> shall constitute a Purchase and Sale Termination Event pursuant to this <u>clause (c)</u> if credit has been given for a reduction of the Purchase Price, the outstanding principal balance of the applicable Subordinated Note, if any, has been reduced or the applicable Originator has made a cash payment to the Buyer, in any case, as required pursuant to <u>Section 3.3(c)</u> with respect to such breach;
- (d) any Originator shall fail to perform or observe any other term, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement or any other Transaction Document to which it is a party on its part to be performed or observed and such failure shall continue unremedied for thirty (30) days after the such Originator has knowledge or receives written notice thereof; or
- (e) any Insolvency Proceeding shall be instituted against any Originator and such proceeding shall remain undismissed or unstayed for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or any of the actions sought in such proceeding (including the entry of an order for relief against, or the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for, it or for any substantial part of its property) shall occur.

SECTION 8.2 Remedies.

- (a) <u>Optional Termination</u>. Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of a Purchase and Sale Termination Event, the Buyer (and not the Servicer), with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent shall have the option, by notice to the Originators (with a copy to the Administrative Agent and the Group Agents), to declare the Purchase Facility terminated.
- (b) <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. Upon any termination of the Purchase Facility pursuant to <u>Section 8.2(a)</u>, the Buyer (and the Administrative Agent as Buyer's assignee) shall have, in addition to all other rights and remedies under this Agreement, all other rights and remedies provided under the UCC of each applicable jurisdiction and other Applicable Laws, which rights shall be cumulative.

# ARTICLE IX INDEMNIFICATION

- SECTION 9.1 <u>Indemnities by the Originators</u>. Without limiting any other rights that the Buyer may have hereunder or under Applicable Law, each Originator and NuStar Energy, jointly and severally, hereby agrees to indemnify the Buyer, each of its officers, directors, employees, agents, employees and respective assigns, the Administrative Agent, each Lender and each Group Agent (each of the foregoing Persons being individually called a "<u>Purchase and Sale Indemnified Party</u>"), forthwith on demand, from and against any and all damages, claims, losses, judgments, liabilities, penalties and related costs and expenses (including Attorney Costs) (all of the foregoing being collectively called "<u>Purchase and Sale Indemnified Amounts</u>") awarded against or incurred by any of them arising out of, relating to or in connection with:
- (a) the breach of any representation or warranty made or deemed made by such Originator (or any employee, officer or agent of such Originator) under or in connection with this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents, or any information or report delivered by or on behalf of such Originator pursuant hereto or thereto which shall have been untrue or incorrect when made or deemed made or delivered;
- (b) the transfer by such Originator of any interest in any Pool Receivable or Related Right other than the transfer of any Pool Receivable and Related Security to the Buyer pursuant to this Agreement and the grant of a security interest to the Buyer pursuant to this Agreement;
- (c) the failure by such Originator to comply with the terms of any Transaction Document or with any Applicable Law with respect to any Pool Receivable or the related Contract; or the failure of any Pool Receivable or the related Contract to conform to any such Applicable Law;
- (d) the lack of an enforceable ownership interest, or a first priority perfected lien, in the Pool Receivables (and all Related Security) originated by such Originator against all Persons (including any bankruptcy trustee or similar Person), in either case, free and clear of any Adverse Claim;

- (e) the failure to have filed, or any delay in filing, financing statements, financing statements continuation statements or other similar instruments or documents under the UCC of any applicable jurisdiction or other Applicable Laws with respect to any Pool Receivable or the Related Rights;
- (f) any suit or claim related to the Pool Receivables originated by such Originator (including any products liability or environmental liability claim arising out of or in connection with the chemicals or other property, products or services that are the subject of any Pool Receivable originated by such Originator);
- (g) any dispute, claim, offset or defense (other than discharge in bankruptcy) of the Obligor to the payment of any Receivable in the Receivables Pool (including a defense based on such Receivable's or the related Contract's not being a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Obligor enforceable against it in accordance with its terms) or any other claim resulting from the sale of the petrochemicals or other property, products or services to such Receivable or the furnishing or failure to furnish such chemicals or other property, products or services;
- (h) any failure of such Originator to perform any its duties or obligations in accordance with the provisions hereof and of each other Transaction Document related to Pool Receivables or to timely and fully comply with the Credit and Collection Policy in regard to each Pool Receivable;
  - (i) the commingling of Collections of Pool Receivables at any time with other funds;
- (j) the Servicer's failure or delay to provide any Obligor with an invoice or other evidence of indebtedness (so long as NuStar or an Affiliate of NuStar is the Servicer);
- (k) any investigation, litigation or proceeding (actual or threatened) related to this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or in respect of any Pool Receivable or any Related Rights;
- (l) any claim brought by any Person other than a Purchase and Sale Indemnified Party arising from any activity by such Originator or any Affiliate of such Originator in servicing, administering or collecting any Pool Receivable;
- (m) the failure by such Originator to pay when due any taxes, including, without limitation, sales, excise or personal property taxes;
- (n) any dispute, claim, offset or defense (other than discharge in bankruptcy of the Obligor) of the Obligor to the payment of any Pool Receivable (including, without limitation, a defense based on such Pool Receivable or the related Contract not being a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Obligor enforceable against it in accordance with its terms), or any other claim resulting from the sale of goods or the rendering of services related to such Pool Receivable or the furnishing or failure to furnish any such goods or services or other similar claim or defense not arising from the financial inability of any Obligor to pay undisputed indebtedness;

- (o) any product liability claim arising out of or in connection with goods or services that are the subject of any Receivable generated by such Originator;
- (p) any tax or governmental fee or charge, all interest and penalties thereon or with respect thereto, and all out-of-pocket costs and expenses, including without limitation Attorney Costs in defending against the same, which are required to be paid by reason of the purchase or ownership of the Receivables generated by such Originator or any Related Rights connected with any such Receivables; or
- (q) any action taken by the Administrative Agent in accordance with Applicable Law as attorney-in-fact for such Originator pursuant to this Agreement or any other Transaction Document;

provided that such indemnity shall not be available to any Purchase and Sale Indemnified Party to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (x) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted solely from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of a Purchase and Sale Indemnified Party, (y) result from a claim brought by Originator, NuStar Energy or an Affiliate for breach of such Purchase and Sale Indemnified Party's obligations under this Agreement or under any other Transaction Document, if the Originator, NuStar Energy or an Affiliate has obtained a final and nonappealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or (z) constitute recourse with respect to a Pool Receivable by reason of the bankruptcy or insolvency, or the financial or credit condition or financial default, of the related Obligor.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, solely for purposes of such Originator's indemnification obligations in this <u>Article IX</u>, any representation, warranty or covenant qualified by the occurrence or non-occurrence of a material adverse effect or similar concepts of materiality shall be deemed to be not so qualified.

If for any reason the foregoing indemnification is unavailable to any Purchase and Sale Indemnified Party or insufficient to hold it harmless, then the Originators, jointly and severally, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Purchase and Sale Indemnified Party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative economic interests of such Originator and its Affiliates, on the one hand, and such Purchase and Sale Indemnified Party, on the other hand, in the matters contemplated by this Agreement as well as the relative fault of such Originator and its Affiliates and such Purchase and Sale Indemnified Party with respect to such loss, claim, damage or liability and any other relevant equitable considerations. The reimbursement, indemnity and contribution obligations of such Originator under this Section shall be in addition to any liability which such Originator may otherwise have, shall extend upon the same terms and conditions to Purchase and Sale Indemnified Party, and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of any successors, assigns, heirs and personal representatives of such Originator and the Purchase and Sale Indemnified Parties. Any indemnification or contribution under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

# ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

### SECTION 10.1 Amendments, etc.

- (a) The provisions of this Agreement may from time to time be amended, modified or waived, if such amendment, modification or waiver is in writing and executed by the Buyer, the Servicer and each Originator, with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Majority Group Agents.
- (b) No failure or delay on the part of the Buyer, the Servicer, any Originator, the Administrative Agent or any third-party beneficiary in exercising any power or right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such power or right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other power or right. No notice to or demand on the Buyer, the Servicer or any Originator in any case shall entitle it to any notice or demand in similar or other circumstances. No waiver or approval by the Buyer, the Administrative Agent or the Servicer under this Agreement shall, except as may otherwise be stated in such waiver or approval, be applicable to subsequent transactions. No waiver or approval under this Agreement shall require any similar or dissimilar waiver or approval thereafter to be granted hereunder.
- (c) The Transaction Documents contain a final and complete integration of all prior expressions by the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter thereof and shall constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter thereof, superseding all prior oral or written understandings.

SECTION 10.2 <u>Notices, etc.</u> All notices and other communications provided for hereunder shall, unless otherwise stated herein, be in writing (including facsimile or electronic mail communication) and shall be delivered or sent by facsimile, electronic mail, or by overnight mail, to the intended party at the mailing or electronic mail address or facsimile number of such party set forth under its name on <u>Schedule V</u> hereof or at such other address or facsimile number as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the other parties hereto or in the case of the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Group Agent, at their respective address for notices pursuant to the Receivables Financing Agreement. All such notices and communications shall be effective (i) if delivered by overnight mail, when received, and (ii) if transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail, when sent, receipt confirmed by telephone or electronic means.

SECTION 10.3 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law. Without limiting the foregoing, NuStar Energy and each Originator hereby authorizes the Buyer, the Administrative Agent, each Lender and each Group Agent (collectively, the "Set-off Parties"), at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to set off, against any obligations of NuStar Energy or such Originator to such Set-off Party arising in connection with the Transaction Documents (including, without limitation, amounts payable pursuant to Section 9.1) that are then due and payable or that are not then due and payable but have accrued, any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) at any time held by, and any and all indebtedness at

any time owing by, any Set-off Party to or for the credit or the account of NuStar Energy or such Originator.

SECTION 10.4 <u>Binding Effect; Assignability.</u> This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Buyer and each Originator and their respective successors and permitted assigns. No Originator may assign any of its rights hereunder or any interest herein without the prior written consent of the Buyer, the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent, except as otherwise herein specifically provided. This Agreement shall create and constitute the continuing obligations of the parties hereto in accordance with its terms, and shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the parties hereto shall agree. The rights and remedies with respect to any breach of any representation and warranty made by any Originator pursuant to <u>Article V</u> and the indemnification and payment provisions of <u>Article IX</u> and <u>Section 10.6</u> shall be continuing and shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 10.5 Governing Law. EXCEPT AS DESCRIBED BELOW, THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE PARTIES HERETO, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (INCLUDING SECTIONS 5-1401 AND 5-1402 OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BUT WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OTHER CONFLICTS OF LAW PROVISIONS THEREOF, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PERFECTION OF A SECURITY INTEREST OR REMEDIES HEREUNDER, IN RESPECT OF ANY PARTICULAR COLLATERAL ARE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF A JURISDICTION OTHER THAN THE STATE OF NEW YORK).

### SECTION 10.6 Costs, Expenses and Taxes.

(a) In addition to the obligations of the Originators under Article IX, each Originator, severally and for itself alone, and NuStar Energy, jointly and severally with each Originator, agrees to pay on demand all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses in connection with the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement (or any supplement or amendment hereto) related to this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents (together with all amendments, restatements, supplements, consents and waivers, if any, from time to time hereto and thereto), including, without limitation, (i) the reasonable Attorney Costs for the Buyer (and any successors, permitted assigns thereof and any third-party beneficiary of the Buyer's rights thereunder) and any of its Affiliates with respect thereto and with respect to advising any such Person as to their rights and remedies under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and (ii) reasonable and documented accountants', auditors' and consultants' fees and out-of-pocket expenses for the Buyer (and any successors, permitted assigns thereof and any third-party beneficiary of the Buyer's rights thereunder) and any of its Affiliates and the fees and charges of any nationally recognized statistical rating agency incurred in connection with the administration and maintenance of this Agreement or advising the Buyer (and any successors, permitted assigns thereof and any third-party beneficiary of the Buyer's rights thereunder) as to its rights and remedies under this Agreement or as to any actual or reasonably claimed breach of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document. In addition, each Originator, severally and for itself alone, and NuStar Energy, jointly and severally with each Originator agrees

to pay on demand all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including reasonable Attorney Costs), of the Buyer (and any successors, permitted assigns thereof and any third-party beneficiary of the Buyer's rights thereunder) and its Affiliates, incurred in connection with the enforcement of any of their respective rights or remedies under the provisions of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents.

- (b) All stamp, franchise and other taxes and fees payable in connection with the execution, delivery, filing and recording of this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents to be delivered hereunder, and agrees to indemnify each Purchase and Sale Indemnified Party against any liabilities with respect to or resulting from any delay in paying or omitting to pay such taxes and fees.
- SECTION 10.7 <u>SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION</u>. (a) EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF ANY NEW YORK STATE OR FEDERAL COURT SITTING IN NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, AND EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW YORK STATE COURT OR, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT. THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT THEY MAY EFFECTIVELY DO SO, THE DEFENSE OF AN INCONVENIENT FORUM TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING. THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE 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.
- (b) EACH PARTY HERETO CONSENTS TO THE SERVICE OF ANY AND ALL PROCESS IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING BY THE MAILING OF COPIES OF SUCH PROCESS TO IT AT ITS ADDRESS SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE IV. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION 10.7 SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF THE PARTIES HERETO TO SERVE LEGAL PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW.
- SECTION 10.8 <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER (WHETHER SOUNDING IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER TRANSACTION DOCUMENT.
- SECTION 10.9 <u>Captions and Cross References; Incorporation by Reference</u>. The various captions (including, without limitation, the table of contents) in this Agreement are included for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement. References in this Agreement to any underscored Article, Section, Schedule or Exhibit are to such Article, Section, Schedule or Exhibit of this Agreement, as the case may be. The

Schedules and Exhibits hereto are hereby incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Agreement.

SECTION 10.10 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart hereof by facsimile or other electronic means shall be equally effective as delivery of an originally executed counterpart.

SECTION 10.11 Acknowledgment and Agreement. By execution below, each Originator expressly acknowledges and agrees that all of the Buyer's rights, title, and interests in, to, and under this Agreement (but not its obligations), shall be assigned by the Buyer to the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Lenders) pursuant to the Receivables Financing Agreement, and each Originator consents to such assignment. Each of the parties hereto acknowledges and agrees that the Lenders, the Group Agents and the Administrative Agent are third-party beneficiaries of the rights of the Buyer arising hereunder and under the other Transaction Documents to which any Originator is a party, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Transaction Document, during the occurrence and continuation of an Event of Default under the Receivables Financing Agreement, the Administrative Agent, and not the Buyer, shall have the sole right to exercise all such rights and related remedies.

SECTION 10.12 No Proceeding. Each Originator hereby agrees that it will not institute, or join any other Person in instituting, against the Buyer any Insolvency Proceeding for at least one year and one day following the Final Payout Date. Each Originator further agrees that notwithstanding any provisions contained in this Agreement to the contrary, the Buyer shall not, and shall not be obligated to, pay any amount in respect of any Subordinated Note or otherwise to such Originator pursuant to this Agreement unless the Buyer has received funds which may, subject to Section 4.01 of the Receivables Financing Agreement, be used to make such payment. Any amount which the Buyer does not pay pursuant to the operation of the preceding sentence shall not constitute a claim (as defined in §101 of the Bankruptcy Code) against or corporate obligation of the Buyer by such Originator for any such insufficiency unless and until the provisions of the foregoing sentence are satisfied. The agreements in this Section 10.12 shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 10.13 <u>Mutual Negotiations</u>. This Agreement and the other Transaction Documents are the product of mutual negotiations by the parties thereto and their counsel, and no party shall be deemed the draftsperson of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or any provision hereof or thereof or to have provided the same. Accordingly, in the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity of any provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, such inconsistency or ambiguity shall not be interpreted against any party because of such party's involvement in the drafting thereof.

SECTION 10.14 <u>Severability</u>. Any provisions of this Agreement which are prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such

prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized as of the date first above written.

NUSTAR FINANCE LLC, as Buyer

By: /s/ Thomas R. Shoaf

Name: Thomas R. Shoaf

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

NUSTAR ENERGY L.P.,

as Servicer

By: Riverwalk Logistics, L.P., its general partner

By: NuStar GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Thomas R. Shoaf

Name: Thomas R. Shoaf

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

NUSTAR LOGISTICS, L.P.,

as an Originator

By: NuStar GP, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Thomas R. Shoaf

Name: Thomas R. Shoaf

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

NUSTAR ENERGY SERVICES, INC.,

as an Originator

By: /s/ Thomas R. Shoaf

Name: Thomas R. Shoaf

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

S-1 Purchase and Sale Agreement (NuStar)

# NUSTAR PIPELINE OPERATING PARTNERSHIP L.P., as an Originator

By: NuStar Pipeline Company, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Thomas R. Shoaf
Name: Thomas R. Shoaf
Title: Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

NUSTAR SUPPLY & TRADING LLC, as an Originator

By: /s/ Thomas R. Shoaf

Name: Thomas R. Shoaf

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

S-2 Purchase and Sale Agreement (NuStar)

# LIST AND LOCATION OF EACH ORIGINATOR

<u>Originator</u>	Location for Purposes of UCC Filings
NuStar Energy Services, Inc.	Delaware
NuStar Logistics, L.P.	Delaware
NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P.	Delaware
NuStar Supply & Trading LLC	Delaware

Schedule I-1 Purchase and Sale Agreement (NuStar)

# LOCATION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS OF ORIGINATORS

<u>Originator</u>	Location of Books and Records
NuStar Energy Services, Inc.	
	19003 IH-10 West
	San Antonio, TX 78257
NuStar Logistics, L.P.	
	19003 IH-10 West
	San Antonio, TX 78257
NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P.	
	19003 IH-10 West
	San Antonio, TX 78257
NuStar Supply & Trading LLC	
	19003 IH-10 West
	San Antonio, TX 78257

Schedule II-1 Purchase and Sale Agreement (NuStar)

### **TRADE NAMES**

NuStar Supply & Trading LLC was formed as NuStar Crude Supply LLC on April 9, 2012. It changed its name to NuStar Supply and Trade LLC on June 22, 2012 and changed its name to NuStar Supply & Trading LLC on July 24, 2012.

NuTex GP, LLC and NuStar Crude Oil Pipeline L.P. merged into NuStar Logistics, L.P. on March 14, 2014.

NuStar Logistics previously operated in Oklahoma under "NuStar Asphalt."

Schedule III-1 Purchase and Sale Agreement (NuStar)

# ACTIONS/SUITS

None.

Schedule IV-1 Purchase and Sale Agreement (NuStar)

## **NOTICE ADDRESSES**

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Schedule V-2 Purchase and Sale Agreement (NuStar)

# FORM OF PURCHASE REPORT

Originat	or: [Name of Originator]
Purchase	er: NuStar Finance LLC
Payment	t Date:, 20
1.	Outstanding Balance of Receivables [Purchased] [Contributed to the Capital of Purchaser] [on the Closing Date][during the preceding calendar month]:
2.	Fair Market Value Discount:
	1/{1 + (Prime Rate x <u>Days' Sales Outstanding</u> } 365
	Where:
	Prime Rate =
	Days' Sales Outstanding =
3.	Purchase Price (1 x 2) = \$
4.	Reductions in the Purchase Price = \$
5.	Net Purchase Price (3 – 4) = \$

Exhibit A-1 Purchase and Sale Agreement (NuStar)

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New York, New York

### FORM OF SUBORDINATED NOTE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the	undersigned, NUSTAR FINA	NCE LLC, a Delaware	limited liability	company (the
"Buyer"), promises to pay to [	], a [	] (the " <u>Originator</u> "), (	on the terms and	subject to the
conditions set forth herein and in the Pur	chase and Sale Agreement refe	erred to below, the aggre	gate unpaid Purcha	se Price of all
Receivables purchased by the Buyer fron	n the Originator pursuant to suc	ch Purchase and Sale Agr	eement, as such ur	paid Purchase

- 1. <u>Purchase and Sale Agreement</u>. This Subordinated Note is one of the Subordinated Notes described in, and is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in, that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement dated as of June 15, 2015 (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Purchase and Sale Agreement</u>"), among the Buyer, NuStar Energy L.P., as Servicer, the Originator, and the other originators from time to time party thereto. Reference is hereby made to the Purchase and Sale Agreement for a statement of certain other rights and obligations of the Buyer and the Originator.
- 2. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used (but not defined) herein have the meanings assigned thereto in the Purchase and Sale Agreement and in <u>Article I</u> of the Receivables Financing Agreement (as defined in the Purchase and Sale Agreement). In addition, as used herein, the following terms have the following meanings:

"Bankruptcy Proceedings" has the meaning set forth in clause (b) of paragraph 9 hereof.

"<u>Final Maturity Date</u>" means the Payment Date immediately following the date that falls one year and one day after the Termination Date.

"<u>Prime Rate</u>" means a <u>per annum</u> rate equal to the "U.S. Prime Rate" as published in the "Money Rates" section of The Wall Street Journal or if such information ceases to be published in The Wall Street Journal, such other publication as determined by the Buyer in its sole discretion.

"Senior Interest Holders" means, collectively, the Lenders, the Group Agents, the Administrative Agent, the Borrower Indemnified Parties, the Servicer Indemnified Parties and the Affected Persons.

"Senior Interests" means, collectively, (i) the Aggregate Interest, (ii) the Aggregate Capital, (iii) the fees referred to in Section 2.03 of the Receivables Financing Agreement, (iv) all amounts payable pursuant to Sections 5.01, 5.02, 5.03, 13.01 or 14.04 of the

Exhibit B-1 Purchase and Sale Agreement (NuStar)

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Price is shown in the records of the Servicer.

Receivables Financing Agreement and (v) all other obligations of the Buyer and the Servicer that are due and payable, to (a) the Lenders, the Group Agents, the Administrative Agent and their respective successors, permitted transferees and assigns arising in connection with the Transaction Documents and (b) any Borrower Indemnified Party, Servicer Indemnified Party or Affected Person arising in connection with the Receivables Financing Agreement or any other Transaction Document, in each case, howsoever created, arising or evidenced, whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, now or hereafter existing, or due or to become due, together with any and all interest accruing on any such amount after the commencement of any Bankruptcy Proceedings, notwithstanding any provision or rule of law that might restrict the rights of any Senior Interest Holder, as against the Buyer or anyone else, to collect such interest.

"Subordination Provisions" means, collectively, clauses (a) through (l) of paragraph 9 hereof.

- 3. <u>Interest.</u> Subject to the Subordination Provisions set forth below, the Buyer promises to pay interest on this Subordinated Note as follows: to (but excluding) the date on which the entire aggregate unpaid Purchase Price is fully paid, the aggregate unpaid Purchase Price from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at a rate <u>per annum</u> equal to the Prime Rate.
- 4. <u>Interest Payment Dates</u>. Subject to the Subordination Provisions set forth below, the Buyer shall pay accrued interest on this Subordinated Note on each Monthly Settlement Date, and shall pay accrued interest on the amount of each principal payment made in cash on a date other than a Monthly Settlement Date at the time of such principal payment.
- 5. <u>Basis of Computation</u>. Interest accrued hereunder shall be computed for the actual number of days elapsed on the basis of a 365- or 366-day year, as the case may be.
- 6. <u>Principal Payment Dates</u>. Subject to the Subordination Provisions set forth below, payments of the principal amount of this Subordinated Note shall be made as follows:
  - (a) The principal amount of this Subordinated Note shall be reduced by an amount equal to each payment deemed made pursuant to <u>Section 3.3</u> of the Purchase and Sale Agreement.
  - (b) The entire outstanding principal amount of this Subordinated Note shall be paid on the Final Maturity Date.
  - (c) Subject to the Subordination Provisions set forth below, the principal amount of and accrued interest on this Subordinated Note may be prepaid by, and in the sole discretion of the Buyer, on any Business Day without premium or penalty.
- 7. <u>Payment Mechanics</u>. All payments of principal and interest hereunder are to be made in lawful money of the United States of America in the manner specified in <u>Article III</u> of the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

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- 8. <u>Enforcement Expenses</u>. In addition to and not in limitation of the foregoing, but subject to the Subordination Provisions set forth below and to any limitation imposed by Applicable Law, the Buyer agrees to pay all expenses, including Attorney Costs, incurred by the Originator in seeking to collect any amounts payable hereunder which are not paid when due.
- 9. <u>Subordination Provisions</u>. The Buyer covenants and agrees, and the Originator and any other holder of this Subordinated Note (collectively, the Originator and any such other holder are called the "<u>Holder</u>"), by its acceptance of this Subordinated Note, likewise covenants and agrees on behalf of itself and any Holder, that the payment of the principal amount of and interest on this Subordinated Note is hereby expressly subordinated in right of payment to the payment and performance of the Senior Interests to the extent and in the manner set forth in the following clauses of this <u>paragraph 9</u>:
  - (a) No payment or other distribution of the Buyer's assets of any kind or character, whether in cash, securities, or other rights or property, shall be made on account of this Subordinated Note except to the extent such payment or other distribution is (i) permitted under <u>Section 8.01(r)</u> of the Receivables Financing Agreement or (ii) made pursuant to <u>clause</u> (a) or (b) of <u>paragraph 6</u> of this Subordinated Note;
  - In the event of any dissolution, winding up, liquidation, readjustment, reorganization or other similar event relating to the Buyer, whether voluntary or involuntary, partial or complete, and whether in bankruptcy, insolvency or receivership proceedings, or upon an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or any other marshalling of the assets and liabilities of the Buyer or any sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Buyer other than as permitted by the Purchase and Sale Agreement (such proceedings being herein collectively called "Bankruptcy Proceedings"), the Senior Interests shall first be paid and performed in full and in cash before the Originator shall be entitled to receive and to retain any payment or distribution in respect of this Subordinated Note. In order to implement the foregoing: (i) all payments and distributions of any kind or character in respect of this Subordinated Note to which the Holder would be entitled except for this <u>clause</u> (b) shall be made directly to the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Senior Interest Holders); (ii) the Holder shall promptly file a claim or claims, in the form required in any Bankruptcy Proceedings, for the full outstanding amount of this Subordinated Note, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause said claim or claims to be approved and all payments and other distributions in respect thereof to be made directly to the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Senior Interest Holders) until the Senior Interests shall have been paid and performed in full and in cash; and (iii) the Holder hereby irrevocably agrees that the Administrative Agent (acting on behalf of the Lenders), may in the name of the Holder or otherwise, demand, sue for, collect, receive and receipt for any and all such payments or distributions, and file, prove and vote or consent in any such Bankruptcy Proceedings with respect to any and all claims of the Holder relating to this Subordinated Note, in each case until the Senior Interests shall have been paid and performed in full and in cash;

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- (c) In the event that the Holder receives any payment or other distribution of any kind or character from the Buyer or from any other source whatsoever, in respect of this Subordinated Note, other than as expressly permitted by the terms of this Subordinated Note, such payment or other distribution shall be received in trust for the Senior Interest Holders and shall be turned over by the Holder to the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Senior Interest Holders) forthwith. The Holder will mark its books and records so as clearly to indicate that this Subordinated Note is subordinated in accordance with the terms hereof. All payments and distributions received by the Administrative Agent in respect of this Subordinated Note, to the extent received in or converted into cash, may be applied by the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Senior Interest Holders) first to the payment of any and all expenses (including Attorney Costs) paid or incurred by the Senior Interest Holders in enforcing these Subordination Provisions, or in endeavoring to collect or realize upon this Subordinated Note, and any balance thereof shall, solely as between the Originator and the Senior Interest Holders, be applied by the Administrative Agent (in the order of application set forth in Section 4.01(a) of the Receivables Financing Agreement) toward the payment of the Senior Interests; but as between the Buyer and its creditors, no such payments or distributions of any kind or character shall be deemed to be payments or distributions in respect of the Senior Interests;
- (d) Notwithstanding any payments or distributions received by the Senior Interest Holders in respect of this Subordinated Note, while any Bankruptcy Proceedings are pending the Holder shall not be subrogated to the then existing rights of the Senior Interest Holders in respect of the Senior Interests until the Senior Interests have been paid and performed in full and in cash. If no Bankruptcy Proceedings are pending, the Holder shall only be entitled to exercise any subrogation rights that it may acquire (by reason of a payment or distribution to the Senior Interest Holders in respect of this Subordinated Note) to the extent that any payment arising out of the exercise of such rights would be permitted under Section 8.01(r) of the Receivables Financing Agreement;
- (e) These Subordination Provisions are intended solely for the purpose of defining the relative rights of the Holder, on the one hand, and the Senior Interest Holders on the other hand. Nothing contained in these Subordination Provisions or elsewhere in this Subordinated Note is intended to or shall impair, as between the Buyer, its creditors (other than the Senior Interest Holders) and the Holder, the Buyer's obligation, which is unconditional and absolute, to pay the Holder the principal of and interest on this Subordinated Note as and when the same shall become due and payable in accordance with the terms hereof or to affect the relative rights of the Holder and creditors of the Buyer (other than the Senior Interest Holders);
- (f) The Holder shall not, until the Senior Interests have been paid and performed in full and in cash, (i) cancel, waive, forgive, transfer or assign, or commence legal proceedings to enforce or collect, or subordinate to any obligation of the Buyer, howsoever created, arising or evidenced, whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, or now or hereafter existing, or due or to become due, other than the Senior Interests, this Subordinated Note or any rights in respect hereof or (ii) convert this Subordinated Note into an equity

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interest in the Buyer, unless the Holder shall, in either case, have received the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent;

- (g) The Holder shall not, without the advance written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Lender, commence, or join with any other Person in commencing, any Bankruptcy Proceedings with respect to the Buyer until at least one year and one day shall have passed since the Senior Interests shall have been paid and performed in full and in cash;
- (h) If, at any time, any payment (in whole or in part) of any Senior Interest is rescinded or must be restored or returned by a Senior Interest Holder (whether in connection with Bankruptcy Proceedings or otherwise), these Subordination Provisions shall continue to be effective or shall be reinstated, as the case may be, as though such payment had not been made;
- (i) Each of the Senior Interest Holders may, from time to time, at its sole discretion, without notice to the Holder, and without waiving any of its rights under these Subordination Provisions, take any or all of the following actions: (i) retain or obtain an interest in any property to secure any of the Senior Interests; (ii) retain or obtain the primary or secondary obligations of any other obligor or obligors with respect to any of the Senior Interests; (iii) extend or renew for one or more periods (whether or not longer than the original period), alter or exchange any of the Senior Interests, or release or compromise any obligation of any nature with respect to any of the Senior Interests; (iv) amend, supplement, amend and restate, or otherwise modify any Transaction Document as permitted by the terms of any such Transaction Document; and (v) release its security interest in, or surrender, release or permit any substitution or exchange for all or any part of any rights or property securing any of the Senior Interests, or extend or renew for one or more periods (whether or not longer than the original period), or release, compromise, alter or exchange any obligations of any nature of any obligor with respect to any such rights or property;
- (j) The Holder hereby waives: (i) notice of acceptance of these Subordination Provisions by any of the Senior Interest Holders; (ii) notice of the existence, creation, non-payment or non-performance of all or any of the Senior Interests; and (iii) all diligence in enforcement, collection or protection of, or realization upon, the Senior Interests, or any thereof, or any security therefor;
- (k) Each of the Senior Interest Holders may, from time to time, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Transaction Documents to which such Persons are party, but without notice to the Holder, assign or transfer any or all of the Senior Interests, or any interest therein; and, notwithstanding any such assignment or transfer or any subsequent assignment or transfer thereof, such Senior Interests shall be and remain Senior Interests for the purposes of these Subordination Provisions, and every immediate and successive assignee or transferee of any of the Senior Interests or of any interest of such assignee or transferee in the Senior Interests shall be entitled to the benefits of these Subordination Provisions to the same extent as if such assignee or transferee were the assignor or transferor; and

- (l) These Subordination Provisions constitute a continuing offer from the Holder to all Persons who become the holders of, or who continue to hold, Senior Interests; and these Subordination Provisions are made for the benefit of the Senior Interest Holders, and the Administrative Agent may proceed to enforce such provisions on behalf of each of such Persons.
- 10. <u>General</u>. No failure or delay on the part of the Originator in exercising any power or right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such power or right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other power or right. No amendment, modification or waiver of, or consent with respect to, any provision of this Subordinated Note shall in any event be effective unless (i) the same shall be in writing and signed and delivered by the Buyer and the Holder and (ii) all consents required for such actions under the Transaction Documents shall have been received by the appropriate Persons.
- 11. Maximum Interest. Notwithstanding anything in this Subordinated Note to the contrary, the Buyer shall never be required to pay unearned interest on any amount outstanding hereunder and shall never be required to pay interest on the principal amount outstanding hereunder at a rate in excess of the maximum nonusurious interest rate that may be contracted for, charged or received under applicable federal or state law (such maximum rate being herein called the "Highest Lawful Rate"). If the effective rate of interest which would otherwise be payable under this Subordinated Note would exceed the Highest Lawful Rate, or if the holder of this Subordinated Note shall receive any unearned interest or shall receive monies that are deemed to constitute interest which would increase the effective rate of interest payable by the Buyer under this Subordinated Note to a rate in excess of the Highest Lawful Rate, then (i) the amount of interest which would otherwise be payable by the Buyer under this Subordinated Note shall be reduced to the amount allowed by Applicable Law, and (ii) any unearned interest paid by the Buyer or any interest paid by the Buyer in excess of the Highest Lawful Rate shall be refunded to the Buyer. Without limitation of the foregoing, all calculations of the rate of interest contracted for, charged or received by the Originator under this Subordinated Note that are made for the purpose of determining whether such rate exceeds the Highest Lawful Rate applicable to the Originator (such Highest Lawful Rate being herein called the "Originator's Maximum Permissible Rate") shall be made, to the extent permitted by usury laws applicable to the Originator (now or hereafter enacted), by amortizing, prorating and spreading in equal parts during the actual period during which any amount has been outstanding hereunder all interest at any time contracted for, charged or received by the Originator in connection herewith. If at any time and from time to time (i) the amount of interest payable to the Originator on any date shall be computed at the Originator's Maximum Permissible Rate pursuant to the provisions of the foregoing sentence and (ii) in respect of any subsequent interest computation period the amount of interest otherwise payable to the Originator would be less than the amount of interest payable to the Originator computed at the Originator's Maximum Permissible Rate, then the amount of interest payable to the Originator in respect of such subsequent interest computation period shall continue to be computed at the Originator's Maximum Permissible Rate until the total amount of interest payable to the Originator shall equal the total amount of interest which would have been payable to the Originator if the total amount of interest had been computed without giving effect to the provisions of the foregoing sentence.

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- 12. <u>No Negotiation</u>. This Subordinated Note is not negotiable.
- 13. <u>Governing Law.</u> THIS SUBORDINATED NOTE, INCLUDING THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE PARTIES HERETO, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (INCLUDING SECTIONS 5-1401 AND 5-1402 OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BUT WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OTHER CONFLICTS OF LAW PROVISIONS THEREOF).
- 14. <u>Captions</u>. Paragraph captions used in this Subordinated Note are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Subordinated Note.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Buyer has caused this Subordinated Note to be executed as of the date first written above.

NUSTAR FINANCE LLC	
By:	
Name:	
Title:	

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FORM OF JOINDER AGREEMENT
THIS JOINDER AGREEMENT, dated as of, 20 (this " <u>Agreement</u> ") is executed by, a, a organized under the laws of (the " <u>Additional Originator</u> "), with its principal place of business
located at
BACKGROUND:
A. NuStar Finance LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the " <u>Buyer</u> ") and the various entities from time to time party thereto, as Originators (collectively, the " <u>Originators</u> "), have entered into that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of June 15, 2015 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified through the date hereof, and as it may be further amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the " <u>Purchase and Sale Agreement</u> ").
B. The Additional Originator desires to become an Originator pursuant to <u>Section 4.3</u> of the Purchase and Sale Agreement.
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Additional Originator hereby agrees as follows:
SECTION 1. <u>Definitions.</u> Capitalized terms used in this Agreement and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned thereto in the Purchase and Sale Agreement or in the Receivables Financing Agreement (as defined in the Purchase and Sale Agreement).
SECTION 2. <u>Transaction Documents</u> . The Additional Originator hereby agrees that it shall be bound by all of the terms, conditions and provisions of, and shall be deemed to be a party to (as if it were an original signatory to), the Purchase and Sale Agreement and each of the other relevant Transaction Documents. From and after the later of the date hereof and the date that the Additional Originator has complied with all of the requirements of <u>Section 4.3</u> of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, the Additional Originator shall be an Originator for all purposes of the Purchase and Sale Agreement and all other Transaction Documents. The Additional Originator hereby acknowledges that it has received copies of the Purchase and Sale Agreement and the other Transaction Documents.
SECTION 3. Representations and Warranties. The Additional Originator hereby makes all of the representations and warranties set forth in Article V (to the extent applicable) of the Purchase and Sale Agreement as of the date hereof (unless such representations or warranties relate to an earlier date, in which case as of such earlier date), as if such representations and warranties were fully set forth herein. The Additional Originator hereby represents and warrants that its "location" (as defined in the applicable UCC) is [], and the offices where the Additional Originator keeps all of its books and records concerning the Receivables and Related Security is as follows:

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SECTION 4.	Miscellaneous. This Agreement, including the rights and duties of the parties h	*
governed by, and construed in acc	ccordance with, the laws of the State of New York (including Sections 5-1401 and	l 5-1402 of the
General Obligations Law of the	State of New York, but without regard to any other conflicts of law provisions	thereof). This
Agreement is executed by the Ado	dditional Originator for the benefit of the Buyer, and its assigns, and each of the fo	regoing parties

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may rely hereon. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the Additional Originator and its

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successors and permitted assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer as of the date and year first above written.

# [NAME OF ADDITIONAL ORIGINATOR]

	By:	
		Name: Title:
Consented to:		
NUSTAR FINANCE LLC		
By: Name: Title:		
Acknowledged by:		
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Administrative Agent		
By: Name: Title:		
[GROUP AGENTS]		
By: Name: Title:		
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	STAR ENERGY L.P. ervicer
By:	Riverwalk Logistics, L.P., its general partner
	By: NuStar GP, LLC, its general partner
By:_	
	Name:
	Title:

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### RECEIVABLES FINANCING AGREEMENT

Dated as of June 15, 2015

by and among

NUSTAR FINANCE LLC, as Borrower,

THE PERSONS FROM TIME TO TIME PARTY HERETO, as Lenders and as Group Agents,

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Administrative Agent,

and

NUSTAR ENERGY L.P., as initial Servicer

PNC CAPITAL MARKETS LLC, as Structuring Agent

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## **SCHEDULES**

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This RECEIVABLES FINANCING AGREEMENT (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, this "<u>Agreement</u>") is entered into as of June 15, 2015 by and among the following parties:

- (i) NUSTAR FINANCE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as Borrower (together with its successors and assigns, the "Borrower");
  - (ii) the Persons from time to time party hereto as Lenders and as Group Agents;
  - (iii) PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ("PNC"), as Administrative Agent; and
- (iv) NUSTAR ENERGY L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("NuStar"), as initial Servicer (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, the "Servicer").

### PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

The Borrower has acquired, and will acquire from time to time, Receivables from the Originators pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement. The Borrower has requested that the Lenders make Loans from time to time to the Borrower, on the terms, and subject to the conditions set forth herein, secured by, among other things, the Receivables.

In consideration of the mutual agreements, provisions and covenants contained herein, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE I**

### **DEFINITIONS**

SECTION 1.01 <u>Certain Defined Terms</u>. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings (such meanings to be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of the terms defined):

"AAA Eligible Foreign Obligor" means an Eligible Foreign Obligor that is organized in, and whose principal place of business is in, a country that has a long-term sovereign foreign-currency rating of at least "AAA" by S&P or "Aaa" by Moody's.

"AAA Eligible Foreign Obligor Group" means, at any time of determination, all AAA Eligible Foreign Obligors at such time.

"AA Eligible Foreign Obligor" means an Eligible Foreign Obligor, that is not a AAA Eligible Foreign Obligor, that is organized in, and whose principal place of business is in, a country that has a long-term sovereign foreign-currency rating of at least "AA" by S&P or "Aa2" by Moody's.

"AA Eligible Foreign Obligor Group" means, at any time of determination, all AA Eligible Foreign Obligors at such time.

- "A Eligible Foreign Obligor" means an Eligible Foreign Obligor, that is neither a AAA Eligible Foreign Obligor nor a AA Eligible Foreign Obligor that is organized in, and whose principal place of business is in, a country that has a long-term sovereign foreign-currency rating of at least "A" by S&P or "A2" by Moody's.
  - "A Eligible Foreign Obligor Group" means, at any time of determination, all A Eligible Foreign Obligors at such time.
- "<u>Administrative Agent</u>" means PNC, in its capacity as contractual representative for the Credit Parties, and any successor thereto in such capacity appointed pursuant to <u>Article XI</u>.
- "<u>Adverse Claim</u>" means any Lien other than Permitted Liens; it being understood that any Lien in favor of, or assigned to, the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Secured Parties) shall not constitute an Adverse Claim.
  - "Advisors" has the meaning set forth in Section 14.06(c).
  - "Affected Person" means each Credit Party, each Program Support Provider, and each Liquidity Agent.
- "Affiliate" means, as to any Person: (a) any Person that, directly or indirectly, is in control of, is controlled by or is under common control with such Person or (b) who is a director or officer: (i) of such Person or (ii) of any Person described in clause (a), except that, in the case of each Conduit Lender, Affiliate shall mean the holder(s) of its Capital Stock or membership interests, as the case may be. For purposes of this definition, control of a Person shall mean the power, direct or indirect: (x) to vote 25% or more of the securities having ordinary voting power for the election of directors or managers of such Person or (y) to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, in either case whether by ownership of securities, contract, proxy or otherwise.
- "Affiliate Collections" means, with respect to any Affiliate Receivable: (a) all funds that are received by any Affiliate of NuStar in payment of any amounts owed in respect of such Affiliate Receivable (including purchase price, finance charges, interest and all other charges), or applied to amounts owed in respect of such Affiliate Receivable (including insurance payments and net proceeds of the sale or other disposition of repossessed goods or other collateral or property of the related obligor or any other Person directly or indirectly liable for the payment of such Affiliate Receivable and available to be applied thereon) and (b) all other proceeds of such Affiliate Receivable.
- "<u>Affiliate Receivable</u>" means any indebtedness and other obligations owed to any Person that is an Affiliate of NuStar, arising in connection with the sale of goods or for services rendered, and includes, without limitation, the obligation to pay any finance charges, fees and other charges with respect thereto; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that Affiliate Receivable shall exclude all Pool Receivables.
  - "Aggregate Capital" means, at any time of determination, the aggregate outstanding Capital of all Lenders at such time.

- "Aggregate Contra Account Amount" means, at any time of determination, the aggregate Contra Account Amount of all Obligors at such time.
- "Aggregate Interest" means, at any time of determination, the aggregate accrued and unpaid Interest on the Loans of all Lenders at such time.
  - "Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.
- "Anti-Terrorism Laws" means any Applicable Law relating to terrorism, trade sanctions programs and embargoes, import/export licensing, money laundering or bribery, and any regulation, order, or directive promulgated, issued or enforced pursuant to such Applicable Laws, all as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time.
- "Applicable Law" means, with respect to any Person, (x) all provisions of law, statute, treaty, constitution, ordinance, rule, regulation, ordinance, requirement, restriction, permit, executive order, certificate, decision, directive or order of any Governmental Authority applicable to such Person or any of its property and (y) all judgments, injunctions, orders, writs, decrees and awards of all courts and arbitrators in proceedings or actions in which such Person is a party or by which any of its property is bound. For the avoidance of doubt, FATCA shall constitute an "Applicable Law" for all purposes of this Agreement.
- "Approved Fund" means any Person (other than a natural person) that is engaged in making, purchasing, holding or investing in bank loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business and that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or any Affiliate of any entity that administers or manages a Lender.
- "Assignment and Acceptance Agreement" means an assignment and acceptance agreement entered into by a Committed Lender, an Eligible Assignee, such Committed Lender's Group Agent and the Administrative Agent, and, if required, the Borrower, pursuant to which such Eligible Assignee may become a party to this Agreement, in substantially the form of Exhibit B hereto.
  - "Assumption Agreement" has the meaning set forth in Section 14.03(i).
- "Attorney Costs" means and includes, (i) with respect to the Credit Parties, all reasonable and properly documented fees, costs, expenses and disbursements of any single law firm for the Credit Parties and their respective Affiliates taken as a whole and, in the case of any conflict of interest, one additional counsel to each group of affected Credit Parties similarly situated taken as a whole; and (ii) with respect to the Originators, all reasonable and properly documented fees, costs, expenses and disbursements of any single law firm for the Originators and their respective Affiliates taken as a whole and, in the case of any conflict of interest, one additional counsel to each group of affected Originators similarly situated taken as a whole.
- "Bank Rate" for any Portion of Capital funded by any Lender on any day, means an interest rate per annum equal to (a) LMIR for such Lender on such day or (b) if the Base Rate is applicable to such Lender pursuant to Section 5.04, the Base Rate for such Lender on such day; provided, however, that the "Bank Rate" for any day while an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing

shall be an interest rate equal to the sum of 2.00% per annum plus the greater of (i) the Base Rate for such Lender on such day and (ii) LMIR for such Lender on such day.

"Bankruptcy Code" means the United States Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 (11 U.S.C. § 101, et seq.), as amended from time to time.

"Base Rate" means, for any day and any Lender, a fluctuating interest rate per annum as shall be in effect from time to time, which rate shall be at all times equal to the greater of:

- (a) the rate of interest in effect for such day as publicly announced from time to time by the applicable Group Agent or its Affiliate as its "reference rate" or "prime rate", as applicable. Such "reference rate" or "prime rate" is set by the applicable Group Agent or its Affiliate based upon various factors, including such Person's costs and desired return, general economic conditions and other factors, and is used as a reference point for pricing some loans, which may be priced at, above or below such announced rate, and is not necessarily the lowest rate charged to any customer; and
  - (b) 0.50% per annum above the latest Federal Funds Rate.

"BBB Eligible Foreign Obligor" means an Eligible Foreign Obligor, that is none of a AAA Eligible Foreign Obligor, a AA Eligible Foreign Obligor or an A Eligible Foreign Obligor, that is organized in, and whose principal place of business is in, a country that has a long-term sovereign foreign-currency rating of at least "BBB-" by S&P or "Ba1" by Moody's.

"BBB Eligible Foreign Obligor Group" means, at any time of determination, all BBB Eligible Foreign Obligors at such time.

"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 upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition.

"Borrower" has the meaning specified in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Borrower Indemnified Amounts" has the meaning set forth in Section 13.01(a).

"Borrower Indemnified Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 13.01(a).

"Borrower Obligations" means all present and future indebtedness, reimbursement obligations, and other liabilities and obligations (howsoever created, arising or evidenced, whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, or due or to become due) of the Borrower to any Credit Party, Borrower Indemnified Party and/or any Affected Person, arising under or in connection with this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, and shall include, without limitation, all Capital and Interest on the Loans, all Fees and all other amounts due or to become due under the Transaction Documents (whether in respect of fees,

costs, expenses, indemnifications or otherwise), including, without limitation, interest, fees and other obligations that accrue after the commencement of any Insolvency Proceeding with respect to the Borrower (in each case whether or not allowed as a claim in such proceeding).

"Borrower's Net Worth" means, at any time of determination, an amount equal to (i) the Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables at such time, minus (ii) the sum of (A) the Aggregate Capital at such time, plus (B) the Aggregate Interest at such time, plus (C) the aggregate accrued and unpaid Fees at such time, plus (D) the aggregate outstanding principal balance of all Subordinated Notes at such time, plus (E) the aggregate accrued and unpaid interest on all Subordinated Notes at such time, plus (F) without duplication, the aggregate accrued and unpaid other Borrower Obligations at such time.

"Borrowing Base" means, at any time of determination, the amount equal to (a) the Net Receivables Pool Balance at such time, minus (b) the Total Reserves at such time.

"Borrowing Base Deficit" means, at any time of determination, the amount, if any, by which (a) the Aggregate Capital at such time, exceeds (b) the lesser of (i) the Borrowing Base at such time and (ii) the Facility Limit at such time.

"Breakage Fee" means (i) for any Interest Period for which Interest is computed by reference to the CP Rate and a reduction of Capital is made for any reason on any day other than a Settlement Date or pursuant to Section 2.02(d) or (ii) to the extent that the Borrower shall for any reason, fail to borrow on the date specified by the Borrower in connection with any request for funding pursuant to Article II of this Agreement, the amount, if any, by which (A) the additional Interest (calculated without taking into account any Breakage Fee or any shortened duration of such Interest Period pursuant to the definition thereof) which would have accrued during such Interest Period (or, in the case of clause (i) above, until the maturity of the underlying Note) on the reductions of Capital relating to such Interest Period had such reductions not been made (or, in the case of clause (ii) above, the amounts so failed to be borrowed or accepted in connection with any such request for funding by the Borrower), exceeds (B) the income, if any, received by the applicable Lender from the investment of the proceeds of such reductions of Capital (or such amounts failed to be borrowed by the Borrower). A certificate as to the amount of any Breakage Fee (including the computation of such amount) shall be submitted by the affected Lender (or applicable Group Agent on its behalf) to the Borrower and shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.

"Business Day" means any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which: (a) banks are not authorized or required to close in San Antonio, Texas, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, or New York City, New York and (b) if this definition of "Business Day" is utilized in connection with LMIR, dealings are carried out in the London interbank market.

"Capital" means, with respect to any Lender, the aggregate amounts paid to, or on behalf of, the Borrower in connection with all Loans made by such Lender pursuant to Article II, as reduced from time to time by Collections distributed and applied on account of such Capital pursuant to Section 4.01 and by prepayments of Capital made pursuant to Section 2.02(d) and (f); provided, that if such Capital shall have been reduced by any distribution and thereafter all or a portion of

such distribution is rescinded or must otherwise be returned for any reason, such Capital shall be increased by the amount of such rescinded or returned distribution as though it had not been made.

"Capital Stock" means, with respect to any Person, any and all common shares, preferred shares, interests, participations, rights in or other equivalents (however designated) of such Person's capital stock, partnership interests, limited liability company interests, membership interests or other equivalent interests and any rights (other than debt securities convertible into or exchangeable for capital stock), warrants or options exchangeable for or convertible into such capital stock or other equity interests.

"Change in Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (a) NuStar Logistics ceases to own, directly, 100% of the issued and outstanding Capital Stock and all other equity interests of the Borrower free and clear of all Adverse Claims;
- (b) NuStar ceases to own, directly or indirectly, 100% of the issued and outstanding Capital Stock, membership interests or other equity interests of any Originator;
- (c) any Subordinated Note shall at any time cease to be owned by an Originator, free and clear of all Adverse Claims; or
  - (d) with respect to NuStar:
  - (i) 100% (and not less than 100%) of the issued and outstanding Capital Stock of the general partner of NuStar Logistics shall cease to be owned in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, by NuStar;
  - (ii) 100% (and not less than 100%) of the limited partnership interests of NuStar Logistics shall cease to be owned in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, by NuStar; or
  - (iii) the occurrence of any transaction that results in any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) other than a Permitted Holder becoming the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the general partner interests in NuStar.

"Change in Law" means the occurrence, after the Closing Date, 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 official administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, rule, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority; provided that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (y) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or

similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to the agreements reached by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in "Basel III: A Global Regulatory Framework for More Resilient Banks and Banking Systems" (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified or replaced from time to time), shall in each case be deemed to be a "Change in Law", regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued.

"Closing Date" means June 15, 2015.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, reformed or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Collateral" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.05(a).

"Collections" means, with respect to any Pool Receivable: (a) all funds that are received by any Originator, the Borrower, the Servicer or any other Person on their behalf in payment of any amounts owed in respect of such Pool Receivable (including purchase price, finance charges, interest and all other charges), or applied to amounts owed in respect of such Pool Receivable (including insurance payments and net proceeds of the sale or other disposition of repossessed goods or other collateral or property of the related Obligor or any other Person directly or indirectly liable for the payment of such Pool Receivable and available to be applied thereon), (b) all Deemed Collections, (c) all proceeds of all Related Security with respect to such Pool Receivable and (d) all other proceeds of such Pool Receivable.

"Commitment" means, with respect to any Committed Lender (including a Related Committed Lender), the maximum aggregate amount which such Person is obligated to lend or pay hereunder on account of all Loans, on a combined basis, as set forth on Schedule I or in the Assignment and Acceptance Agreement, Assumption Agreement or other agreement pursuant to which it became a Lender, as such amount may be modified in connection with any subsequent assignment pursuant to Section 14.03 or in connection with a reduction in the Facility Limit pursuant to Section 2.02(e). If the context so requires, "Commitment" also refers to a Committed Lender's obligation to make Loans hereunder in accordance with this Agreement.

"Committed Lenders" means PNC and each other Person that is or becomes a party to this Agreement in the capacity of a "Committed Lender".

"Concentration Percentage" means (i) for any Group A Obligor, 17.50%, (ii) for any Group B Obligor, 15.00%, (iii) for any Group C Obligor, 12.50% and (iv) for any Group D Obligor, 3.00%.

"Concentration Reserve Percentage" means, at any time of determination, the largest of: (a) the sum of the four (4) largest Obligor Percentages of the Group D Obligors, (b) the sum of the two (2) largest Obligor Percentages of the Group C Obligors, (c) the largest Obligor Percentage of the Group B Obligors and (d) 16.0%.

"Conduit Lender" means each commercial paper conduit that is or becomes a party to this Agreement in the capacity of a "Conduit Lender".

"Contra Account Amount" means, at any time of determination and with respect to any Obligor, an amount equal to (i) at any time prior to the occurrence of a Level 1 Ratings Event (a) if such Obligor has a formal netting arrangement with any Originator or any of its Affiliates (to the extent such arrangement permits such Obligor or any of its Affiliates to offset amounts owed in respect of Receivables against amounts owed by an Originator or an Affiliate of any Originator to such Obligor or any of its Affiliates), the lesser of (I) the Contra Amount at such time with respect to such Obligor and (II) the Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables, the Obligor of which is such Obligor or (b) if neither such Obligor nor any of its Affiliates has a formal netting arrangement with any Originator or any of its Affiliates, zero (\$0) and (ii) at any time on or after the occurrence of a Level 1 Ratings Event, the lesser of (a) the Contra Amount at such time with respect to such Obligor, if any, and (b) the Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables, the Obligor of which is such Obligor.

"Contra Amount" means at any time of determination and with respect to any Obligor, the aggregate amounts of indebtedness and other obligations owed to such Obligor and its Affiliates by any Originator or any of its Affiliates, including, without limitation, any such indebtedness or obligations arising in connection with the sale of goods or rendering of services by such Obligor or its Affiliates to any Originator or any of its Affiliates.

"Contract" means, with respect to any Receivable, any and all contracts, instruments, agreements, leases, invoices, notes or other writings pursuant to which such Receivable arises or that evidence such Receivable or under which an Obligor becomes or is obligated to make payment in respect of such Receivable.

"Contract Amendment Conditions" means with respect to any amendment, modification or waiver of any Contract, the satisfaction of the following conditions: (i) such action shall not, and shall not be deemed to, change the number of days any Pool Receivable has remained unpaid from the date of the original due date related to such Pool Receivable, (ii) such action shall not alter the status of such Pool Receivable as a Delinquent Receivable or a Defaulted Receivable (if such status is applicable to such Receivable prior to such action) or limit the rights of any Secured Party under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, (iii) such action shall not reduce the Outstanding Balance of any Pool Receivable, (iv) such action shall not amend, modify or waive the terms of any invoice with respect to any Pool Receivable and (v) such action shall not have a material adverse effect on any Pool Receivable.

"Controlled Group" means all members of a controlled group of corporations or other business entities and all trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated) under common control which, together with NuStar GP, LLC or any of its Subsidiaries, are treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

"Covered Entity" means (a) each of Borrower, the Servicer, the Performance Guarantor, each Originator, the Parent and each of Parent's Subsidiaries and (b) each Person that, directly or indirectly, is in control of a Person described in clause (a) above. For purposes of this definition, control of a Person shall mean the direct or indirect (x) ownership of, or power to vote, 25% or more of the issued and outstanding equity interests having ordinary voting power for the election of directors of such Person or other Persons performing similar functions for such Person, or (y)

power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person whether by ownership of equity interests, contract or otherwise.

"CP Rate" means, for any Conduit Lender and for any Interest Period (or portion thereof) for any Portion of Capital (a) the per annum rate equivalent to the weighted average cost (as determined by the applicable Group Agent and which shall include commissions of placement agents and dealers, incremental carrying costs incurred with respect to Notes of such Person maturing on dates other than those on which corresponding funds are received by such Conduit Lender, other borrowings by such Conduit Lender (other than under any Program Support Agreement) and any other costs associated with the issuance of Notes) of or related to the issuance of Notes that are allocated, in whole or in part, by the applicable Conduit Lender to fund or maintain such Portion of Capital (and which may be also allocated in part to the funding of other assets of such Conduit Lender); provided, however, that if any component of such rate is a discount rate, in calculating the "CP Rate" for such Portion of Capital for such Interest Period (or portion thereof), the applicable Group Agent shall for such component use the rate resulting from converting such discount rate to an interest bearing equivalent rate per annum; provided, further, that notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents to the contrary, the Borrower agrees that any amounts payable to Conduit Lenders in respect of Interest for any Interest Period (or portion thereof) with respect to any Portion of Capital funded by such Conduit Lenders at the CP Rate shall include an amount equal to the portion of the face amount of the outstanding Notes issued to fund or maintain such Portion of Capital that corresponds to the portion of the proceeds of such Notes that was used to pay the interest component of maturing Notes issued to fund or maintain such Portion of Capital, to the extent that such Conduit Lenders had not received payments of interest in respect of such interest component prior to the maturity date of such maturing Notes (for purposes of the foregoing, the "interest component" of Notes equals the excess of the face amount thereof over the net proceeds received by such Conduit Lender from the issuance of Notes, except that if such Notes are issued on an interest-bearing basis its "interest component" will equal the amount of interest accruing on such Notes through maturity) or (b) any other rate designated as the "CP Rate" for such Conduit Lender in the Assignment and Acceptance Agreement, the Assumption Agreement or other document pursuant to which such Person becomes a party as a Conduit Lender to this Agreement, or any other writing or agreement provided by such Conduit Lender to the Borrower, the Servicer and the applicable Agent from time to time. The "CP Rate" for any Conduit Lender for any day while an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing shall be an interest rate equal to the greater of (i) 2.00% per annum above the Base Rate for each day during such Interest Period (or portion thereof) and (ii) 2.00% per annum above the "CP Rate" calculated without giving effect to such Event of Default.

"Credit and Collection Policy" means, as the context may require, those receivables credit and collection policies and practices of the Originators in effect, and delivered to the Administrative Agent in writing, on the Closing Date, as modified in compliance with this Agreement.

"Credit Extension" means the making of any Loan.

"Credit Party" means each Lender, the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent.

"<u>Days' Sales Outstanding</u>" means, for any Fiscal Month, an amount computed as of the last day of such Fiscal Month equal to: (a) the average of the Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables as of the last day of each of the three most recent Fiscal Months ended on the last day of such Fiscal Month, <u>divided by</u> (b) (i) the aggregate initial Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables originated by the Originators during the three most recent Fiscal Months ended on the last day of such Fiscal Month, <u>divided by</u> (ii) 90.

"Debt" means, as to any Person at any time of determination, any and all indebtedness, obligations or liabilities (whether matured or unmatured, liquidated or unliquidated, direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, or joint or several) of such Person for or in respect of: (i) borrowed money, (ii) amounts raised under or liabilities in respect of any bonds, debentures, notes, note purchase, acceptance or credit facility, or other similar instruments or facilities, (iii) reimbursement obligations (contingent or otherwise) under any letter of credit, (iv) any other transaction (including production payments (excluding royalties), installment purchase agreements, forward sale or purchase agreements, capitalized leases and conditional sales agreements) having the commercial effect of a borrowing of money entered into by such Person to finance its operations or capital requirements (but not including accounts payable incurred in the ordinary course of such Person's business payable on terms customary in the trade), (v) all net obligations of such Person in respect of interest rate on currency hedges or (vi) any Guaranty of any such Debt.

"Deemed Collections" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(d).

"<u>Default Ratio</u>" means the ratio (expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest 1/100 of 1%, with 5/1000th of 1% rounded upward) computed as of the last day of each Fiscal Month by <u>dividing</u>: (a) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables that became Defaulted Receivables during such month, <u>by</u> (b) the aggregate initial Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables originated by the Originators during the month that is three Fiscal Months before such month.

# "Defaulted Receivable" means a Receivable:

- (a) as to which any payment, or part thereof, remains unpaid for more than 60 days from the original due date for such payment;
- (b) as to which any payment, or part thereof, remains unpaid for less than 61 days from the original due date for such payment and an Insolvency Proceeding shall have occurred with respect to the Obligor thereof or any other Person obligated thereon or owning any Related Security with respect thereto; or
- (c) that, consistent with the Credit and Collection Policy, has been or should be written off the applicable Originator's or the Borrower's books as uncollectible.

"<u>Delinquency Ratio</u>" means the ratio (expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest 1/100 of 1%, with 5/1000th of 1% rounded upward) computed as of the last day of each Fiscal Month by <u>dividing</u>: (a) the sum of (I) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables that were Delinquent Receivables on such day, <u>plus</u> (II) the aggregate amount of Deemed Collections

as of such date with respect to such Delinquent Receivables, <u>by</u> (b) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables on such day.

"<u>Delinquent Receivable</u>" means a Receivable as to which any payment, or part thereof, remains unpaid for more than 60 days from the original due date for such payment.

"Dilution Horizon Ratio" means, for any Fiscal Month, the ratio (expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest 1/100th of 1%, with 5/1000th of 1% rounded upward) computed as of the last day of such Fiscal Month by dividing: (a) the sum of (i) the aggregate initial Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables originated by the Originators during such Fiscal Month, plus (ii) the aggregate initial Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables originated by the Originators during the preceding Fiscal Month, by (b) the Net Receivables Pool Balance as of the last day of such Fiscal Month.

"Dilution Ratio" means, for any Fiscal Month, the greater of (i) 0.25% and (ii) the ratio (expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest 1/100th of 1%, with 5/1000th of 1% rounded upward), computed as of the last day of such Fiscal Month by dividing: (a) the aggregate amount of Deemed Collections during such Fiscal Month, by (b) the aggregate initial Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables originated by the Originators during the Fiscal Month that is one (1) month prior to such Fiscal Month.

"<u>Dilution Reserve Percentage</u>" means, on any day, the product of (a) the Dilution Horizon Ratio <u>multiplied by</u> (b) the sum of (i) 2.5 times the average of the Dilution Ratios for the twelve most recent Fiscal Months and (ii) the Dilution Volatility Component.

"<u>Dilution Volatility Component</u>" means, for any Fiscal Month, (a) the positive difference, if any, between: (i) the highest Dilution Ratio for any Fiscal Month during the twelve most recent Fiscal Months and (ii) the arithmetic average of the Dilution Ratios for such twelve Fiscal Months <u>times</u> (b) (i) the highest Dilution Ratio for any Fiscal Month during the twelve most recent Fiscal Months <u>divided by</u> (ii) the arithmetic average of the Dilution Ratios for such twelve Fiscal Months.

"Dollars" and "\$" each mean the lawful currency of the United States of America.

"Eligible Assignee" means (i) any Committed Lender or any of its Affiliates, (ii) any Approved Fund and (iii) any other financial institution.

"<u>Eligible Foreign Obligor</u>" means any Foreign Obligor that is organized in, and whose principal place of business is in, any country other than a Sanctioned Country.

"Eligible Foreign Obligor Concentration Percentage" means, (i) for the AAA Eligible Foreign Obligor Group, 30.00%, (ii) for the AA Eligible Foreign Obligor Group, 5.00%, (iii) for the A Eligible Foreign Obligor Group, 5.00%, (iv) for the BBB Eligible Foreign Obligor Group, 5.00%, (v) for the Non-Investment Grade Eligible Foreign Obligor Group, 2.50% and (vi) for the Other Eligible Foreign Obligor Group, 0.00%.

"<u>Eligible Foreign Obligor Groups</u>" means (i) the AAA Eligible Foreign Obligor Group, (ii) the AA Eligible Foreign Obligor Group, (iii) the AA Eligible Foreign Obligor Group, (iv) the A Eligible Foreign Obligor Group, (v) the BBB Eligible Foreign Obligor Group, (vi) the Eligible Foreign Obligor Group and (vii) the Other Eligible Foreign Obligor Group.

"Eligible Receivable" means, at any time of determination, a Pool Receivable:

- (a) the Obligor of which is: (i) a resident of the United States of America or is an Eligible Foreign Obligor; (ii) neither a Governmental Authority nor a Sanctioned Person; (iii) not the subject of any Insolvency Proceeding; (iv) not an Affiliate of the Borrower, the Servicer, the Parent or any Originator; and (v) not the Obligor with respect to Defaulted Receivables with an aggregate Outstanding Balance exceeding 50% of the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all such Obligor's Pool Receivables;
- (b) that is denominated and payable only in U.S. dollars in the United States of America, and the Obligor with respect to which has been instructed to remit Collections in respect thereof directly to a Lock-Box or Lock-Box Account in the United States of America;
  - (c) that does not have a stated maturity that is 61 days or more after the invoice date of such Receivable;
- (d) that arises under a Contract for the sale of goods or services in the ordinary course of the applicable Originator's business;
- (e) that arises under a duly authorized Contract that is in full force and effect and that is a legal, valid and binding obligation of the related Obligor, enforceable against such Obligor in accordance with its terms;
- (f) that has been transferred by an Originator to the Borrower pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with respect to which transfer all conditions precedent under the Purchase and Sale Agreement have been met;
- (g) that, together with the Contract related thereto, conforms in all material respects with all Applicable Laws (including any applicable laws relating to usury, truth in lending, fair credit billing, fair credit reporting, equal credit opportunity, fair debt collection practices and privacy);
- (h) with respect to which all consents, licenses, approvals or authorizations of, or registrations or declarations with or notices to, any Governmental Authority or other Person required to be obtained, effected or given by an Originator in connection with the creation of such Receivable, the execution, delivery and performance by such Originator of the related Contract or the assignment thereof under the Purchase and Sale Agreement have been duly obtained, effected or given and are in full force and effect;
- (i) that is not subject to any existing dispute, right of rescission, set-off, counterclaim, any other defense against the applicable Originator (or any assignee of such

Originator) or Adverse Claim, and the Obligor of which holds no right as against the applicable Originator to cause such Originator to repurchase the goods or merchandise, the sale of which shall have given rise to such Receivable; in each case, other than to the extent of amounts included in the Contra Account Amount for the related Obligor;

- (j) that satisfies, in all material respects, the applicable requirements of the Credit and Collection Policy;
- (k) that, together with the Contract related thereto, has not been modified, waived or restructured since its creation, except as permitted pursuant to <u>Section 9.02</u> of this Agreement;
- (l) in which the Borrower owns good and marketable title, free and clear of any Adverse Claims, and that is freely assignable (including without any consent of the related Obligor or any Governmental Authority);
- (m) for which the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Secured Parties) shall have a valid and enforceable first priority perfected security interest therein and in the Related Security and Collections with respect thereto, in each case free and clear of any Adverse Claim;
- (n) that constitutes an "account" or "general intangible" as defined in the UCC, and that is not evidenced by instruments or chattel paper;
  - (o) that is neither a Defaulted Receivable nor a Delinquent Receivable;
- (p) that represents amounts earned and payable by the Obligor that are not subject to the performance of additional services by the Originator thereof or by the <u>Borrower</u> and such Receivable shall have been billed or invoiced and the related goods or merchandise shall have been shipped and/or services performed;
- (q) for which such Receivable shall have been billed or invoiced by or on behalf of the Servicer within thirty (30) days following creation thereof;
  - (r) that does not constitute as-extracted collateral, as such term is used in the UCC;
- (s) that (i) does not arise from a sale of accounts made as part of a sale of a business or constitute an assignment for the purpose of collection only, (ii) is not a transfer of a single account made in whole or partial satisfaction of a preexisting indebtedness or an assignment of a right to payment under a contract to an assignee that is also obligated to perform under the contract and (iii) is not a transfer of an interest in or an assignment of a claim under a policy of insurance;
- (t) that does not relate to the sale of any consigned goods or finished goods which have incorporated any consigned goods into such finished goods; and
- (u) that the payments with respect thereto are free and clear of any withholding tax, VAT, service tax, sale tax or other Tax.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, and any rule or regulation issued thereunder.

"ERISA Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, trade or business which together with the Person is a member of a controlled group of corporations or a controlled group of trades or businesses and would be deemed a "single employer" within the meaning of Sections 414(b), (c), (m) of the Code or Section 4001(b) of ERISA.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in <u>Section 10.01</u>. For the avoidance of doubt, any Event of Default that occurs shall be deemed to be continuing at all times thereafter unless and until waived in accordance with <u>Section 14.01</u>.

"Excess Concentration" means, the sum, without duplication, of:

- (a) the sum of the amounts calculated for each of the Obligors equal to the excess (if any) of (i) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of the Eligible Receivables of such Obligor, <u>over</u> (ii) the product of (x) such Obligor's Concentration Percentage, <u>multiplied by</u> (y) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables then in the Receivables Pool; <u>plus</u>
- (b) the excess (if any) of (i) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables, the Obligor of which is an Eligible Foreign Obligor, over (ii) the product of (x) 30.00%, multiplied by (y) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables then in the Receivables Pool; plus
- (c) the sum of the amounts calculated for each of the Eligible Foreign Obligor Groups equal to the excess (if any) of (i) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of the Eligible Receivables of the Eligible Foreign Obligors in such Eligible Foreign Obligor Group, over (ii) the product of (x) such Eligible Foreign Obligor Group's Eligible Foreign Obligor Concentration Percentage, multiplied by (y) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables then in the Receivables Pool.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Excluded Taxes" means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to an Affected Person or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to an Affected Person: (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Affected Person being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its applicable lending office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in the Loans or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender makes a Loan or its Commitment or (ii) such Lender changes its lending office, except in each case to the extent that 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, (c) any U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed pursuant to FATCA and (d) Taxes attributable to such Affected Person's failure to comply with Section 5.03(f).

"Exiting Group" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.02(h).

"Facility Limit" means, at any time of determination, the aggregate Commitment of all Committed Lenders, which as of the Closing Date is equal to \$125,000,000, as reduced from time to time pursuant to Section 2.02(e) or increased pursuant to Section 2.02(g); provided, however, that at no time shall any such increase cause the Facility Limit to exceed \$200,000,000. References to the unused portion of the Facility Limit shall mean, at any time of determination, an amount equal to (x) the Facility Limit at such time, minus (y) the Aggregate Capital.

"FATCA" means 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) and any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof and any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code.

"Federal Funds Rate" means, for any day, the per annum rate set forth in the weekly statistical release designated as H.15(519), or any successor publication, published by the Federal Reserve Board (including any such successor, "H.15(519)") for such day opposite the caption "Federal Funds (Effective)." If on any relevant day such rate is not yet published in H. 15(519), the rate for such day will be the rate set forth in the daily statistical release designated as the Composite 3:30 p.m. Quotations for U.S. Government Securities, or any successor publication, published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (including any such successor, the "Composite 3:30 p.m. Quotations") for such day under the caption "Federal Funds Effective Rate." If on any relevant day the appropriate rate is not yet published in either H.15(519) or the Composite 3:30 p.m. Quotations, the rate for such day will be the arithmetic mean as determined by the Administrative Agent of the rates for the last transaction in overnight Federal funds arranged before 9:00 a.m. (New York time) on that day by each of three leading brokers of Federal funds transactions in New York City selected by the Administrative Agent.

"<u>Federal Reserve Board</u>" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or any entity succeeding to any of its principal functions.

"Fee Letter" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(a).

"Fees" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(a).

"Final Payout Date" means the date on or after the Termination Date when (i) the Aggregate Capital and Aggregate Interest have been paid in full, (ii) all Borrower Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations) shall have been paid in full, (iii) all other amounts (other than contingent indemnification obligations) owing to the Credit Parties and any other Borrower Indemnified Party or Affected Person hereunder and under the other Transaction Documents have been paid in full and (iv) all accrued Servicing Fees have been paid in full.

"<u>Financial Officer</u>" of any Person means, the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer, the chief accounting officer, the principal accounting officer, the controller, the treasurer, the assistant treasurer or any other authorized person acting in such capacity, of such Person.

"Fiscal Month" means each calendar month.

"Fitch" means Fitch Ratings, Inc. and any successor thereto that is a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

"<u>Foreign Obligor</u>" means an Obligor that is organized in, or whose principal place of business is in, any country other than the United States.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, consistently applied.

"Governmental Authority" means the government of the United States of America 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).

"Group" means, (i) for any Conduit Lender, such Conduit Lender, together with such Conduit Lender's Related Committed Lenders and related Group Agent, (ii) for PNC, PNC as a Committed Lender and as a Group Agent, (iii) for any other Lender that does not have a related Conduit Lender, such Lender, together with such Lender's related Group Agent and each other Lender for which such Group Agent acts as a Group Agent hereunder. Each Group shall be reflected on Schedule I hereto or in the related Assumption Agreement or Assignment and Acceptance Agreement, as applicable.

"Group A Obligor" means any Obligor (or its parent or majority owner, as applicable, if such parent or majority owner is a guarantor on the related Contract) with short-term ratings of at least: (a) "A-1" by S&P, or if such Obligor does not have a short-term rating from S&P, a rating of at least "A+" by S&P on such Obligor's (or, if applicable, its parent's or its majority owner's) long-term senior unsecured and non-credit-enhanced debt securities, and (b) "P-1" by Moody's, or if such Obligor does not have a short-term rating from Moody's, a rating of at least "Al" by Moody's on such Obligor's (or, if applicable, its parent's or its majority owner's) long-term senior unsecured and non-credit-enhanced debt securities; provided, however, if such Obligor (or its parent or majority owner, as applicable, if such parent or majority owner is a guarantor on the related Contract) is rated by only one of such rating agencies, then such Obligor (or its parent or majority owner, as applicable) will be a "Group A Obligor" if it satisfies either clause (a) or clause (b) above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Obligor that is a Subsidiary of an Obligor that satisfies the definition of "Group A Obligor" shall be deemed to be a Group A Obligor and shall be aggregated with the Obligor that satisfies such definition for the purposes of determining the "Concentration Reserve Percentage" and clause (a) of the definition of "Excess Concentration" for such Obligors, unless such deemed Obligor separately satisfies the definition of "Group A Obligor", "Group B Obligor", or "Group C Obligor", in which case such Obligor shall be separately treated as a Group A Obligor, a Group B

Obligor or a Group C Obligor, as the case may be, and shall be aggregated and combined for such purposes with any of its Subsidiaries that are Obligors.

"Group Agent" means each Person acting as agent on behalf of a Group and designated as the Group Agent for such Group on Schedule I to this Agreement or any other Person who becomes a party to this Agreement as a Group Agent for any Group pursuant to an Assumption Agreement, an Assignment and Acceptance Agreement or otherwise in accordance with this Agreement.

"Group Agent's Account" means, with respect to any Group, the account(s) from time to time designated in writing by the applicable Group Agent to the Borrower and the Servicer for purposes of receiving payments to or for the account of the members of such Group hereunder.

"Group B Obligor" means an Obligor (or its parent or majority owner, as applicable, if such parent or majority owner is a guarantor on the related Contract) that is not a Group A Obligor, with short-term ratings of at least: (a) "A-2" by S&P, or if such Obligor does not have a short-term rating from S&P, a rating of at least "BBB" by S&P on such Obligor's (or, if applicable, its parent's or its majority owner's) long-term senior unsecured and uncredit-enhanced debt securities, and (b) "P-2" by Moody's, or if such Obligor does not have a short-term rating from Moody's, a rating of at least "Baa2" by Moody's on such Obligor's (or, if applicable, its parent's or its majority owner's) long-term senior unsecured and uncredit-enhanced debt securities; provided, however, if such Obligor (or its parent or majority owner as applicable, if such parent or majority owner is a guarantor on the related Contract) is rated by only one of such rating agencies, then such Obligor (or its parent or majority owner, as applicable) will be a "Group B Obligor" if it satisfies either clause (a) or clause (b) above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Obligor that is a Subsidiary of an Obligor that satisfies the definition of "Group B Obligor" shall be deemed to be a Group B Obligor and shall be aggregated with the Obligor that satisfies such definition for the purposes of determining the "Concentration Reserve Percentage" and clause (a) of the definition of "Excess Concentration" for such Obligors, unless such deemed Obligor separately satisfies the definition of "Group A Obligor", "Group B Obligor", or "Group C Obligor", in which case such Obligor shall be separately treated as a Group A Obligor, a Group B Obligor or a Group C Obligor, as the case may be, and shall be aggregated and combined for such purposes with any of its Subsidiaries that are Obligors.

"Group C Obligor" means an Obligor (or its parent or majority owner, as applicable, if such parent or majority owner is a guarantor on the related Contract) that is not a Group A Obligor or a Group B Obligor, with short-term ratings of at least: (a) "A-3" by S&P, or if such Obligor does not have a short-term rating from S&P, a rating of at least "BBB-" by S&P on such Obligor's (or, if applicable, its parent's or its majority owner's) long-term senior unsecured and uncredit-enhanced debt securities, and (b) "P-3" by Moody's, or if such Obligor does not have a short-term rating from Moody's, at least "Baa3" by Moody's on such Obligor's (or, if applicable, its parent's or its majority owner's) long-term senior unsecured and uncredit-enhanced debt securities; provided, however, if such Obligor (or its parent or majority owner, as applicable, if such parent or majority owner is a guarantor on the related Contract) is rated by only one of such rating agencies, then such Obligor (or its parent or majority owner, as applicable) will be a "Group C Obligor" if it satisfies either clause (a) or clause (b) above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Obligor that is a Subsidiary of an Obligor that satisfies the definition of "Group C Obligor" shall be deemed to be a Group C

Obligor and shall be aggregated with the Obligor that satisfies such definition for the purposes of determining the "Concentration Reserve Percentage" and <u>clause (a)</u> of the definition of "Excess Concentration" for such Obligors, unless such deemed Obligor separately satisfies the definition of "Group A Obligor", "Group B Obligor", or "Group C Obligor", in which case such Obligor shall be separately treated as a Group A Obligor, a Group B Obligor or a Group C Obligor, as the case may be, and shall be aggregated and combined for such purposes with any of its Subsidiaries that are Obligors.

"Group Commitment" means, with respect to any Group, at any time of determination, the aggregate Commitments of all Committed Lenders within such Group.

"Group D Obligor" means any Obligor that is not a Group A Obligor, Group B Obligor or Group C Obligor; <u>provided</u>, that any Obligor (or its parent or majority owner, as applicable, if such parent or majority owner is a guarantor on the related Contract) that is not rated by both Moody's and S&P shall be a Group D Obligor.

"Guaranty" of any Person means any obligation of such Person guarantying or in effect guarantying any liability or obligation of any other Person in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including any such liability arising by virtue of partnership agreements, including any agreement to indemnify or hold harmless any other Person, any performance bond or other suretyship arrangement and any other form of assurance against loss, except endorsement of negotiable or other instruments for deposit or collection in the ordinary course of business.

"Indemnified Taxes" means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates under any Transaction Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in <a href="clause(a)">clause(a)</a>, Other Taxes.

"Independent Director" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.03(c).

"Information Package" means a report, in substantially the form of Exhibit E.

"Insolvency Proceeding" means (a) any case, action or proceeding before any court or other Governmental Authority relating to bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, liquidation, receivership, dissolution, winding-up or relief of debtors or (b) any general assignment for the benefit of creditors of a Person, composition, marshaling of assets for creditors of a Person, or other, similar arrangement in respect of its creditors generally or any substantial portion of its creditors, in each of cases (a) and (b) undertaken under U.S. Federal, state or foreign law, including the Bankruptcy Code.

"Intended Tax Treatment" has the meaning set forth in Section 14.14.

"Interest" means, for each Loan for any Interest Period (or portion thereof), the amount of interest accrued on the Capital of such Loan during such Interest Period (or portion thereof) in accordance with Section 2.03(b).

"Interest Period" means: (a) before the Termination Date: (i) initially the period commencing on the date of the initial Loan pursuant to Section 2.01 (or in the case of any fees payable hereunder, commencing on the Closing Date) and ending on (but not including) the next Monthly Settlement Date and (ii) thereafter, each period commencing on such Monthly Settlement Date and ending on (but not including) the next Monthly Settlement Date and (b) on and after the Termination Date, such period (including a period of one day) as shall be selected from time to time by the Administrative Agent (with the consent or at the direction of the Majority Group Agents) or, in the absence of any such selection, each period of 30 days from the last day of the preceding Interest Period.

"Interest Rate" means, for any day in any Interest Period for any Loan (or any portion of Capital thereof):

- (a) if such Loan (or such portion of Capital thereof) is being funded by a Conduit Lender on such day through the issuance of Notes, the applicable CP Rate; or
- (b) if such Loan (or such portion of Capital thereof) is being funded by any Lender on such day other than through the issuance of Notes (including, without limitation, if a Conduit Lender is then funding such Loan (or such portion of Capital thereof) under a Program Support Agreement, or if a Committed Lender is then funding such Loan (or such portion of Capital thereof)), the applicable Bank Rate;

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no provision of this Agreement shall require the payment or permit the collection of Interest in excess of the maximum permitted by Applicable Law; and <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that Interest for any Loan shall not be considered paid by any distribution to the extent that at any time all or a portion of such distribution is rescinded or must otherwise be returned for any reason.

"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Lenders" means the Conduit Lenders and the Committed Lenders.

"Level 1 Ratings Event" means, at any time of determination, one or more of the following events has occurred and is continuing: (i) NuStar Logistics' Long Term Corporate Rating by S&P is below BB-, (ii) NuStar Logistics' Long Term Corporate Family Rating by Moody's is below Ba3, (iii) NuStar Logistics does not have a Long Term Corporate Rating by S&P or (iv) NuStar Logistics does not have a Long Term Corporate Family Rating by Moody's.

"<u>Level 2 Ratings Event</u>" means, at any time of determination, one or more of the following events has occurred and is continuing: (i) NuStar Logistics' Long Term Corporate Rating by S&P is below B-, (ii) NuStar Logistics' Long Term Corporate Family Rating by Moody's is below B3, (iii) NuStar Logistics does not have a Long Term Corporate Rating by S&P or (iv) NuStar Logistics does not have a Long Term Corporate Family Rating by Moody's.

"<u>Lien</u>" means any ownership interest or claim, mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, lien, security interest, hypothecation, charge or other encumbrance or security arrangement of any nature

whatsoever, whether voluntarily or involuntarily given, including, but not limited to, any conditional sale or title retention arrangement, and any assignment, deposit arrangement or lease intended as, or having the effect of, security and any filed financing statement or other notice of any of the foregoing (whether or not a lien or other encumbrance is created or exists at the time of the filing).

"<u>Liquidity Agent</u>" means any bank or other financial institution acting as agent for the various Liquidity Providers under each Liquidity Agreement.

"<u>Liquidity Agreement</u>" means any agreement entered into in connection with this Agreement pursuant to which a Liquidity Provider agrees to make purchases or advances to, or purchase assets from, any Conduit Lender in order to provide liquidity for such Conduit Lender's Loans.

"<u>Liquidity Provider</u>" means each bank or other financial institution that provides liquidity support to any Conduit Lender pursuant to the terms of a Liquidity Agreement.

"LMIR" means for any day during any Interest Period, the greater of (a) 0.00% and (b) the interest rate per annum determined by the applicable Group Agent (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) as the one-month Eurodollar rate for U.S. dollar deposits as reported by Bloomberg Finance L.P. and shown on US0001M Screen or any other service or page that may replace such page from time to time for the purpose of displaying offered rates of leading banks for London interbank deposits in United States dollars, as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on such day, or if such day is not a Business Day, then the immediately preceding Business Day (or if not so reported, then as determined by the Administrative Agent from another recognized source for interbank quotation), in each case, changing when and as such rate changes.

"Loan" means any loan made by a Lender pursuant to Section 2.02.

"<u>Loan Request</u>" means a letter in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto executed and delivered by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent and the Group Agents pursuant to <u>Section 2.02(a)</u>.

"Lock-Box" means each locked postal box with respect to which a Lock-Box Bank who has executed a Lock-Box Agreement pursuant to which it has been granted exclusive access for the purpose of retrieving and processing payments made on the Receivables and which is listed on <a href="Schedule II">Schedule II</a> (as such schedule may be modified from time to time in connection with the addition or removal of any Lock-Box in accordance with the terms hereof).

"Lock-Box Account" means each account listed on Schedule II to this Agreement (as such schedule may be modified from time to time in connection with the closing or opening of any Lock-Box Account in accordance with the terms hereof) (in each case, in the name of the Borrower) and maintained at a bank or other financial institution acting as a Lock-Box Bank pursuant to a Lock-Box Agreement for the purpose of receiving or concentrating Collections.

"<u>Lock-Box Agreement</u>" means each agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, among the Borrower, the Servicer (if applicable), the Administrative Agent

and a Lock-Box Bank, governing the terms of the related Lock-Box Accounts, as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Lock-Box Bank" means any of the banks or other financial institutions holding one or more Lock-Box Accounts.

"Loss Horizon Ratio" means, at any time of determination, the ratio (expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest 1/100 of 1%, with 5/1000th of 1% rounded upward) computed by <u>dividing</u>: (a) the aggregate initial Outstanding Balance of all Pool Receivables originated by the Originators during the five (5) most recent Fiscal Months, <u>by</u> (b) the Net Receivables Pool Balance as of such date.

"Loss Reserve Percentage" means, at any time of determination, the product of (a) 2.5, times (b) the highest average of the Default Ratios for any three consecutive Fiscal Months during the twelve most recent Fiscal Months, times (c) the Loss Horizon Ratio.

"Majority Group Agents" means one or more Group Agents which in its Group, or their combined Groups, as the case may be, have Committed Lenders representing more than 50% of the aggregate Commitments of all Committed Lenders in all Groups (or, if the Commitments have been terminated, have Lenders representing more than 50% of the aggregate outstanding Capital held by all the Lenders in all Groups).

"Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse effect on any of the following:

- (a) the assets, operations, business or financial condition of the Borrower, the Servicer (so long as NuStar or an Affiliate of NuStar is the Servicer), the Performance Guarantor or any Originator, as applicable;
- (b) the ability of the Borrower, the Servicer (so long as NuStar or an Affiliate of NuStar is the Servicer), the Performance Guarantor or any Originator, as applicable, to perform its obligations under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document to which it is a party;
- (c) the validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, or the validity, enforceability or collectibility of any material portion of the Pool Receivables; or
- (d) the status, perfection, enforceability or priority of the Administrative Agent's security interest in a material portion of the Collateral.

"Maturity Date" means the earlier to occur of (a) the Scheduled Termination Date and (b) the date on which the "Termination Date" is declared or deemed to have occurred under Section 10.01.

"Minimum Dilution Reserve Percentage" means, on any day, the product of (a) the average of the Dilution Ratios for the twelve most recent Fiscal Months <u>multiplied by</u> (b) the Dilution Horizon Ratio.

"Monthly Settlement Date" means the 25th day of each calendar month (or if such day is not a Business Day, the next occurring Business Day).

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and any successor thereto that is a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

"Multiemployer Plan" shall mean a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA to which the Borrower, the Servicer (so long as NuStar or an Affiliate of NuStar is the Servicer), any Originator, the Parent or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates (other than one considered an ERISA Affiliate only pursuant to subsection (m) or (o) of Section 414 of the Code) is making or accruing an obligation to make contributions, or has within any of the preceding five plan years made or accrued an obligation to make contributions.

"<u>Net Receivables Pool Balance</u>" means, at any time of determination: (a) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables then in the Receivables Pool, <u>minus</u> (b) the Aggregate Contra Account Amount, <u>minus</u> (c) the Excess Concentration.

"Non-Investment Grade Eligible Foreign Obligor" means an Eligible Foreign Obligor that is none of a AAA Eligible Foreign Obligor, a AA Eligible Foreign Obligor, and Eligible Foreign Obligor or a BBB Eligible Foreign Obligor, which is organized in, whose principal place of business is in, and is a resident of, a country that has a long-term sovereign foreign-currency rating of at least "B-" by S&P and "B3" by Moody's.

"Non-Investment Grade Eligible Foreign Obligor Group" means, at any time of determination, all Non-Investment Grade Eligible Foreign Obligors at such time.

"Notes" means short-term promissory notes issued, or to be issued, by any Conduit Lender to fund its investments in accounts receivable or other financial assets.

"NuStar" has the meaning set forth in the <u>preamble</u> to this Agreement.

"NuStar Logistics" means NuStar Logistics, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.

"Obligor" means, with respect to any Receivable, the Person obligated to make payments pursuant to the Contract relating to such Receivable.

"Obligor Percentage" means, at any time of determination, for each Obligor, a fraction, expressed as a percentage, (a) the numerator of which is the aggregate Outstanding Balance of the Eligible Receivables of such Obligor less the amount (if any) then included in the calculation of the Excess Concentration with respect to such Obligor and (b) the denominator of which is the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables at such time.

"Originator" and "Originators" have the meaning set forth in the Purchase and Sale Agreement, as the same may be modified from time to time by adding new Originators or removing Originators, in each case with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent.

"Other Connection Taxes" means, with respect to any Affected Person, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Affected Person and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Affected Person 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 Transaction Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Transaction Document).

"Other Eligible Foreign Obligor" means an Eligible Foreign Obligor, that is none of a AAA Eligible Foreign Obligor, a AA Eligible Foreign Obligor, and A Eligible Foreign Obligor, a BBB Eligible Foreign Obligor or a Non-Investment Grade Eligible Foreign Obligor.

"Other Eligible Foreign Obligor Group" means, at any time of determination, all Other Eligible Foreign Obligors at such time.

"Other Taxes" means any and all present or future stamp or documentary Taxes or any other excise or property Taxes, charges or similar levies or fees arising from any payment made hereunder or from the execution, delivery, filing, recording or enforcement of, or otherwise in respect of, this Agreement, the other Transaction Documents and the other documents or agreements to be delivered hereunder or thereunder, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 14.03(k) or Section 14.03(l)).

"Outstanding Balance" means, at any time of determination, with respect to any Receivable, the then outstanding principal balance thereof.

"Parent" means NuStar Logistics.

"Parent Group" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.03(c).

"Participant" has the meaning set forth in Section 14.03(e).

"Participant Register" has the meaning set forth in Section 14.03(f).

"PATRIOT Act" has the meaning set forth in Section 14.15.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or any successor thereto.

"<u>Pension Plan</u>" means a pension plan as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA that is subject to Title IV of ERISA with respect to which any Originator, the Borrower or any other member of the Controlled Group may have any liability, contingent or otherwise.

"Performance Guarantor" means NuStar.

"<u>Performance Guaranty</u>" means the Performance Guaranty, dated as of the Closing Date, by the Performance Guarantor in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as such agreement may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Permitted Holder" means NuStar GP Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, or any successor to NuStar GP Holdings, LLC.

## "Permitted Lien" means:

- (a) inchoate liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or levies not yet due, other than taxes, assessments, other governmental charges and levies being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;
- (b) liens with respect to any mechanics, suppliers, materialmen, laborers, employees, repairmen and other like liens arising in the ordinary course of business securing obligations that are not due and payable, other than liens, assessments and other governmental charges being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; and
- (c) bankers' liens, rights of setoff and other similar liens existing solely with respect to cash on deposit in a Lock-Box Account to the extent such liens, rights of setoff and other similar liens are not terminated pursuant to a Lock-Box Agreement.

"<u>Person</u>" means an individual, partnership, corporation (including a business trust), joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity, or a government or any political subdivision or agency thereof.

"PNC" has the meaning set forth in the <u>preamble</u> to this Agreement.

"Pool Receivable" means a Receivable in the Receivables Pool.

"<u>Portion of Capital</u>" means, with respect to any Lender and its related Capital, the portion of such Capital being funded or maintained by such Lender by reference to a particular interest rate basis.

"Pro Rata Percentage" means, at any time of determination, with respect to any Committed Lender, a fraction (expressed as a percentage), (a) the numerator of which is (i) prior to the termination of all Commitments hereunder, its Commitment at such time or (ii) if all Commitments hereunder have been terminated, the aggregate outstanding Capital of all Loans being funded by the Lenders in such Committed Lender's Group at such time and (b) the denominator of which is (i) prior to the termination of all Commitments hereunder, the aggregate Commitments of all Committed Lenders at such time or (ii) if all Commitments hereunder have been terminated, the aggregate outstanding Capital of all Loans at such time.

"Program Support Agreement" means and includes any Liquidity Agreement and any other agreement entered into by any Program Support Provider providing for: (a) the issuance of one or more letters of credit for the account of any Conduit Lender, (b) the issuance of one or more surety bonds for which any Conduit Lender is obligated to reimburse the applicable Program Support Provider for any drawings thereunder, (c) the sale by any Conduit Lender to any Program Support Provider of any Loan (or portions thereof or participation interest therein) maintained by such Conduit Lender and/or (d) the making of loans and/or other extensions of credit to any Conduit

Lender in connection with such Conduit Lender's receivables-securitization program contemplated in this Agreement, together with any letter of credit, surety bond or other instrument issued thereunder.

"<u>Program Support Provider</u>" means and includes, with respect to any Conduit Lender, any Liquidity Provider and any other Person (other than any customer of such Conduit Lender) now or hereafter extending credit or having a commitment to extend credit to or for the account of, or to make purchases from, such Conduit Lender pursuant to any Program Support Agreement.

"<u>Purchase and Sale Agreement</u>" means the Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Servicer, the Originators and the Borrower, as such agreement may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Purchase and Sale Termination Event" has the meaning set forth in the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

"Rating Agency" mean each of S&P, Fitch and Moody's (and/or each other rating agency then rating the Notes of any Conduit Lender).

"Receivable" means any right to payment of a monetary obligation, whether or not earned by performance, owed to any Originator or the Borrower (as assignee of an Originator), whether constituting an account, chattel paper, payment intangible, instrument or general intangible, in each instance arising in connection with the sale of goods that have been or are to be sold or for services rendered or to be rendered, and includes, without limitation, the obligation to pay any finance charges, fees and other charges with respect thereto. Any such right to payment arising from any one transaction, including, without limitation, any such right to payment represented by an individual invoice or agreement, shall constitute a Receivable separate from a Receivable consisting of any such right to payment arising from any other transaction.

"Receivables Pool" means, at any time of determination, all of the then outstanding Receivables transferred (or purported to be transferred) to the Borrower pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement prior to the Termination Date.

"Register" has the meaning set forth in Section 14.03(c).

"Reinvestment" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(a).

"Related Committed Lender" means with respect to any Conduit Lender, each Committed Lender listed as part of the same Group as such Conduit Lender as set forth on Schedule I of this Agreement or in any Assumption Agreement.

"Related Conduit Lender" means, with respect to any Committed Lender, each Conduit Lender which is, or pursuant to any Assignment and Acceptance Agreement or Assumption Agreement or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement becomes, included as a Conduit Lender in such Committed Lender's Group, as designated on Schedule I hereto or in such Assignment and

Acceptance Agreement, Assumption Agreement or other agreement executed by such Committed Lender, as the case may be.

"Related Rights" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.1 of the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

"Related Security" means, with respect to any Receivable:

- (a) all of the Borrower's and each Originator's interest in any goods (including returned goods), and documentation of title evidencing the shipment or storage of any goods (including returned goods), the sale of which gave rise to such Receivable;
  - (b) all instruments and chattel paper that may evidence such Receivable;
- (c) all other security interests or liens and property subject thereto from time to time purporting to secure payment of such Receivable, whether pursuant to the Contract related to such Receivable or otherwise, together with all UCC financing statements or similar filings relating thereto;
- (d) all of the Borrower's and each Originator's rights, interests and claims under the related Contracts and all guaranties, indemnities, insurance and other agreements (including the related Contract) or arrangements of whatever character from time to time supporting or securing payment of such Receivable or otherwise relating to such Receivable, whether pursuant to the Contract related to such Receivable or otherwise; and
- (e) all of the Borrower's rights, interests and claims under the Purchase and Sale Agreement and the other Transaction Documents.
- "Reportable Compliance Event" means that any Covered Entity becomes a Sanctioned Person, or is charged by indictment, criminal complaint or similar charging instrument, arraigned, or custodially detained in connection with any Anti-Terrorism Law or any predicate crime to any Anti-Terrorism Law, or has knowledge of facts or circumstances to the effect that it is reasonably likely that any aspect of its operations is in actual or probable violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law.

"Reportable Event" means any reportable event as defined in Section 4043(c) of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder with respect to a Pension Plan (other than a Pension Plan maintained by an ERISA Affiliate which is considered an ERISA Affiliate only pursuant to subsection (m) or (o) of Section 414 of the Code).

"Representatives" has the meaning set forth in Section 14.06(c).

"Required Capital Amount" means \$15,000,000.

"Restricted Payments" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.01(r).

"<u>S&P</u>" means Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business, and any successor thereto that is a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

- "Sanctioned Country" means a country subject to a sanctions program maintained under any Anti-Terrorism Law.
- "Sanctioned Person" means any individual person, group, regime, entity or thing listed or otherwise recognized as a specially designated, prohibited, sanctioned or debarred person, group, regime, entity or thing, or subject to any limitations or prohibitions (including but not limited to the blocking of property or rejection of transactions), under any Anti-Terrorism Law.
- "Scheduled Termination Date" means June 15, 2018, as such date may be extended from time to time pursuant to  $\underline{\text{Section}}$   $\underline{\text{2.02(h)}}$ .
  - "SEC" shall mean the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission or any governmental agencies substituted therefor.
  - "Secured Parties" means each Borrower Indemnified Party.
  - "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended or otherwise modified from time to time.
  - "Servicer" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.
  - "Servicer Indemnified Amounts" has the meaning set forth in Section 13.02(a).
  - "Servicer Indemnified Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 13.02(a).
  - "Servicing Fee" shall mean the fee referred to in Section 9.06(a) of this Agreement.
  - "Servicing Fee Rate" shall mean the rate referred to in Section 9.06(a) of this Agreement.
- "Settlement Date" means with respect to any Portion of Capital for any Interest Period or any Interest or Fees, (i) prior to the Termination Date, the Monthly Settlement Date and (ii) on and after the Termination Date, each day selected from time to time by the Administrative Agent (with the consent or at the direction of the Majority Group Agents) (it being understood that the Administrative Agent (with the consent or at the direction of the Majority Group Agents) may select such Settlement Date to occur as frequently as daily), or, in the absence of such selection, the Monthly Settlement Date.

"Solvent" means, with respect to any Person and as of any particular date, (i) the present fair market value (or present fair saleable value) of the assets of such Person is not less than the total amount required to pay the probable liabilities of such Person on its total existing debts and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) as they become absolute and matured, (ii) such Person is able to realize upon its assets and pay its debts and other liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments as they mature and become due in the normal course of business, (iii) such Person is not incurring debts or liabilities beyond its ability to pay such debts and liabilities as they mature and (iv) such Person is not engaged in any business or transaction, and is not about to engage in any business or transaction, for which its property would constitute unreasonably small capital after giving due consideration to the prevailing practice in the industry in which such Person is engaged.

- "Structuring Agent" means PNC Capital Markets LLC, in its capacity as structuring agent.
- "Subordinated Note" has the meaning set forth in the Purchase and Sale Agreement.
- "Sub-Servicer" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.01(d).

"Subsidiary" means, as to any Person, a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which shares of stock of each class or other interests having ordinary voting power (other than stock or other interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) to elect a majority of the Board of Directors or other managers of such entity are at the time owned, or management of which is otherwise controlled: (a) by such Person, (b) by one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or (c) by such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

"<u>Taxes</u>" means any and all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, charges or withholdings imposed by any Governmental Authority and all interest, penalties, additions to tax and any similar liabilities with respect thereto.

"<u>Termination Date</u>" means the earliest to occur of (a) the Scheduled Termination Date, (b) the date on which the "Termination Date" is declared or deemed to have occurred under <u>Section 10.01</u> and (c) the date selected by the Borrower on which all Commitments have been reduced to zero pursuant to <u>Section 2.02(e)</u>.

"<u>Total Reserves</u>" means, at any time of determination, the product of (a) the sum of: (i) the Yield Reserve Percentage, <u>plus</u> (ii) the greatest of (x) the sum of the Concentration Reserve Percentage <u>plus</u> the Minimum Dilution Reserve Percentage and (y) the sum of the Loss Reserve Percentage <u>plus</u> the Dilution Reserve Percentage, <u>times</u> (b) the Net Receivables Pool Balance on such day.

"<u>Transaction Documents</u>" means this Agreement, the Purchase and Sale Agreement, the Lock-Box Agreements, the Fee Letter, each Subordinated Note, the Performance Guaranty and all other certificates, instruments, UCC financing statements, reports, notices, agreements and documents executed or delivered under or in connection with this Agreement, in each case as the same may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

"Transaction Information" shall mean any information provided to any Rating Agency, in each case, to the extent related to such Rating Agency providing or proposing to provide a rating of any Notes or monitoring such rating including, without limitation, information in connection with the Borrower, the Originator, the Servicer or the Receivables; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, "Transaction Information" shall not include any information provided by the Parent or any of its Affiliates to any nationally recognized statistical rating organization (other than information solely related to the Receivables subject to this Agreement) in connection with such rating organization providing a rating or proposing to provide a rating to, or monitoring an existing rating of the Parent or any of its Affiliates or any debt securities of any of the foregoing.

"<u>UCC</u>" means the Uniform Commercial Code as from time to time in effect in the applicable jurisdiction.

"<u>Unmatured Event of Default</u>" means an event that but for notice or lapse of time or both would constitute an Event of Default.

"<u>U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate</u>" has the meaning set forth in <u>Section 5.03(f)(ii)(B)(3)</u>.

"<u>Volcker Rule</u>" means Section 13 of the U.S. Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

"Weekly Report" means a report, in substantially the form of Exhibit D.

"<u>Withdrawal Liability</u>" shall mean liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

"Yield Reserve Percentage" means at any time of determination:

where:

BR = the Base Rate;

DSO = the Days' Sales Outstanding for the most recently ended Fiscal Month; and

SFR = the Servicing Fee Rate.

SECTION 1.02. Other Interpretative Matters. All accounting terms not specifically defined herein shall be construed in accordance with GAAP. All terms used in Article 9 of the UCC in the State of New York and not specifically defined herein, are used herein as defined in such Article 9. Unless otherwise expressly indicated, all references herein to "Article," "Section," "Schedule", "Exhibit" or "Annex" shall mean articles and sections of, and schedules, exhibits and annexes to, this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the other Transaction Documents and all such certificates and other documents, unless the context otherwise requires: (a) references to any amount as on deposit or outstanding on any particular date means such amount at the close of business on such day; (b) the words "hereof," "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import refer to such agreement (or the certificate or other document in which they are used) as a whole and not to any particular provision of such agreement (or such certificate or document); (c) references to any Section, Schedule or Exhibit are references to Sections, Schedules and Exhibits in or to such agreement (or the certificate or other document in which the reference is made), and references to any paragraph, subsection, clause or other subdivision within any Section or definition refer to such paragraph, subsection, clause or other subdivision of such Section or definition; (d) the term "including" means "including without limitation"; (e) references to any Applicable Law refer to

that Applicable Law as amended from time to time and include any successor Applicable Law; (f) references to any agreement refer to that agreement as from time to time amended, restated or supplemented or as the terms of such agreement are waived or modified in accordance with its terms; (g) references to any Person include that Person's permitted successors and assigns; (h) headings are for purposes of reference only and shall not otherwise affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision hereof; (i) unless otherwise provided, in the calculation of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the term "from" means "from and including", and the terms "to" and "until" each means "to but excluding"; (j) terms in one gender include the parallel terms in the neuter and opposite gender; (k) references to any amount as on deposit or outstanding on any particular date means such amount at the close of business on such day and (l) the term "or" is not exclusive.

#### **ARTICLE II**

## TERMS OF THE LOANS

SECTION 2.01. <u>Loan Facility</u>. Upon a request by the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 2.02</u>, and on the terms and subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth, the Conduit Lenders, ratably, in accordance with the aggregate of the Commitments of the Related Committed Lenders with respect to each such Conduit Lender, severally and not jointly, may, in their sole discretion, make Loans to the Borrower on a revolving basis, and if and to the extent any Conduit Lender does not make any such requested Loan or if any Group does not include a Conduit Lender, the Related Committed Lender(s) for such Conduit Lender or the Committed Lender for such Group, as the case may be, shall, ratably in accordance with their respective Commitments, severally and not jointly, make such Loans to the Borrower, in either case, from time to time during the period from the Closing Date to the Termination Date. Under no circumstances shall any Lender be obligated to make any such Loan if, after giving effect to such Loan:

- (i) the Aggregate Capital would exceed the Facility Limit at such time;
- (ii) the sum of (A) the Capital of such Lender, <u>plus</u> (B) the aggregate outstanding Capital of each other Lender in its Group, would exceed the Group Commitment of such Lender's Group;
- (iii) if such Lender is a Committed Lender, the aggregate outstanding Capital of such Committed Lender would exceed its Commitment; or
  - (iv) the Aggregate Capital would exceed the Borrowing Base at such time.

SECTION 2.02. <u>Making Loans; Repayment of Loans</u>. (a) Each Loan hereunder shall be made on at least two (2) Business Days' prior written request from the Borrower to the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent in the form of a Loan Request attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. Each such request for a Loan shall be made no later than 1:00 p.m. (New York City time) on a Business Day (<u>it being understood</u> that any such request made after such time shall be deemed to have been made on the following Business Day) and shall specify (i) the amount of the Loan(s) requested (which shall not be less than \$1,000,000 and shall be an integral multiple of

\$100,000), (ii) the allocation of such amount among the Groups (which shall be ratable based on the Group Commitments), (iii) the account to which the proceeds of such Loan shall be distributed and (iv) the date such requested Loan is to be made (which shall be a Business Day).

- (b) On the date of each Loan, the Lenders shall, upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in <u>Article VI</u> and pursuant to the other conditions set forth in this <u>Article II</u>, make available to the Borrower in same day funds an aggregate amount equal to the amount of such Loans requested, at the account set forth in the related Loan Request.
- (c) Each Committed Lender's obligation shall be several, such that the failure of any Committed Lender to make available to the Borrower any funds in connection with any Loan shall not relieve any other Committed Lender of its obligation, if any, hereunder to make funds available on the date such Loans are requested (it being understood, that no Committed Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Committed Lender to make funds available to the Borrower in connection with any Loan hereunder).
- (d) The Borrower shall repay in full the outstanding Capital of each Lender on the Maturity Date. Prior thereto, the Borrower shall, on each Settlement Date, make a prepayment of the outstanding Capital of the Lenders to the extent required under Section 4.01 and otherwise in accordance therewith. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrower, in its discretion, shall have the right to make a prepayment, in whole or in part, of the outstanding Capital of the Lenders (together with any accrued Interest and Fees in respect of such prepaid Capital) on any Business Day upon two (2) Business Days' prior written notice (each, a "Reduction Notice") thereof to the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent; provided, however, that each such prepayment shall be in a minimum aggregate amount of \$4,000,000 and shall be an integral multiple of \$1,000,000; provided, further, that the Borrower shall not provide any Reduction Notice, and no such Reduction Notice shall be effective, if after giving effect thereto, the Aggregate Capital at such time would be less than an amount equal to the least of (i) 75.00% of the Facility Limit at such time, (ii) the Borrowing Base at such time and (iii) such other amount as approved in writing by the Administrative Agent and each Lender (such lesser amount, the "Minimum Funding Threshold"). The Borrower hereby covenants and agrees from time to time to request Loans pursuant to Section 2.02(a) in amounts and at such times such that the Aggregate Capital at all times is no less than the Minimum Funding Threshold at such time; it being understood and agreed that each Credit Extension pursuant to this Agreement is subject to the applicable conditions set forth in Article VI and the other conditions set forth in this Article II.
- (e) The Borrower may, at any time upon at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent, terminate the Facility Limit in whole or ratably reduce the Facility Limit in part. Each partial reduction in the Facility Limit shall be in a minimum aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 and shall be an integral multiple of \$1,000,000, and no such partial reduction shall reduce the Facility Limit to an amount less than \$100,000,000. In connection with any partial reduction in the Facility Limit, the Commitment of each Committed Lender shall be ratably reduced.
- (f) In connection with any reduction of the Commitments, the Borrower shall remit to the Administrative Agent (i) instructions regarding such reduction and (ii) for payment to

the Lenders, cash in an amount sufficient to pay (A) Capital of Lenders in each Group in excess of the Group Commitment of such Group and (B) all other outstanding Borrower Obligations with respect to such reduction (determined based on the ratio of the reduction of the Commitments being effected to the amount of the Commitments prior to such reduction or, if the Administrative Agent reasonably determines that any portion of the outstanding Borrower Obligations is allocable solely to that portion of the Commitments being reduced or has arisen solely as a result of such reduction, all of such portion) including, without duplication, any associated Breakage Fees. Upon receipt of any such amounts, the Administrative Agent shall apply such amounts first to the reduction of the outstanding Capital, and second to the payment of the remaining outstanding Borrower Obligations with respect to such reduction, including any Breakage Fees, by paying such amounts to the Lenders.

- Increases in Commitments. So long as no Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, upon notice to the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent, the Borrower may from time to time request an increase in the Commitment with respect to one or more Committed Lenders, including any new Lenders that agree to become Committed Lenders pursuant to an Assumption Agreement, as provided in Section 14.03(i), or pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance Agreement at any time following the Closing Date and prior to the Termination Date, such aggregate increase in such Committed Lender's Commitments to be an amount (for all such requests or additions) not exceeding \$75,000,000; provided, that each request for an increase shall be in a minimum amount of \$10,000,000. At the time of sending such notice with respect to any Committed Lender, the Borrower (in consultation with the Administrative Agent and the Group Agent related to such Committed Lender) shall specify the time period within which such Committed Lenders and the Administrative Agent are requested to respond to the Borrower's request (which shall in no event be less than ten (10) Business Days from the date of delivery of such notice to the Administrative Agent and the Group Agents). In respect of any Committed Lender, each of such Committed Lender being asked to increase its Commitment and the Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Servicer within the applicable time period whether or not such Person agrees, in its respective sole discretion, to the increase to such Committed Lender's Commitment. Any such Person not responding within such time period shall be deemed to have declined to consent to an increase in such Committed Lender's Commitment. For the avoidance of doubt, only the consent of the Committed Lender then being asked to increase its Commitment and the Administrative Agent shall be required in order to approve any such request. If the Commitment of any Committed Lender is increased in accordance with this clause (g), the Administrative Agent, the Purchaser Agents for such Committed Lenders, the Borrower and the Servicer shall determine the effective date with respect to such increase and shall enter into such documents as agreed to by such parties to document such increase; it being understood and agreed that the Administrative Agent or any Committed Lender increasing its Commitment pursuant to this <u>clause</u> (g) may request any of (x) resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Borrower approving or consenting to such Commitment increase and authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of any amendment to this Agreement, (y) a corporate and enforceability opinion of counsel of the Borrower and (z) such other documents, agreements and opinions reasonably requested by such Committed Lender or the Administrative Agent.
- (h) Provided that no Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower may from time to time advise the Administrative Agent

and each Group Agent in writing of its desire to extend the Scheduled Termination Date for an additional 364 day period, provided that such request is made not more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to, and not less than sixty (60) days prior to, the then current Scheduled Termination Date. The Administrative Agent and each Committed Lender (or its Group Agent on its behalf) shall notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing whether or not such Person is agreeable to such extension (it being understood that the Administrative Agent and the Committed Lenders may accept or decline such a request in their sole discretion and on such terms as they may elect) not less than thirty (30) days prior to the then current Scheduled Termination Date; provided, however, that if the Administrative Agent or any Committed Lender fails to so notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent or such Committed Lender, as the case may be, shall be deemed to have declined such extension. In the event that the Administrative Agent and one or more Committed Lenders have so notified the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing that they are agreeable to such extension, the Borrower, the Servicer, the Administrative Agent, the applicable Group Agents and the applicable Committed Lenders shall enter into such documents as the Administrative Agent, the applicable Group Agents and the applicable Committed Lenders may deem necessary or appropriate to effect such extension, and all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, the applicable Group Agents and the applicable Committed Lenders in connection therewith (including Attorney Costs) shall be paid by the Borrower. In the event any Committed Lender declines such request to extend the Scheduled Termination Date or is deemed to have declined such extension, such Committed Lender's Group shall be an "Exiting Group" for all purposes of this Agreement.

# SECTION 2.03. <u>Interest and Fees</u>.

- (a) On each Settlement Date, the Borrower shall, in accordance with the terms and priorities for payment set forth in <u>Section 4.01</u>, pay to each Group Agent, each Lender and the Administrative Agent certain fees (collectively, the "<u>Fees</u>") in the amounts set forth in the fee letter agreements from time to time entered into, among the Borrower, the members of the applicable Group (or their Group Agent on their behalf) and/or the Administrative Agent and the Structuring Agent (each such fee letter agreement, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, collectively being referred to herein as the "<u>Fee Letter</u>").
- (b) The Capital of each Lender shall accrue interest on each day when such Capital remains outstanding at the then applicable Interest Rate. The Borrower shall pay all Interest, Fees and Breakage Fees accrued during each Interest Period on the immediately following Settlement Date in accordance with the terms and priorities for payment set forth in Section 4.01.

SECTION 2.04. Records of Loans. Each Group Agent shall record in its records, the date and amount of each Loan made by the Lenders in its Group hereunder, the Interest Rate with respect thereto, the Interest accrued thereon and each repayment and payment thereof. Subject to Section 14.03(c), such records shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error. Subject to Section 14.03(c), the failure to so record any such information or any error in so recording any such information shall not, however, limit or otherwise affect the obligations of the Borrower hereunder or under the other Transaction Documents to repay the Capital of each Lender, together with all Interest accruing thereon and all other Borrower Obligations.

#### **ARTICLE III**

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#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES AND PAYMENT PROVISIONS

# SECTION 4.01. Settlement Procedures.

- (a) The Servicer shall hold in trust (which amounts held in trust may be commingled with other funds of the Servicer and its Affiliates in an account other than any Lock-Box Account), for the benefit of the Borrower and the Secured Parties (or, if so requested by the Administrative Agent upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default or a Level 2 Ratings Event, segregate in a separate account approved by the Administrative Agent), for application in accordance with the priority of payments set forth below, all Collections on Pool Receivables that are received by the Servicer or the Borrower or received in any Lock-Box or Lock-Box Account; provided, however, if Servicer desires to release funds to the Borrower from such collections to acquire Receivables in accordance with the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement (each such release, a "Reinvestment") Servicer may do so if each of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 6.03 are satisfied, and the amount released to Borrower shall be limited to the amount necessary to pay the purchase price for such Receivables. On each Settlement Date, the Servicer (or, following its assumption of control of the Lock-Box Accounts, the Administrative Agent) shall, distribute such Collections in the following order of priority:
  - (i) <u>first</u>, to the Servicer (if the Servicer is neither NuStar nor an Affiliate of either NuStar or the Borrower) for the payment of the accrued Servicing Fees payable for the immediately preceding Interest Period (plus, if applicable, the amount of Servicing Fees payable for any prior Interest Period to the extent such amount has not been distributed to the Servicer (if the Servicer is neither NuStar nor an Affiliate of either NuStar or the Borrower));
  - (ii) second, to each Lender and other Credit Party (ratably, based on the amount then due and owing), all accrued and unpaid Interest, Fees and Breakage Fees due to such Lender and other Credit Party for the immediately preceding Interest Period (including any additional amounts or indemnified amounts payable under Sections 5.03 and 13.01 in respect of such payments), plus, if applicable, the amount of any such Interest, Fees and Breakage Fees (including any additional amounts or indemnified amounts payable under Sections 5.03 and 13.01 in respect of such payments) payable for any prior Interest Period to the extent such amount has not been distributed to such Lender or Credit Party;
    - (iii) third, as set forth in clause (x), (y) or (z) below, as applicable:
    - (x) prior to the occurrence of the Termination Date, to the extent that a Borrowing Base Deficit exists on such date, to the Lenders (ratably, based on the aggregate outstanding Capital of each Lender at such time) for

the payment of a portion of the outstanding Aggregate Capital at such time, in an aggregate amount equal to the amount necessary to reduce the Borrowing Base Deficit to zero (\$0);

- (y) on and after the occurrence of the Termination Date, to each Lender (ratably, based on the aggregate outstanding Capital of each Lender at such time) for the payment in full of the aggregate outstanding Capital of such Lender at such time; or
- (z) prior to the occurrence of the Termination Date, at the election of the Borrower and in accordance with <u>Section 2.02(d)</u>, to the payment of all or any portion of the outstanding Capital of the Lenders at such time (ratably, based on the aggregate outstanding Capital of each Lender at such time);
- (iv) <u>fourth</u>, to the Credit Parties that are then members of an Exiting Group (ratably, based on the amount due and owing at such time), for the payment of all other Borrower Obligations then due and owing by the Borrower to such Credit Parties;
- (v) <u>fifth</u>, to the Credit Parties, the Affected Persons and the Borrower Indemnified Parties (ratably, based on the amount due and owing at such time), for the payment of all other Borrower Obligations then due and owing by the Borrower to the Credit Parties, the Affected Persons and the Borrower Indemnified Parties;
- (vi) <u>sixth</u>, to the extent not otherwise provided for under <u>clause (i)</u> above, to the Servicer for the payment of the accrued Servicing Fees payable for the immediately preceding Interest Period (plus, if applicable, the amount of Servicing Fees payable for any prior Interest Period to the extent such amount has not been distributed to the Servicer); and
  - (vii) seventh, the balance, if any, to be paid to the Borrower for its own account.
- (b) All payments or distributions to be made by the Servicer, the Borrower and any other Person to the Lenders (or their respective related Affected Persons and the Borrower Indemnified Parties) under any Transaction Document, shall be paid or distributed to the related Group Agent at its Group Agent's Account. Each Group Agent, upon its receipt in the applicable Group Agent's Account of any such payments or distributions, shall distribute such amounts to the applicable Lenders, Affected Persons and the Borrower Indemnified Parties within its Group ratably; provided that if such Group Agent shall have received insufficient funds to pay all of the above amounts in full on any such date, such Group Agent shall pay such amounts to the applicable Lenders, Affected Persons and the Borrower Indemnified Parties within its Group in accordance with the priority of payments forth above, and with respect to any such category above for which there are insufficient funds to pay all amounts owing on such date, ratably (based on the amounts in such categories owing to each such Person in such Group) among all such Persons in such Group entitled to payment thereof.

(c) If and to the extent the Administrative Agent, any Credit Party, any Affected Person or any Borrower Indemnified Party shall be required for any reason to pay over to any Person any amount received on its behalf hereunder, such amount shall be deemed not to have been so received but rather to have been retained by the Borrower and, accordingly, the Administrative Agent, such Credit Party, such Affected Person or such Borrower Indemnified Party, as the case may be, shall have a claim against the Borrower for such amount.

# (d) For the purposes of this <u>Section 4.01</u>:

- (i) if on any day the Outstanding Balance of any Pool Receivable is reduced or adjusted as a result of any defective, rejected, returned, repossessed or foreclosed goods or services, or any revision, cancellation, allowance, rebate, discount or other adjustment made by the Borrower, any Originator, the Servicer or any Affiliate of the Servicer, or any setoff or dispute between the Borrower or any Affiliate of the Borrower, an Originator or any Affiliate of an Originator, or the Servicer or any Affiliate of the Servicer, and an Obligor, the Borrower shall be deemed to have received on such day a Collection of such Pool Receivable in the amount of such reduction or adjustment and shall immediately pay any and all such amounts in respect thereof to a Lock-Box Account (or as otherwise directed by the Administrative Agent at such time) for application pursuant to Section 4.01(a);
- (ii) if on any day any of the representations or warranties in <u>Section 7.01</u> is not true in all material respects with respect to any Pool Receivable (except for representations and warranties which apply as to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties are not true in all material respects as of such date), the Borrower shall be deemed to have received on such day a Collection of such Pool Receivable in full and shall immediately pay the amount of such deemed Collection to a Lock-Box Account (or as otherwise directed by the Administrative Agent at such time) for application pursuant to <u>Section 4.01(a)</u> (Collections deemed to have been received pursuant to <u>Section 4.01(d)</u> are hereinafter sometimes referred to as "<u>Deemed Collections</u>");
- (iii) except as provided in <u>clauses (i)</u> or <u>(ii)</u> above or otherwise required by Applicable Law or the relevant Contract, all Collections received from an Obligor of any Receivable shall be applied to the Receivables of such Obligor in the order of the age of such Receivables, starting with the oldest such Receivable, unless such Obligor designates in writing its payment for application to specific Receivables; and
- (iv) if and to the extent the Administrative Agent, any Credit Party, any Affected Person or any Borrower Indemnified Party shall be required for any reason to pay over to an Obligor (or any trustee, receiver, custodian or similar official in any Insolvency Proceeding) any amount received by it hereunder, such amount shall be deemed not to have been so received by such Person but rather to have been retained by the Borrower and, accordingly, such Person shall have a claim against the Borrower for such amount, payable when and to the extent that any distribution from or on behalf of such Obligor is made in respect thereof.

- SECTION 4.02. <u>Payments and Computations, Etc.</u> (a) All amounts to be paid by the Borrower or the Servicer to the Administrative Agent, any Credit Party, any Affected Person or any Borrower Indemnified Party hereunder shall be paid no later than 12:00 Noon (New York City time) on the day when due in same day funds to the applicable Group Agent's Account.
- (b) Each of the Borrower and the Servicer shall, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, pay interest on any amount not paid or deposited by it when due hereunder, at an interest rate per annum equal to 2.00% <u>per annum</u> above the Base Rate, payable on demand.
- (c) All computations of interest under <u>subsection (b)</u> above and all computations of Interest, Fees and other amounts hereunder shall be made on the basis of a year of 360 days (or, in the case of amounts determined by reference to the Base Rate, 365 or 366 days, as applicable) for the actual number of days (including the first but excluding the last day) elapsed. Whenever any payment or deposit to be made hereunder shall be due on a day other than a Business Day, such payment or deposit shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and such extension of time shall be included in the computation of such payment or deposit.

#### ARTICLE V

## INCREASED COSTS; FUNDING LOSSES; TAXES; ILLEGALITY AND SECURITY INTEREST

SECTION 5.01. <u>Increased Costs</u>.

- (a) <u>Increased Costs Generally</u>. If any Change in Law shall:
- (i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, liquidity, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, any Affected Person;
- (ii) subject any Affected Person to any Taxes (except to the extent such Taxes are Indemnified Taxes for which relief is sought under <u>Section 5.03</u> or Excluded Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, letters of credit, commitments or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto; or
- (iii) impose on any Affected Person any other condition, cost or expense (other than Taxes) (A) affecting the Collateral, this Agreement, any other Transaction Document, any Program Support Agreement, any Loan or any participation therein or (B) affecting its obligations or rights to make Loans;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Affected Person of (A) acting as the Administrative Agent, a Group Agent or a Lender hereunder or as a Program Support Provider with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby, (B) funding or maintaining any Loan or (C) maintaining its obligation to fund or maintain any Loan, or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Affected Person hereunder, then, upon request of such Affected Person (or its Group Agent), the Borrower shall pay to such Affected Person such additional amount

or amounts as will compensate such Affected Person for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

- (b) <u>Capital Requirements</u>. If any Affected Person determines that any Change in Law affecting such Affected Person or any lending office of such Affected Person or such Affected Person's holding company, if any, regarding capital or liquidity requirements, has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Affected Person's capital or on the capital of such Affected Person's holding company, if any, as a consequence of (A) this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, (B) the commitments of such Affected Person hereunder or under any related Program Support Agreement, (C) the Loans made by such Affected Person or (D) any Capital, to a level below that which such Affected Person or such Affected Person's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Affected Person's policies and the policies of such Affected Person's holding company with respect to capital adequacy and liquidity), then from time to time, upon request of such Affected Person (or its Group Agent), the Borrower will pay to such Affected Person such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Affected Person or such Affected Person's holding company for any such reduction suffered.
- (c) <u>Certificates for Reimbursement</u>. A certificate of an Affected Person (or its Group Agent on its behalf) setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Affected Person or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in <u>clause (a)</u> or <u>(b)</u> of this Section and delivered to the Borrower, shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall, subject to the priorities of payment set forth in <u>Section 4.01</u>, pay such Affected Person the amount shown as due on any such certificate on the first Settlement Date occurring after the Borrower's receipt of such certificate.
- (d) <u>Delay in Requests</u>. Failure or delay on the part of any Affected Person to demand compensation pursuant to this <u>Section 5.01</u> shall not constitute a waiver of such Affected Person's right to demand such compensation; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate an Affected Person pursuant to this <u>Section 5.01</u> for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than 270 days prior to the date that such Affected Person notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Affected Person's intention to claim compensation therefor; <u>provided further</u> that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the 270-day period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof.

## SECTION 5.02. Funding Losses.

- (a) The Borrower will pay each Lender all Breakage Fees.
- (b) A certificate of a Lender (or its Group Agent on its behalf) setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender, as specified in <u>clause (a)</u> above and delivered to the Borrower, shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall, subject to the priorities of payment set forth in <u>Section 4.01</u>, pay such Lender the amount shown as due on any such certificate on the first Settlement Date occurring after the Borrower's receipt of such certificate.

## SECTION 5.03. Taxes.

- (a) <u>Payments Free of Taxes</u>. Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower under any Transaction Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by Applicable Law. If any Applicable Law (as determined in the good faith discretion of the applicable Credit Party, Affected Person or Borrower Indemnified Party) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment to a Credit Party, Affected Person or Borrower Indemnified Party, then the applicable Credit Party, Affected Person or Borrower Indemnified Party shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Applicable Law, and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the Borrower shall be increased as necessary so that after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings applicable to additional sums payable under this Section), the applicable Credit Party, Affected Person or Borrower Indemnified Party receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding been made.
- (b) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower</u>. The Borrower shall timely pay 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) <u>Indemnification by the Borrower</u>. The Borrower shall indemnify each Affected Person, within ten days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any (I) Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) payable or paid by such Affected Person or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Affected Person and any 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 and (II) incremental Taxes that arise because a Loan is not treated for U.S. federal, state, local or franchise tax purposes consistently with the Intended Tax Treatment (such indemnification will include any U.S. federal, state or local income and franchise taxes necessary to make such Affected Person whole on an after-tax basis taking into account the taxability of receipt of payments under this <u>clause (II)</u> and any reasonable expenses (other than Taxes) arising out of, relating to, or resulting from the foregoing). A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by an Affected Person (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of an Affected Person, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.
- (d) <u>Indemnification by the Lenders</u>. Each Lender (other than the Conduit Lenders) shall severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, within ten days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender, its related Conduit Lender or any of their respective Affiliates that are Affected Persons (but only to the extent that the Borrower and its Affiliates have not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting any obligation of the Borrower, the Servicer or their Affiliates to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to the failure of such Lender, its related Conduit Lender or any of their respective Affiliates that are Affected Persons to comply with <u>Section 14.03(f)</u> relating to the maintenance of

a Participant Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, its related Conduit Lender or any of their respective Affiliates that are Affected Persons, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent in connection with any Transaction Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such 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 any Lender (or its Group Agent) by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender (other than the Conduit Lenders) hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender, its related Conduit Lender or any of their respective Affiliates that are Affected Persons under any Transaction Document or otherwise payable by the Administrative Agent to such Lender, its related Conduit Lender or any of their respective Affiliates that are Affected Persons from any other source against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this clause (d).

- (e) <u>Evidence of Payments</u>. As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by the Borrower to a Governmental Authority pursuant to this <u>Section 5.03</u>, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (f) Status of Affected Persons. (i) Any Affected Person that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Transaction 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 Affected Person, 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 Affected Person 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 Sections 5.03(f)(ii)(A), 5.03(f)(ii)(B) and 5.03(g)) shall not be required if, in the Affected Person's reasonable judgment, such completion, execution or submission would subject such Affected Person to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Affected Person.

## (ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

(A) any Affected Person that is a "United States Person" within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent from time to time upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, executed originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 or such other documentation or information prescribed by Applicable Laws or reasonably requested by the Borrower or

the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, to determine whether or not such Affected Person is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements;

- (B) any Affected Person that is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than the United States (including each State thereof and the District of Columbia) (a "Foreign Affected Person") that is entitled under the Code or any applicable treaty to an exemption from or reduction of withholding tax with respect to payments hereunder shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Affected Person becomes an Affected Person with respect to this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, but only if such Foreign Effected Person is legally entitled to do so), whichever of the following is applicable:
  - (1) in the case of such an Affected Person claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party, executed originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN-E;
    - (2) executed originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI;
  - (3) in the case of a Foreign Affected Person claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate to the effect that such Foreign Affected Person 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 originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN-E; or
  - (4) to the extent such Affected Person is not the beneficial owner, executed originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8IMY, accompanied by Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI, Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN-E, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate, Internal Revenue Service Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; <a href="mailto:provided">provided</a> that, if such Affected Person is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Affected Person are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Affected Person may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner; and

- (C) any Foreign Affected Person, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient), from time to time upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, executed originals 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.
- Documentation Required by FATCA. If a payment made to an Affected Person under any Transaction Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Affected Person 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 Affected Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by Applicable Law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent such 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 Affected Person has complied with such Affected Person's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (g), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement entered into in connection with FATCA.
- (h) Treatment of Certain Refunds. If any Affected Person determines, in its sole discretion, exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been reimbursed or indemnified by the Borrower or with respect to which the Borrower has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section, it shall pay over such refund to the Borrower (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by the Borrower under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses of such Affected Person and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund); provided that the Borrower, upon the request of such recipient, agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Borrower pursuant to this <u>paragraph (h)</u> (plus any penalties, interest, or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to such Affected Person in the event such Affected Person is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>paragraph (h)</u>, in no event will the Affected Person be required to pay any amount to the Borrower pursuant to this <u>paragraph (h)</u> if the payment of which would place the Affected Person in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the Affected Person 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. The foregoing shall

not be construed to require any Affected Person to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes which it deems confidential) to the Borrower or any other Person.

- (i) <u>Survival</u>. Each party's obligations under this <u>Section 5.03</u> shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Credit Party or any other Affected Person, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all the Borrower Obligations and the Servicer's obligations hereunder.
- (j) <u>Updates</u>. Each Affected Person agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered pursuant to this <u>Section 5.03</u> expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.
- (k) <u>Intended Tax Treatment</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Transaction Document, all parties to this Agreement covenant and agree to treat each Loan under this Agreement as debt (and all Interest as interest) for all federal, state, local and franchise tax purposes and agree not to take any position on any tax return inconsistent with the foregoing, except as otherwise required pursuant to a "determination" within the meaning of Section 1313(a) of the Code (or any comparable provision of any state, local or foreign law), it being understood that the parties to this Agreement will otherwise defend in good faith such agreed upon position prior to such determination; provided, however, that neither the Borrower nor any Affiliate will be obligated to litigate any challenge to such agreed upon position by a Governmental Authority.

# SECTION 5.04. <u>Inability to Determine LMIR; Change in Legality</u>.

- (a) If any Group Agent shall have reasonably determined (which determination shall be conclusive and binding upon the parties hereto) on any day, by reason of circumstances affecting the interbank Eurodollar market, either that: (i) dollar deposits in the relevant amounts and for the relevant day are not available, (ii) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining LMIR for such day or (iii) LMIR determined pursuant hereto does not accurately reflect the cost to the applicable Affected Person (as conclusively determined by such Group Agent) of maintaining any Portion of Capital during such day, such Group Agent shall promptly give telephonic notice of such determination, confirmed in writing, to the Borrower on such day. Upon delivery of such notice: (i) no Portion of Capital shall be funded thereafter at the Bank Rate determined by reference to LMIR unless and until such Group Agent shall have given notice to the Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer exist and (ii) with respect to any outstanding Portion of Capital then funded at the Bank Rate determined by reference to LMIR, such Bank Rate shall automatically and immediately be converted to the Bank Rate determined by reference to the Base Rate.
- (b) If on any day, any Group Agent shall have been notified by any Affected Person that such Affected Person has reasonably determined (which determination shall be final and conclusive) that any Change in Law, or compliance by such Affected Person with any Change in Law, shall make it unlawful or impossible for such Affected Person to fund or maintain any Portion of Capital at or by reference to LMIR, such Group Agent shall notify the Borrower and the

Administrative Agent thereof. Upon receipt of such notice, until the applicable Group Agent notifies the Borrower and the Administrative Agent that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer apply, (i) no Portion of Capital shall be funded at or by reference to LMIR and (ii) the Interest for any outstanding portions of Capital then funded at the Bank Rate determined by reference to LMIR shall automatically and immediately be converted to the Bank Rate determined by reference to the Base Rate.

## SECTION 5.05. Security Interest.

(a) As security for the performance by the Borrower of all the terms, covenants and agreements on the part of the Borrower to be performed under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, including the punctual payment when due of the Aggregate Capital and all Interest in respect of the Loans and all other Borrower Obligations, the Borrower hereby grants to the Administrative Agent for its benefit and the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, a continuing security interest in, all of the Borrower's right, title and interest in, to and under all of the following, whether now or hereafter owned, existing or arising (collectively, the "Collateral"): (i) all Pool Receivables, (ii) all Related Security with respect to such Pool Receivables, (iii) all Collections with respect to such Pool Receivables, (iv) the Lock-Boxes and Lock-Box Accounts and all amounts on deposit therein, and all certificates and instruments, if any, from time to time evidencing such Lock-Boxes and Lock-Box Accounts and amounts on deposit therein, (v) all rights (but none of the obligations) of the Borrower under the Purchase and Sale Agreement and (vi) all proceeds of, and all amounts received or receivable under any or all of, the foregoing.

The Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Secured Parties) shall have, with respect to all the Collateral, and in addition to all the other rights and remedies available to the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Secured Parties), all the rights and remedies of a secured party under any applicable UCC. The Borrower hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to file financing statements describing as the collateral covered thereby as "all of the debtor's personal property or assets" or words to that effect, notwithstanding that such wording may be broader in scope than the collateral described in this Agreement.

Immediately upon the occurrence of the Final Payout Date, the Collateral shall be automatically released from the lien created hereby, and this Agreement and all obligations (other than those expressly stated to survive such termination) of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the other Credit Parties hereunder shall terminate, all without delivery of any instrument or performance of any act by any party, and all rights to the Collateral shall revert to the Borrower; provided, however, that promptly following written request therefor by the Borrower delivered to the Administrative Agent following any such termination, and at the expense of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent shall execute and deliver to the Borrower UCC-3 termination statements and such other documents as the Borrower shall reasonably request to evidence such termination.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### CONDITIONS TO EFFECTIVENESS AND CREDIT EXTENSIONS

- SECTION 6.01. <u>Conditions Precedent to Effectiveness and the Initial Credit Extension</u>. This Agreement shall become effective as of the Closing Date when (a) the Administrative Agent shall have received each of the documents, agreements (in fully executed form), opinions of counsel, lien search results, UCC filings, certificates and other deliverables listed on the closing memorandum, in each case, in form and substance acceptable to the Administrative Agent and (b) all fees and expenses payable by the Borrower on the Closing Date to the Credit Parties have been paid in full in accordance with the terms of the Transaction Documents.
- SECTION 6.02. <u>Conditions Precedent to All Credit Extensions</u>. Each Credit Extension hereunder on or after the Closing Date shall be subject to the conditions precedent that:
- (a) the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent a Loan Request for such Loan, in accordance with Section 2.02(a);
- (b) the Servicer shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent all Information Packages required to be delivered hereunder;
  - (c) the conditions precedent to such Credit Extension specified in Section 2.01(i) through (iv), shall be satisfied;
- (d) on the date of such Credit Extension the following statements shall be true and correct (and upon the occurrence of such Credit Extension, the Borrower and the Servicer shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that such statements are then true and correct):
  - (i) the representations and warranties of the Borrower and the Servicer contained in <u>Sections 7.01</u> and <u>7.02</u> are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date of such Credit Extension as though made on and as of such date unless such representations and warranties by their terms refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of such earlier date;
  - (ii) no Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and no Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default would result from such Credit Extension;
    - (iii) no Borrowing Base Deficit exists or would exist after giving effect to such Credit Extension; and
    - (iv) the Termination Date has not occurred.

SECTION 6.03. <u>Conditions Precedent to All Reinvestments</u>. Each Reinvestment hereunder on or after the Closing Date shall be subject to the conditions precedent that:

- (a) after giving effect to such Reinvestment, the Servicer shall be holding in trust for the benefit of the Secured Parties (which amounts held in trust may be commingled with other funds of the Servicer and its Affiliates in an account other than any Lock-Box Account) an amount of Collections sufficient to pay the sum of (x) all accrued and unpaid Servicing Fees, Interest, Fees and Breakage Fees, (y) the amount of any Borrowing Base Deficit and (z) the amount of all other Borrower Obligations then due and owing by the Borrower; and
- (b) the Borrower shall use the proceeds of such Reinvestment solely to pay the purchase price for Receivables purchased by the Borrower in accordance with the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement; and
- (c) on the date of such Reinvestment the following statements shall be true and correct (and upon the occurrence of such Reinvestment, the Borrower and the Servicer shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that such statements are then true and correct):
  - (i) the representations and warranties of the Borrower and the Servicer contained in <u>Sections 7.01</u> and <u>7.02</u> are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date of such Reinvestment as though made on and as of such date unless such representations and warranties by their terms refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of such earlier date;
  - (ii) no Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and no Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default would result from such Reinvestment;
    - (iii) no Borrowing Base Deficit exists or would exist after giving effect to such Reinvestment; and
    - (iv) the Termination Date has not occurred.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- SECTION 7.01. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Borrower</u>. The Borrower represents and warrants to each Credit Party as of the Closing Date, on each Settlement Date and on each day on which a Credit Extension shall have occurred:
- (a) <u>Organization and Good Standing</u>. The Borrower is a limited liability company and validly existing in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has full power and authority to own its properties and to conduct its business as such properties are currently owned and such business is presently conducted.
- (b) <u>Due Qualification</u>. The Borrower is duly qualified to do business, is in good standing as a foreign entity and has obtained all necessary licenses and approvals in all jurisdictions

in which the conduct of its business requires such qualification, licenses or approvals, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (c) <u>Power and Authority; Due Authorization</u>. The Borrower (i) has all necessary power and authority to (A) execute and deliver this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, (B) perform its obligations under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party and (C) grant a security interest in the Collateral to the Administrative Agent on the terms and subject to the conditions herein provided and (ii) has duly authorized by all necessary action such grant and the execution, delivery and performance of, and the consummation of the transactions provided for in, this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party.
- (d) <u>Binding Obligations</u>. This Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents to which the Borrower is a party constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Borrower, enforceable against the Borrower in accordance with their respective terms, except (i) as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and (ii) as such enforceability may be limited by general principles of equity, regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.
- (e) No Conflict or Violation. The execution, delivery and performance of, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, and the fulfillment of the terms hereof and thereof, will not (i) conflict with, result in any breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time or both) a default under its organizational documents or any indenture, sale agreement, credit agreement, loan agreement, security agreement, mortgage, deed of trust, or other agreement or instrument to which the Borrower is a party or by which it or any of its properties is bound, (ii) result in the creation or imposition of any Adverse Claim upon any of the Collateral pursuant to the terms of any such indenture, credit agreement, loan agreement, security agreement, mortgage, deed of trust, or other agreement or instrument other than this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents or (iii) conflict with or violate any federal, state, local or foreign law or any decision, decree, order, rule or regulation applicable to the Borrower or of any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over the Borrower, except to the extent that any such conflict, breach, default, Adverse Claim or violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (f) <u>Litigation and Other Proceedings</u>. (i) There is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the best knowledge of the Borrower, threatened, against the Borrower before any Governmental Authority and (ii) the Borrower is not subject to any order, judgment, decree, injunction, stipulation or consent order of or with any Governmental Authority that, in the case of either of the foregoing <u>clauses (i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u>, (A) asserts the invalidity of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, (B) seeks to prevent the grant of a security interest in any Collateral by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent, the ownership or acquisition by the Borrower of any Pool Receivables or other Collateral or the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, (C) seeks any determination or ruling that

could materially and adversely affect the performance by the Borrower of its obligations under, or the validity or enforceability of, this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or (D) individually or in the aggregate for all such actions, suits, proceedings and investigations could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (g) <u>Governmental Approvals</u>. Except where the failure to obtain or make such authorization, consent, order, approval or action could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, all authorizations, consents, orders and approvals of, or other actions by, any Governmental Authority that are required to be obtained by the Borrower in connection with the grant of a security interest in the Collateral to the Administrative Agent hereunder or the due execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document to which it is a party and the consummation by the Borrower of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect.
- (h) <u>Margin Regulations</u>. The Borrower is not engaged, principally or as one of its important activities, in the business of extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meanings of Regulations T, U and X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System).
- (i) <u>Taxes</u>. The Borrower has filed all material Tax returns and reports required by Applicable Law to have been filed by it and has paid all material Taxes, assessments and governmental charges thereby shown to be owing by it, other than any such Taxes, assessments or charges that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which appropriate reserves in accordance with GAAP have been established.
- (j) <u>Solvency</u>. Immediately after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, including any Credit Extension, the Borrower will be Solvent.
- (k) <u>Offices; Legal Name</u>. The Borrower's sole jurisdiction of organization is the State of Delaware and such jurisdiction has not changed within four months prior to the date of this Agreement (unless changed in accordance with <u>Sections 8.01(1)</u> and <u>8.01(u)(iv)</u>). The office of the Borrower is located at the applicable address specified on <u>Schedule III</u> hereto. The legal name of the Borrower is NuStar Finance LLC (unless changed in accordance with <u>Sections 8.01(1)</u> and <u>8.01(u)(iv)</u>).
- (l) Investment Company Act. The Borrower (i) is not, and is not controlled by, an "investment company" registered or required to be registered under the Investment Company Act and (ii) is not a "covered fund" under the Volcker Rule. In determining that the Borrower is not a "covered fund", the Borrower is entitled to rely on the exemption from the definition of "investment company" set forth in Section 3(c)(5) of the Investment Company Act.
- (m) <u>No Material Adverse Effect</u>. Since the date of formation of the Borrower there has been no Material Adverse Effect with respect to the Borrower.

- (n) Accuracy of Information. All Information Packages, Weekly Reports, Loan Requests, certificates, reports, statements, documents and other information furnished to the Administrative Agent or any other Credit Party by or on behalf of the Borrower pursuant to any provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, or in connection with or pursuant to any amendment or modification of, or waiver under, this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, are, at the time the same are so furnished, complete and correct in all material respects on the date the same are furnished to the Administrative Agent or such other Credit Party, and, at the time the same are so furnished, do not contain any material misstatement of fact or omit to state a material fact or any fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not materially misleading.
- (o) <u>Anti-Money Laundering/International Trade Law Compliance</u>. No Covered Entity is a Sanctioned Person. No Covered Entity, either in its own right or through any third party, (i) has any of its assets in a Sanctioned Country or in the possession, custody or control of a Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law; (ii) does business in or with, or derives any of its income from investments in or transactions with, any Sanctioned Country or Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law; or (iii) engages in any dealings or transactions prohibited by any Anti-Terrorism Law.
- (p) <u>Transaction Information</u>. None of the Borrower, any Affiliate of the Borrower or any third party with which the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof has contracted, has delivered, in writing or orally, to any Rating Agency, any Transaction Information without providing such Transaction Information to the applicable Group Agent prior to delivery to such Rating Agency and has not participated in any oral communications with respect to Transaction Information with any Rating Agency without the participation of such Group Agent.

# (q) Perfection Representations.

- (i) This Agreement creates a valid and continuing security interest (as defined in the applicable UCC) in the Borrower's right, title and interest in, to and under the Collateral which (A) security interest has been perfected and is enforceable against creditors of and purchasers from the Borrower and (B) will be free of all Adverse Claims in such Collateral.
- (ii) The Receivables constitute "accounts" or "general intangibles" within the meaning of Section 9-102 of the UCC.
- (iii) The Borrower owns and has good and marketable title to the Collateral free and clear of any Adverse Claim of any Person.
- (iv) All appropriate financing statements, financing statement amendments and continuation statements have been filed in the proper filing office in the appropriate jurisdictions under Applicable Law in order to perfect (and continue the perfection of) the sale of the Receivables and Related Security from

each Originator to the Borrower pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement and the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Collateral.

- (v) Other than the security interest granted to the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Agreement, the Borrower has not pledged, assigned, sold, granted a security interest in, or otherwise conveyed any of the Collateral except as permitted by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents. The Borrower has not authorized the filing of and is not aware of any financing statements filed against the Borrower that include a description of collateral covering the Collateral other than any financing statement (i) in favor of the Administrative Agent or (ii) that has been terminated. The Borrower is not aware of any judgment lien, ERISA lien or tax lien filings against the Borrower.
- (vi) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, the representations contained in this Section 7.01(q) shall be continuing and remain in full force and effect until the Final Payout Date.

# (r) The Lock-Boxes and Lock-Box Accounts.

- (i) <u>Nature of Lock-Box Accounts</u>. Each Lock-Box Account constitutes a "deposit account" within the meaning of the applicable UCC.
- (ii) <u>Ownership</u>. Each Lock-Box and Lock-Box Account is in the name of the Borrower, and the Borrower owns and has good and marketable title to the Lock-Box Accounts free and clear of any Adverse Claim.
- (iii) <u>Perfection</u>. The Borrower has delivered to the Administrative Agent a fully executed Lock-Box Agreement relating to each Lock-Box and Lock-Box Account, pursuant to which each applicable Lock-Box Bank has agreed to comply with the instructions originated by the Administrative Agent directing the disposition of funds in such Lock-Box and Lock-Box Account without further consent by the Borrower, the Servicer or any other Person.
- (iv) <u>Instructions</u>. Neither the Lock-Boxes nor the Lock-Box Accounts are in the name of any Person other than the Borrower. The Borrower has not consented to the applicable Lock-Box Bank complying with instructions of any Person other than the Servicer, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.
- (s) <u>Ordinary Course of Business.</u> Each remittance of Collections by or on behalf of the Borrower to the Credit Parties under this Agreement will have been (i) in payment of a debt incurred by the Borrower in the ordinary course of business or financial affairs of the Borrower and (ii) made in the ordinary course of business or financial affairs of the Borrower.
- (t) <u>Compliance with Law.</u> The Borrower has complied in all material respects with all Applicable Laws to which it may be subject.

- (u) <u>Bulk Sales Act</u>. No transaction contemplated by this Agreement requires compliance by it with any bulk sales act or similar law.
- (v) <u>Eligible Receivables</u>. Each Receivable included as an Eligible Receivable in the calculation of the Net Receivables Pool Balance as of any date is an Eligible Receivable as of such date.
- (w) <u>Tax Status</u>. The Borrower (i) is, and shall at all relevant times continue to be, a "disregarded entity" within the meaning of U.S. Treasury Regulation § 301.7701-3 for U.S. federal income tax purposes and (ii) is not and will not at any relevant time become an association (or publicly traded partnership) taxable as an association for U.S. federal income tax purposes.
- (x) <u>Opinions</u>. The facts regarding the Borrower, the Receivables, the Related Security and the related matters set forth or assumed in each of the opinions of counsel delivered in connection with this Agreement and the Transaction Documents are true and correct in all material respects.
- (y) <u>Other Transaction Documents</u>. Each representation and warranty made by the Borrower under each other Transaction Document to which it is a party is true and correct in all material respects as of the date when made.
- (z) Reaffirmation of Representations and Warranties. On the date of each Credit Extension, on the date of each Reinvestment, on each Settlement Date and on the date each Information Package, Weekly Report or other report is delivered to the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent hereunder, the Borrower shall be deemed to have certified that (i) all representations and warranties of the Borrower hereunder are true and correct in all material respects on and as of such day as though made on and as of such day, except for representations and warranties which apply as to an earlier date (in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such date) and (ii) no Event of Default or an Unmatured Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or will result from such Credit Extension or Reinvestment, if applicable.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, the representations contained in this Section shall be continuing, and remain in full force and effect until the Final Payout Date.

- SECTION 7.02. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Servicer</u>. The Servicer represents and warrants to each Credit Party as of the Closing Date, on each Settlement Date and on each day on which a Credit Extension shall have occurred, except as otherwise set forth below:
- (a) <u>Organization and Good Standing</u>. The Servicer is duly organized and validly existing, in good standing, under the laws of the state of its organization, with the power and authority under its organizational documents and under the laws of the state of its organization to own its properties and to conduct its business as such properties are currently owned and such business is presently conducted.

- (b) <u>Due Qualification.</u> The Servicer is duly qualified to do business, is in good standing as a foreign entity and has obtained all necessary licenses and approvals in all jurisdictions in which the conduct of its business or the servicing of the Pool Receivables as required by this Agreement requires such qualification, licenses or approvals, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) <u>Power and Authority; Due Authorization.</u> The Servicer has all necessary power and authority to (i) execute and deliver this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party and (ii) perform its obligations under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party and the execution, delivery and performance of, and the consummation of the transactions provided for in, this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party have been duly authorized by the Servicer by all necessary action.
- (d) <u>Binding Obligations</u>. This Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Servicer, enforceable against the Servicer in accordance with their respective terms, except (i) as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and (ii) as such enforceability may be limited by general principles of equity, regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.
- (e) No Conflict or Violation. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which the Servicer is a party, the performance of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and the fulfillment of the terms of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents by the Servicer will not (i) conflict with, result in any breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time or both) a default under, the organizational documents of the Servicer or any indenture, sale agreement, credit agreement, loan agreement, security agreement, mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement or instrument to which the Servicer is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound, (ii) result in the creation or imposition of any Adverse Claim upon any of its properties pursuant to the terms of any such indenture, credit agreement, loan agreement, agreement, mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement or instrument, other than this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents or (iii) conflict with or violate any federal, state, local or foreign law or any decision, decree, order, rule or regulation applicable to the Servicer or of any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over the Servicer, except to the extent that any such conflict, breach, default, Adverse Claim or violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (f) <u>Litigation and Other Proceedings.</u> There is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending, or to the Servicer's knowledge threatened, against the Servicer before any Governmental Authority: (i) asserting the invalidity of this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents; (ii) seeking to prevent the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Transaction Document; or (iii) seeking any determination or ruling that could materially and adversely affect the performance by the Servicer of its obligations under, or the validity or enforceability of, this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents.

- (g) <u>No Consents.</u> The Servicer is not required to obtain the consent of any other party or any consent, license, approval, registration, authorization or declaration of or with any Governmental Authority in connection with the execution, delivery, or performance of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document to which it is a party that has not already been obtained or the failure of which to obtain could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (h) <u>Compliance with Applicable Law</u>. The Servicer (i) shall duly satisfy all obligations on its part to be fulfilled under or in connection with the Pool Receivables and the related Contracts, (ii) has maintained in effect all qualifications required under Applicable Law in order to properly service the Pool Receivables and (iii) has complied in all material respects with all Applicable Law in connection with servicing the Pool Receivables.
- (i) Accuracy of Information. All Information Packages, Weekly Reports, Loan Requests, certificates, reports, statements, documents and other information furnished to the Administrative Agent or any other Credit Party by the Servicer pursuant to any provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, or in connection with or pursuant to any amendment or modification of, or waiver under, this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, are, at the time the same are so furnished, complete and correct in all material respects on the date the same are furnished to the Administrative Agent or such other Credit Party, and, at the time the same are so furnished, do not contain any material misstatement of fact or omit to state a material fact or any fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not materially misleading.
- (j) <u>Location of Records.</u> The offices where the initial Servicer keeps all of its records relating to the servicing of the Pool Receivables are located at 19003 IH10 West, San Antonio, Texas 78257.
- (k) <u>Credit and Collection Policy.</u> The Servicer has complied in all material respects with the Credit and Collection Policy with regard to each Pool Receivable and the related Contracts.
- (l) <u>Eligible Receivables</u>. Each Receivable included as an Eligible Receivable in the calculation of the Net Receivables Pool Balance as of any date is an Eligible Receivable as of such date.
- (m) <u>Servicing Programs</u>. No license or approval is required for the Administrative Agent's use of any software or other computer program used by the Servicer, any Originator or any Sub-Servicer in the servicing of the Pool Receivables, other than those that have been obtained and are in full force and effect.
- (n) <u>Servicing of Pool Receivables</u>. Since the Closing Date there has been no material adverse change in the ability of the Servicer or any Sub-Servicer to service the Pool Receivables and the Related Security.
- (o) <u>Other Transaction Documents</u>. Each representation and warranty made by the Servicer under each other Transaction Document to which it is a party (including, without

limitation, the Purchase and Sale Agreement) is true and correct in all material respects as of the date when made.

- (p) <u>No Material Adverse Effect</u>. Since December 31, 2014 there has been no Material Adverse Effect with respect to the Servicer.
- (q) <u>Investment Company Act</u>. The Servicer is not an "investment company," or a company "controlled" by an "investment company," within the meaning of the Investment Company Act.
- (r) Anti-Money Laundering/International Trade Law Compliance. No Covered Entity is a Sanctioned Person. No Covered Entity, either in its own right or through any third party, (i) has any of its assets in a Sanctioned Country or in the possession, custody or control of a Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law; (ii) does business in or with, or derives any of its income from investments in or transactions with, any Sanctioned Country or Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law; or (iii) engages in any dealings or transactions prohibited by any Anti-Terrorism Law.
- (s) <u>Transaction Information</u>. None of the Servicer, any Affiliate of the Servicer or any third party with which the Servicer or any Affiliate thereof has contracted, has delivered, in writing or orally, to any Rating Agency, or monitoring a rating of, any Notes, any Transaction Information without providing such Transaction Information to the applicable Group Agent prior to delivery to such Rating Agency and has not participated in any oral communications with respect to Transaction Information with any Rating Agency without the participation of such Group Agent.
- (t) <u>Financial Condition</u>. So long as NuStar or an Affiliate of NuStar is the Servicer, the consolidated balance sheets of NuStar and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and the related statements of income and partners' equity of NuStar and its consolidated Subsidiaries for the fiscal year then ended, copies of which have been furnished to the Administrative Agent and the Group Agents, present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position of NuStar and its consolidated Subsidiaries for the period ended on such date, all in accordance with GAAP.
- (u) <u>Bulk Sales Act</u>. No transaction contemplated by this Agreement requires compliance by it with any bulk sales act or similar law.
- (v) <u>Taxes</u>. So long as NuStar or an Affiliate of NuStar is the Servicer, the Servicer has (i) timely filed all material tax returns (federal, state and local) required to be filed by it and (ii) paid, or caused to be paid, all material taxes, assessments and other governmental charges, if any, other than taxes, assessments and other governmental charges being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and as to which adequate reserves have been provided in accordance with GAAP.
- (w) <u>Opinions</u>. The facts regarding Servicer and the related matters set forth or assumed in each of the opinions of counsel delivered in connection with this Agreement and the Transaction Documents are true and correct in all material respects.

(x) Reaffirmation of Representations and Warranties. On the date of each Credit Extension, on the date of each Reinvestment, on each Settlement Date and on the date each Information Package, Weekly Report or other report is delivered to the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent hereunder, the Servicer shall be deemed to have certified that (i) all representations and warranties of the Servicer hereunder are true and correct in all material respects on and as of such day as though made on and as of such day, except for representations and warranties which apply as to an earlier date (in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such date) and (ii) no Event of Default or an Unmatured Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or will result from such Credit Extension or Reinvestment, if applicable.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, the representations contained in this Section shall be continuing, and remain in full force and effect until the Final Payout Date.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

## **COVENANTS**

- SECTION 8.01. <u>Covenants of the Borrower</u>. At all times from the Closing Date until the Final Payout Date (except that any delivery requirement that is satisfied by delivery by the Servicer pursuant to <u>Section 8.02</u> shall be deemed satisfied by the Borrower for purposes of this <u>Section 8.01</u>):
- (a) <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The Borrower shall duly and punctually pay Capital, Interest, Fees and all other amounts payable by the Borrower hereunder in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Existence</u>. The Borrower shall keep in full force and effect its existence and rights as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware, and shall obtain and preserve its qualification to do business in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is or shall be necessary to protect the validity and enforceability of this Agreement, the other Transaction Documents and the Collateral.
- (c) <u>Financial Reporting</u>. The Borrower will maintain a system of accounting established and administered in accordance with GAAP, and the Borrower (or the Servicer on its behalf) shall furnish to the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent:
  - (i) <u>Annual Financial Statements of the Borrower</u>. Promptly upon completion and in no event later than 90 days after the close of each fiscal year of the Borrower, annual unaudited financial statements of the Borrower certified by a Financial Officer of the Borrower that they fairly present in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP, the financial condition of the Borrower as of the date indicated and the results of its operations for the periods indicated.

- (ii) <u>Information Packages</u>. As soon as available and in any event not later than two (2) Business Days prior to each Settlement Date, an Information Package as of the most recently completed Fiscal Month.
- (iii) <u>Weekly Reports</u>. As soon as available and in any event not later than the second Business Day of each calendar week, a Weekly Report as of the most recently completed calendar week, but only so long as long as a Level 1 Ratings Event shall have occurred and is continuing as of such date.
- (iv) <u>Other Information</u>. Such other information (including non-financial information) as the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent may from time to time reasonably request.
- (v) Quarterly Financial Statements of NuStar. As soon as available and in no event later than 45 days following the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters in each of NuStar's fiscal years, (i) the unaudited consolidated balance sheet and statements of income of NuStar and its consolidated Subsidiaries as at the end of such fiscal quarter and the related unaudited consolidated statements of earnings and cash flows for such fiscal quarter and for the elapsed portion of the fiscal year ended with the last day of such fiscal quarter, in each case setting forth comparative figures for the corresponding fiscal quarter in the prior fiscal year, all of which shall be certified by a Financial Officer of NuStar that they fairly present in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP, the financial condition of NuStar and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the results of their operations for the periods indicated, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes and (ii) management's discussion and analysis of the important operational and financial developments during such fiscal quarter.
- (vi) Annual Financial Statements of NuStar. Within 90 days after the close of each of NuStar's fiscal years, the consolidated balance sheet of NuStar and its consolidated Subsidiaries as at the end of such fiscal year and the related consolidated statements of earnings and cash flows for such fiscal year setting forth comparative figures for the preceding fiscal year, all reported on by independent certified public accountants of recognized national standing (without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception) to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP, the financial condition of NuStar and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the results of their operations for the periods indicated.
- (vii) Other Reports and Filings. Promptly (but in any event within ten days) after the filing or delivery thereof, copies of all financial information, proxy materials and reports, if any, which NuStar or any of its consolidated Subsidiaries shall publicly file with the SEC or deliver to holders (or any trustee, agent or other representative therefor) of any of its material Debt pursuant to the terms of the documentation governing the same.
- (viii) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any financial information, proxy statements or other material required to be delivered pursuant to this <u>paragraph (c)</u> shall be deemed to have been furnished to each of the Administrative Agent

and each Group Agent on the date that such report, proxy statement or other material is posted on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

- (d) <u>Notices</u>. The Borrower (or the Servicer on its behalf pursuant to <u>Section 8.02</u>) will notify the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent in writing of any of the following events promptly upon (but in no event later than three (3) Business Days after) a Financial Officer learning of the occurrence thereof, with such notice describing the same, and if applicable, the steps being taken by the Person(s) affected with respect thereto:
  - (i) <u>Notice of Events of Default or Unmatured Events of Default</u>. A statement of a Financial Officer of the Borrower (or the Servicer on its behalf) setting forth details of any Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default that has occurred and is continuing and the action that the Borrower proposes to take with respect thereto.
  - (ii) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The failure of any representation or warranty made or deemed to be made by the Borrower under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document to be true and correct in any material respect when made.
  - (iii) <u>Litigation</u>. The institution of any litigation, arbitration proceeding or governmental proceeding with respect to the Borrower, the Servicer, the Performance Guarantor or any Originator, that with respect to any Person other than the Borrower, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
  - (iv) <u>Adverse Claim</u>. (A) Any Person shall obtain an Adverse Claim upon the Collateral or any portion thereof, (B) any Person other than the Borrower, the Servicer or the Administrative Agent shall obtain any rights or direct any action with respect to any Lock-Box Account (or related Lock-Box) or (C) any Obligor shall receive any change in payment instructions with respect to Pool Receivable(s) from a Person other than the Servicer or the Administrative Agent.
  - (v) <u>Name Changes</u>. At least thirty (30) days before any change in any Originator's name or any other change requiring the amendment of UCC financing statements, a notice setting forth such changes and the effective date thereof.
  - (vi) <u>Change in Accountants or Accounting Policy</u>. Any change in (i) the external accountants of the Borrower, the Servicer, any Originator or the Parent, (ii) any accounting policy of the Borrower or (iii) any material accounting policy of any Originator that is relevant to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Transaction Document (it being understood that any change to the manner in which any Originator accounts for the Pool Receivables shall be deemed "material" for such purpose).
  - (vii) <u>Material Adverse Change</u>. Promptly after the occurrence thereof, notice of any material adverse change in the business, operations, property or financial or other condition of the Borrower, the Servicer, the Performance Guarantor or any Originator.

- (e) <u>Conduct of Business</u>. The Borrower will carry on and conduct its business in substantially the same manner and in substantially the same fields of enterprise as it is presently conducted and will do all things necessary to remain duly organized, validly existing and in good standing as a domestic organization in its jurisdiction of organization and maintain all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted if the failure to have such authority could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (f) <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Borrower will comply with all Applicable Laws to which it may be subject if the failure to comply could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, unless the requirement to comply therewith is being contested in good faith.
- (g) Furnishing of Information and Inspection of Receivables. The Borrower will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent from time to time such information with respect to the Pool Receivables and the other Collateral as the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent may reasonably request. The Borrower will, at the Borrower's expense, during regular business hours with at least three (3) Business Days' prior written notice (or if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, prior written notice) (i) permit the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent or their respective agents or representatives to (A) examine and make copies of and abstracts from all books and records relating to the Pool Receivables or other Collateral, (B) visit the offices and properties of the Borrower for the purpose of examining such books and records (subject to applicable restrictions or limitations on access to any facility or information that is classified or restricted by contract (so long as any such contractual restrictions are not created in contemplation of preventing the inspection rights under this provision and no such restriction shall apply to any Contract or any record of payment by Obligors with respect to any Receivable) or by law, regulation or governmental guidelines and in accordance with applicable safety procedures) and (C) discuss matters relating to the Pool Receivables, the other Collateral or the Borrower's performance hereunder or under the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party with any of the officers, directors, employees or independent public accountants of the Borrower (provided that representatives of the Borrower are present during such discussions) having knowledge of such matters and (ii) without limiting the provisions of clause (i) above, during regular business hours, at the Borrower's expense, upon at least three (3) Business Days prior written notice (or if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, prior written notice) from the Administrative Agent, permit certified public accountants or other auditors acceptable to the Administrative Agent to conduct a review of its books and records with respect to such Pool Receivables and other Collateral; provided, that the party taking or requesting any such action pursuant to clause (i) above shall coordinate such action with the other parties entitled to take such action; provided further, that the Borrower shall be required to reimburse the Administrative Agent for only one (1) such review pursuant to <u>clause</u> (ii) above in any twelve-month period, unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

This <u>Section 8.01(g)</u> shall be read together with <u>Section 8.02(e)</u> of this Agreement (so long as NuStar or an Affiliate of NuStar is the Servicer) and <u>Section 6.1(e)</u> of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, such that the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent shall be entitled to information pursuant to such provisions and examination, inspection and other rights described in such sections with respect to the Pool Receivables and the other Collateral, on a collective basis, from Borrower,

Servicer or Originators, and if such information is delivered or rights satisfied by any of Borrower, Servicer or Originators, the provisions with respect to all such parties shall be deemed satisfied.

(h) Payments on Receivables, Lock-Box Accounts. The Borrower (or the Servicer on its behalf) will, and will cause each Originator to, at all times, instruct all Obligors to deliver payments on the Pool Receivables to a Lock-Box Account or a Lock-Box. The Borrower (or the Servicer on its behalf) will, and will cause each Originator to, at all times, maintain such books and records necessary to (i) identify Collections received from time to time on Pool Receivables and (ii) segregate such Collections from other property of the Servicer and the Originators or other Affiliates; provided, however, that segregation of such Collections from Affiliate Collections shall not be required unless a Level 2 Ratings Event or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. If any payments on the Pool Receivables or other Collections are received by the Borrower, the Servicer or an Originator, it shall hold such payments in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Group Agents and the other Secured Parties and promptly (but in any event within one (1) Business Day after receipt) remit such funds into a Lock-Box Account. The Borrower will not cause any Lock-Box Bank to violate the terms of any Lock-Box Agreement. The Borrower shall not permit funds other than Affiliate Collections, Collections on Pool Receivables and other Collateral to be deposited into any Lock-Box Account. If such funds are nevertheless deposited into any Lock-Box Account, the Borrower (or the Servicer on its behalf) will within two (2) Business Days identify and transfer such funds to the appropriate Person entitled to such funds. The Borrower will not, and will not permit the Servicer (so long as the Servicer is NuStar), any Originator or any other Person to commingle in any Lock-Box Account Collections or other funds to which the Administrative Agent, any Group Agent or any other Secured Party is entitled, with any other funds other than Affiliate Collections. The Borrower shall only add a Lock-Box Account (or a related Lock-Box) or a Lock-Box Bank to those listed on Schedule II to this Agreement, if the Administrative Agent has received notice of such addition and an executed and acknowledged copy of a Lock-Box Agreement (or an amendment thereto) in form and substance acceptable to the Administrative Agent from the applicable Lock-Box Bank. The Borrower shall only terminate a Lock-Box Bank or close a Lock-Box Account (or a related Lock-Box) with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement or any other Transaction Document:

- (i) within one Business Day of deposit of any Affiliate Collections into any Lock-Box Account (or the related Lock-Box), the Borrower (or the Servicer on its behalf) shall identify the portion of funds deposited into each Lock-Box Account (and any related Lock-Box) that represent Affiliate Collections;
- (ii) the Borrower (or the Servicer on its behalf) will, and will cause each Originator to, at all times, maintain such books and records necessary to (a) identify Affiliate Collections received from time to time and (b) segregate such Affiliate Collections from other property of the Servicer and the Originators; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that segregation of such Affiliate Collections shall not be required unless a Level 2 Ratings Event or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;

- (iii) on each Business Day, the Borrower (or the Servicer on its behalf) shall provide such information with respect to Affiliate Collections deposited into each Lock-Box Account (and any related Lock-Box) as reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent;
- (iv) upon the occurrence of a Level 2 Ratings Event, the Borrower (or the Servicer on its behalf) shall instruct the obligor of each Affiliate Receivable to cease remitting payments with respect to all Affiliate Receivables to any Lock-Box Account or Lock-Box and to instead remit payments with respect thereto to any other account or lock-box (other than a Lock-Box Account or Lock-Box) from time to time identified to such obligor; and
- (v) at all times during the continuation of a Level 2 Ratings Event (i) the Borrower shall not permit Affiliate Collections to be deposited into any Lock-Box or Lock-Box Account, (ii) if Affiliate Collections are nevertheless deposited into any Lock-Box or Lock-Box Account, the Borrower (or the Servicer on its behalf) will within two (2) Business Days identify and transfer such funds to the appropriate Person entitled to such funds and (iii) the Borrower will not, and will not permit the Servicer, any Originator or any other Person to commingle Collections or other funds to which the Administrative Agent, any Group Agent or any other Secured Party is entitled, with any Affiliate Collections.
- (i) <u>Sales, Liens, etc.</u> Except as otherwise provided herein, the Borrower will not sell, assign (by operation of law or otherwise) or otherwise dispose of, or create or suffer to exist any Adverse Claim upon (including, without limitation, the filing of any financing statement) or with respect to, any Pool Receivable or other Collateral, or assign any right to receive income in respect thereof.
- (j) Extension or Amendment of Pool Receivables. Except as otherwise permitted in Section 9.02, the Borrower will not, and will not permit the Servicer to, alter the delinquency status or adjust the Outstanding Balance or otherwise modify the terms of any Pool Receivable in any material respect, or amend, modify or waive, in any material respect, any term or condition of any related Contract; provided, however that the Borrower may modify or permit the Servicer or any Originator to modify any Contract so long as the Contract Amendment Conditions are then satisfied with respect to such Contract. The Borrower shall at its expense, timely and fully perform and comply in all material respects with all provisions, covenants and other promises required to be observed by it under the Contracts related to the Pool Receivables, and timely and fully comply in all material respects with the Credit and Collection Policy with regard to each Pool Receivable and the related Contract.
- (k) <u>Change in Credit and Collection Policy</u>. The Borrower will not make any material change in the Credit and Collection Policy without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Majority Group Agents (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- (l) <u>Fundamental Changes</u>. The Borrower shall not, without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Majority Group Agents, permit itself (i) to merge or consolidate with or into, or convey, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of (whether in one transaction

or in a series of transactions) all or substantially all of its assets (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) to, any Person or (ii) to be directly owned by any Person other than Parent. The Borrower shall provide the Administrative Agent with at least 30 days' prior written notice before making any change in the Borrower's name or location or making any other change in the Borrower's identity or corporate structure that could impair or otherwise render any UCC financing statement filed in connection with this Agreement or any other Transaction Document "seriously misleading" as such term (or similar term) is used in the applicable UCC; each notice to the Administrative Agent and the Group Agents pursuant to this sentence shall set forth the applicable change and the proposed effective date thereof.

- (m) <u>Books and Records</u>. The Borrower shall maintain and implement (or cause the Servicer to maintain and implement) administrative and operating procedures (including an ability to recreate records evidencing Pool Receivables and related Contracts in the event of the destruction of the originals thereof), and keep and maintain (or cause the Servicer to keep and maintain) all documents, books, records, computer tapes and disks and other information reasonably necessary or advisable for the collection of all Pool Receivables (including records adequate to permit the daily identification of each Pool Receivable and all Collections of and adjustments to each existing Pool Receivable).
- (n) <u>Identifying of Records</u>. The Borrower shall: (i) identify (or cause the Servicer to identify) its master data processing records relating to Pool Receivables and related Contracts with a legend that indicates that the Pool Receivables have been pledged in accordance with this Agreement and (ii) cause each Originator so to identify its master data processing records with such a legend.
- (o) <u>Change in Payment Instructions to Obligors</u>. The Borrower shall not (and shall not permit the Servicer or any Sub-Servicer to) add, replace or terminate any Lock-Box Account (or any related Lock-Box) or make any change in its (or their) instructions to the Obligors regarding payments to be made to the Lock-Box Accounts (or any related Lock-Box), other than any instruction to remit payments to a different Lock-Box Account (or any related Lock-Box), unless the Administrative Agent shall have received (i) prior written notice of such addition, termination or change and (ii) signed and acknowledged Lock-Box Agreements with respect to such new Lock-Box Accounts (or any related Lock-Box), and the Administrative Agent shall have consented to such change in writing.
- (p) <u>Security Interest, Etc.</u> The Borrower shall (and shall cause the Servicer to), at its expense, take all action necessary or reasonably desirable to establish and maintain a valid and enforceable first priority perfected security interest in the Collateral, in each case free and clear of any Adverse Claim, in favor of the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Secured Parties), including taking such action to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the security interest of the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Secured Parties) as the Administrative Agent or any Affected Person may reasonably request. In order to evidence the security interests of the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, the Borrower shall, from time to time take such action, or execute and deliver such instruments as may be necessary (including, without limitation, such actions as are reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent) to maintain and perfect, as a first-priority interest.

the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Receivables, Related Security and Collections. The Borrower shall, from time to time and within the time limits established by law, prepare and present to the Administrative Agent for the Administrative Agent's authorization and approval, all financing statements, amendments, continuations or initial financing statements in lieu of a continuation statement, or other filings necessary to continue, maintain and perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest as a first-priority interest. Notwithstanding anything else in the Transaction Documents to the contrary, the Borrower shall not have any authority to file a termination, partial termination, release, partial release, or any amendment that deletes the name of a debtor or excludes collateral of any such financing statements filed in connection with the Transaction Documents, without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent.

- (q) <u>Certain Agreements</u>. Without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Majority Group Agents, the Borrower will not (and will not permit any Originator or the Servicer to) amend, modify, waive, revoke or terminate any Transaction Document to which it is a party or any provision of the Borrower's organizational documents which requires the consent of the "Independent Director" (as such term is used in the Borrower's Limited Liability Company Agreement).
- (r) <u>Restricted Payments</u>. (i) Except pursuant to <u>clause (ii)</u> below, the Borrower will not: (A) purchase or redeem any of its membership interests, (B) declare or pay any dividend or set aside any funds for any such purpose, (C) prepay, purchase or redeem any Debt, (D) lend or advance any funds or (E) repay any loans or advances to, for or from any of its Affiliates (the amounts described in <u>clauses (A)</u> through (<u>E)</u> being referred to as "<u>Restricted Payments</u>").
  - (ii) Subject to the limitations set forth in <u>clause (iii)</u> below, the Borrower may make Restricted Payments so long as such Restricted Payments are made only in one or more of the following ways: (A) the Borrower may make cash payments (including prepayments) on the Subordinated Notes in accordance with their respective terms and (B) the Borrower may declare and pay dividends if, both immediately before and immediately after giving effect thereto, the Borrower's Net Worth is not less than the Required Capital Amount.
  - (iii) The Borrower may make Restricted Payments only out of the funds, if any, it receives pursuant to <u>Sections 4.01</u> of this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not pay, make or declare any Restricted Payment (including any dividend) if, after giving effect thereto, any Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.
- (s) Other Business. The Borrower will not: (i) engage in any business other than the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents, (ii) create, incur or permit to exist any Debt of any kind (or cause or permit to be issued for its account any letters of credit or bankers' acceptances) other than pursuant to this Agreement or the Subordinated Notes or (iii) form any Subsidiary or make any investments in any other Person.
- (t) <u>Use of Collections Available to the Borrower</u>. The Borrower shall apply the Collections available to the Borrower to make payments in the following order of priority: (i) the

payment of its obligations under this Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents (other than the Subordinated Notes), (ii) the payment of principal and accrued and unpaid interest on the Subordinated Notes and (iii) other legal and valid purposes.

- (u) Further Assurances; Change in Name or Jurisdiction of Origination, etc.
- (i) The Borrower hereby authorizes and hereby agrees from time to time, at its own expense, promptly to execute (if necessary) and deliver all further instruments and documents, and to take all further actions, that may be necessary or desirable, or that the Administrative Agent may reasonably request, to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the security interest granted pursuant to this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, or to enable the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Secured Parties) to exercise and enforce the Secured Parties' rights and remedies under this Agreement and the other Transaction Document. Without limiting the foregoing, the Borrower hereby authorizes, and will, upon the request of the Administrative Agent, at the Borrower's own expense, file such financing statements or continuation statements, or amendments thereto, and such other instruments and documents, that may be necessary or desirable, or that the Administrative Agent may reasonably request, to perfect, protect or evidence any of the foregoing.
- (ii) The Borrower authorizes the Administrative Agent to file financing statements, continuation statements and amendments thereto and assignments thereof, relating to the Receivables, the Related Security, the related Contracts, Collections with respect thereto and the other Collateral. A photocopy or other reproduction of this Agreement shall be sufficient as a financing statement where permitted by law.
- (iii) The Borrower shall at all times be organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and shall not take any action to change its jurisdiction of organization.
- (iv) The Borrower will not change its name, location, identity or entity structure unless (x) the Borrower, at its own expense, shall have taken all action necessary or appropriate to perfect or maintain the perfection of the security interest under this Agreement (including, without limitation, the filing of all financing statements and the taking of such other action as the Administrative Agent may request in connection with such change or relocation) and (y) if requested by the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall cause to be delivered to the Administrative Agent, an opinion, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent as to such UCC perfection and priority matters as the Administrative Agent may request at such time.
- (v) <u>Anti-Money Laundering/International Trade Law Compliance</u>. The Borrower will not become a Sanctioned Person. No Covered Entity, either in its own right or through any third party, will (a) have any of its assets in a Sanctioned Country or in the possession, custody or control of a Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law; (b) do business in or with, or derive any of its income from investments in or transactions with, any Sanctioned Country or Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law; (c) engage in any dealings or transactions prohibited by any Anti-Terrorism Law or (d) use the proceeds of any Credit Extension to fund any operations in, finance any investments or activities in, or, make any payments to, a

Sanctioned Country or Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law. The funds used to repay each Credit Extension will not be derived from any unlawful activity. The Borrower shall comply with all Anti-Terrorism Laws. The Borrower shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent and each Lender in writing upon the occurrence of a Reportable Compliance Event. The Borrower has not used and will not use the proceeds of any Credit Extension to fund any operations in, finance any investments or activities in or make any payments to, a Sanctioned Person or a Sanctioned Country.

- (w) <u>Transaction Information</u>. None of the Borrower, any Affiliate of the Borrower or any third party with which the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof has contracted, shall deliver, in writing or orally, to any Rating Agency, any Transaction Information without providing such Transaction Information to the applicable Group Agent prior to delivery to such Rating Agency and will not participate in any oral communications with respect to Transaction Information with any Rating Agency without the participation of such Group Agent.
- (x) <u>Borrower's Net Worth</u>. The Borrower shall not permit the Borrower's Net Worth to be less than the Required Capital Amount.
- (y) <u>Commingling</u>. The Borrower (or the Servicer on its behalf) will, and will cause each Originator to, at all times, ensure that for each calendar week, that no more than 30.0% (or during the continuation of a Level 2 Ratings Event, 0.0%) of the aggregate amount of all funds deposited into the Lock-Box Accounts during such calendar week constitute Affiliate Collections.
- (z) <u>Borrower's Tax Status</u>. The Borrower will remain a wholly-owned subsidiary of a United States person (within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code) and not be subject to withholding under Section 1446 of the Code. No action will be taken that would cause the Borrower to (i) be treated other than as a "disregarded entity" within the meaning of U.S. Treasury Regulation § 301.7701-3 for U.S. federal income tax purposes or (ii) become an association taxable as a corporation or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

SECTION 8.02. <u>Covenants of the Servicer</u>. At all times from the Closing Date until the Final Payout Date:

- (a) <u>Financial Reporting</u>. The Servicer will maintain a system of accounting established and administered in accordance with GAAP, and the Servicer shall furnish to the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent:
  - (i) <u>Compliance Certificates</u>. (a) A compliance certificate promptly upon completion of the annual report of NuStar and in no event later than 90 days after the close of NuStar's fiscal year, in form and substance substantially similar to <u>Exhibit F</u> signed by its chief accounting officer or treasurer solely in their capacities as officers of the Servicer stating that no Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, or if any Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, stating the nature and status thereof and (b) within 45 days after the close of each fiscal quarter of the Servicer, a compliance certificate in form and substance substantially similar to <u>Exhibit</u>

 $\underline{F}$  signed by its chief accounting officer or treasurer solely in their capacities as officers of the Servicer stating that no Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, or if any Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, stating the nature and status thereof.

- (ii) <u>Information Packages</u>. As soon as available and in any event not later than two (2) Business Days prior to each Settlement Date, an Information Package as of the most recently completed Fiscal Month.
- (iii) <u>Weekly Reports</u>. As soon as available and in any event not later than the second Business Day of each calendar week, a Weekly Report as of the most recently completed calendar week, but only so long as long as a Level 1 Ratings Event shall have occurred and is continuing as of such date.
- (iv) <u>Other Information</u>. Such other information (including non-financial information) as the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent may from time to time reasonably request, including any information available to the Borrower, the Servicer or any Originator as the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent may reasonably request.
- (v) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any financial information, proxy statements or other material required to be delivered pursuant to this <u>paragraph</u> (a) shall be deemed to have been furnished to each of the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent on the date that such report, proxy statement or other material is posted on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.
- (b) <u>Notices</u>. The Servicer will notify the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent in writing of any of the following events promptly upon (but in no event later than three (3) Business Days after) a Financial Officer learning of the occurrence thereof, with such notice describing the same, and if applicable, the steps being taken by the Person(s) affected with respect thereto:
  - (i) <u>Notice of Events of Default or Unmatured Events of Default</u>. A statement of a Financial Officer of the Servicer setting forth details of any Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default that has occurred and is continuing and the action that the Servicer proposes to take with respect thereto.
  - (ii) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The failure of any representation or warranty made or deemed to be made by the Servicer under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document to be true and correct in any material respect when made.
  - (iii) <u>Litigation</u>. The institution of any litigation, arbitration proceeding or governmental proceeding which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
  - (iv) <u>Adverse Claim.</u> (A) Any Person shall obtain an Adverse Claim upon the Collateral or any portion thereof, (B) any Person other than the Borrower, the Servicer

or the Administrative Agent shall obtain any rights or direct any action with respect to any Lock-Box Account (or related Lock-Box) or (C) any Obligor shall receive any change in payment instructions with respect to Pool Receivable(s) from a Person other than the Servicer or the Administrative Agent.

- (v) <u>Name Changes</u>. At least thirty (30) days before any change in any Originator's name or any other change requiring the amendment of UCC financing statements, a notice setting forth such changes and the effective date thereof.
- (vi) <u>Change in Accountants or Accounting Policy</u>. Any change in (i) the external accountants of the Borrower, the Servicer, any Originator or the Parent, (ii) any accounting policy of the Borrower or (iii) any material accounting policy of any Originator that is relevant to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Transaction Document (it being understood that any change to the manner in which any Originator accounts for the Pool Receivables shall be deemed "material" for such purpose).
- (vii) <u>Material Adverse Change</u>. Promptly after the occurrence thereof, notice of any material adverse change in the business, operations, property or financial or other condition of any Originator, the Servicer, the Performance Guarantor or the Borrower.
- (c) <u>Conduct of Business</u>. The Servicer will carry on and conduct its business in substantially the same manner as it is presently conducted, and will do all things necessary to remain duly organized, validly existing and in good standing as a domestic entity in its jurisdiction of organization and maintain all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted if the failure to have such authority could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (d) <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Servicer will comply with all Applicable Laws to which it may be subject if the failure to comply could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, unless the requirement to comply therewith is being contested in good faith.
- (e) Furnishing of Information and Inspection of Receivables. The Servicer will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent from time to time such information with respect to the Pool Receivables and the other Collateral as the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent may reasonably request. The Servicer will, at the Servicer's expense, during regular business hours with at least three (3) Business Days' prior written notice (or if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, prior written notice) (i) permit the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent or their respective agents or representatives to (A) examine and make copies of and abstracts from all books and records relating to the Pool Receivables or other Collateral, (B) visit the offices and properties of the Servicer for the purpose of examining such books and records (subject to applicable restrictions or limitations on access to any facility or information that is classified or restricted by contract (so long as any such contractual restrictions are not created in contemplation of preventing the inspection rights under this provision and no such restriction shall apply to any Contract or any record of payment by Obligors with respect to any Receivable) or by law, regulation or governmental guidelines and in accordance with applicable safety procedures) and (C) discuss matters relating to the Pool Receivables, the other Collateral or

the Servicer's performance hereunder or under the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party with any of the officers, directors, employees or independent public accountants of the Servicer (provided that representatives of the Servicer are present during such discussions) having knowledge of such matters and (ii) without limiting the provisions of <u>clause (i)</u> above, during regular business hours, at the Servicer's expense, upon at least three (3) Business Days prior written notice (or if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, prior written notice) from the Administrative Agent, permit certified public accountants or other auditors acceptable to the Administrative Agent to conduct a review of its books and records with respect to the Pool Receivables and other Collateral; <u>provided</u>, that the party taking or requesting any such action pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> above shall coordinate such action with the other parties entitled to take such action; <u>provided</u>, further that the Servicer shall be required to reimburse the Administrative Agent for only one (1) such review pursuant to <u>clause (ii)</u> above in any twelve-month period unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

So long as NuStar or an Affiliate of NuStar is the Servicer, this <u>Section 8.02(e)</u> shall be read together with <u>Section 8.01(g)</u> of this Agreement and <u>Section 6.1(e)</u> of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, such that the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent shall be entitled to information pursuant to such provisions and examination, inspection and other rights described in such sections with respect to the Pool Receivables and the other Collateral, on a collective basis, from Borrower, Servicer or Originators, and if such information is delivered or rights satisfied by any of Borrower, Servicer or Originators, the provisions with respect to all such parties shall be deemed satisfied.

Payments on Receivables, Lock-Box Accounts. The Servicer will, at all times, instruct all Obligors to deliver payments on the Pool Receivables to a Lock-Box Account or a Lock-Box. The Servicer will, at all times, maintain such books and records necessary to (i) identify Collections received from time to time on Pool Receivables and (ii) segregate such Collections from other property of the Servicer and the Originators or other Affiliates; provided, however, that segregation of such Collections from Affiliate Collections shall not be required unless a Level 2 Ratings Event or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. If any payments on the Pool Receivables or other Collections are received by the Borrower, the Servicer or an Originator, it shall hold such payments in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Group Agents and the other Secured Parties and promptly (but in any event within one (1) Business Day after receipt) remit such funds into a Lock-Box Account. The Servicer shall not permit funds other than Affiliate Collections, Collections on Pool Receivables and other Collateral to be deposited into any Lock-Box Account. If such funds are nevertheless deposited into any Lock-Box Account, the Servicer will within two (2) Business Days identify and transfer such funds to the appropriate Person entitled to such funds. The Servicer will not, and will not permit the Borrower, any Originator or any other Person to commingle in any Lock-Box Accounts Collections or other funds to which the Administrative Agent, any Group Agent or any other Secured Party is entitled, with any other funds other than Affiliate Collections. The Servicer shall only add a Lock-Box Account (or a related Lock-Box), or a Lock-Box Bank to those listed on Schedule II to this Agreement, if the Administrative Agent has received notice of such addition and an executed and acknowledged copy of a Lock-Box Agreement (or an amendment thereto) in form and substance acceptable to the Administrative Agent from the applicable Lock-Box Bank. The Servicer shall only terminate a

Lock-Box Bank or close a Lock-Box Account (or a related Lock-Box) with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement or any other Transaction Document:

- (i) within one Business Day of deposit of any Affiliate Collections into any Lock-Box Account (or the related Lock-Box), the Servicer shall identify the portion of funds deposited into each Lock-Box Account (and any related Lock-Box) that represent Affiliate Collections;
- (ii) the Servicer will, and will cause each Originator to, at all times, maintain such books and records necessary to (a) identify Affiliate Collections received from time to time and (b) segregate such Affiliate Collections from other property of the Servicer and the Originators; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that segregation of such Affiliate Collections shall not be required unless a Level 2 Ratings Event or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;
- (iii) on each Business Day, the Servicer shall provide such information with respect to Affiliate Collections deposited into each Lock-Box Account (and any related Lock-Box) as reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent;
- (iv) upon the occurrence of a Level 2 Ratings Event, the Servicer shall instruct the obligor of each Affiliate Receivable to cease remitting payments with respect to all Affiliate Receivables to any Lock-Box Account or Lock-Box and to instead remit payments with respect thereto to any other account or lock-box (other than a Lock-Box Account or Lock-Box) from time to time identified to such obligor; and
- (v) at all times during the continuation of a Level 2 Ratings Event (i) the Servicer shall not permit Affiliate Collections to be deposited into any Lock-Box or Lock-Box Account, (ii) if Affiliate Collections are nevertheless deposited into any Lock-Box or Lock-Box Account, the Servicer will within two (2) Business Days identify and transfer such funds to the appropriate Person entitled to such funds and (iii) the Servicer will not, and will not permit any Originator or any other Person to commingle Collections or other funds to which the Administrative Agent, any Group Agent or any other Secured Party is entitled, with any Affiliate Collections.
- (g) Extension or Amendment of Pool Receivables. Except as otherwise permitted in Section 9.02, the Servicer will not alter the delinquency status or adjust the Outstanding Balance or otherwise modify the terms of any Pool Receivable in any material respect, or amend, modify or waive, in any material respect, any term or condition of any related Contract; provided, however that the Servicer may modify or permit any Originator to modify any Contract so long as the Contract Amendment Conditions are then satisfied with respect to such Contract. The Servicer shall at its expense, timely and fully perform and comply in all material respects with all provisions, covenants and other promises required to be observed by it under the Contracts related to the Pool

Receivables, and timely and fully comply in all material respects with the Credit and Collection Policy with regard to each Pool Receivable and the related Contract.

- (h) <u>Change in Credit and Collection Policy</u>. The Servicer will not make any material change in the Credit and Collection Policy without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Majority Group Agents (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- (i) <u>Records</u>. The Servicer will maintain and implement administrative and operating procedures (including an ability to recreate records evidencing Pool Receivables and related Contracts in the event of the destruction of the originals thereof), and keep and maintain all documents, books, records, computer tapes and disks and other information reasonably necessary or advisable for the collection of all Pool Receivables (including records adequate to permit the daily identification of each Pool Receivable and all Collections of and adjustments to each existing Pool Receivable).
- (j) <u>Identifying of Records</u>. The Servicer shall identify its master data processing records relating to Pool Receivables and related Contracts with a legend that indicates that the Pool Receivables have been pledged in accordance with this Agreement.
- (k) <u>Change in Payment Instructions to Obligors</u>. The Servicer shall not (and shall not permit any Sub-Servicer to) add, replace or terminate any Lock-Box Account (or any related Lock-Box) or make any change in its instructions to the Obligors regarding payments to be made to the Lock-Box Accounts (or any related Lock-Box), other than any instruction to remit payments to a different Lock-Box Account (or any related Lock-Box), unless the Administrative Agent shall have received (i) prior written notice of such addition, termination or change and (ii) signed and acknowledged Lock-Box Agreements with respect to such new Lock-Box Accounts (or any related Lock-Box) and the Administrative Agent shall have consented to such change in writing.
- (l) Security Interest, Etc. The Servicer shall, at its expense, take all action necessary or reasonably desirable to establish and maintain a valid and enforceable first priority perfected security interest in the Collateral, in each case free and clear of any Adverse Claim in favor of the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Secured Parties), including taking such action to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the security interest of the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Secured Parties) as the Administrative Agent or any Affected Person may reasonably request. In order to evidence the security interests of the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, the Servicer shall, from time to time take such action, or execute and deliver such instruments as may be necessary (including, without limitation, such actions as are reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent) to maintain and perfect, as a first-priority interest, the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Receivables, Related Security and Collections. The Servicer shall, from time to time and within the time limits established by law, prepare and present to the Administrative Agent for the Administrative Agent's authorization and approval, all financing statements, amendments, continuations or initial financing statements in lieu of a continuation statement, or other filings necessary to continue, maintain and perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest as a first-priority interest. Notwithstanding anything else in the Transaction Documents to the contrary, the Servicer shall not have any authority to file a termination, partial termination, release,

partial release, or any amendment that deletes the name of a debtor or excludes collateral of any such financing statements filed in connection with the Transaction Documents, without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent.

- (m) Further Assurances. The Servicer hereby authorizes and hereby agrees from time to time, at its own expense, promptly to execute (if necessary) and deliver all further instruments and documents, and to take all further actions, that may be necessary or desirable, or that the Administrative Agent may reasonably request, to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the security interest granted pursuant to this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, or to enable the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Secured Parties) to exercise and enforce their respective rights and remedies under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document. Without limiting the foregoing, the Servicer hereby authorizes, and will, upon the request of the Administrative Agent, at the Servicer's own expense, file such financing statements or continuation statements, or amendments thereto, and such other instruments and documents, that may be necessary or desirable, or that the Administrative Agent may reasonably request, to perfect, protect or evidence any of the foregoing.
- (n) <u>Transaction Information</u>. None of the Servicer, any Affiliate of the Servicer or any third party contracted by the Servicer or any Affiliate thereof, shall deliver, in writing or orally, to any Rating Agency, any Transaction Information without providing such Transaction Information to the applicable Group Agent prior to delivery to such Rating Agency, and will not participate in any oral communications with respect to Transaction Information with any Rating Agency without the participation of such Group Agent.
- (o) <u>Commingling</u>. The Servicer will, and will cause each Originator to, at all times, ensure that for each calendar week, that no more than 30.0% (or during the continuation of a Level 2 Ratings Event, 0.0%) of the aggregate amount of all funds deposited into the Lock-Box Accounts during such calendar week constitute Affiliate Collections.
- (p) Anti-Money Laundering/International Trade Law Compliance. The Servicer will not become a Sanctioned Person. No Covered Entity, either in its own right or through any third party, will (a) have any of its assets in a Sanctioned Country or in the possession, custody or control of a Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law; (b) do business in or with, or derive any of its income from investments in or transactions with, any Sanctioned Country or Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law; (c) engage in any dealings or transactions prohibited by any Anti-Terrorism Law or (d) use the proceeds of any Credit Extension to fund any operations in, finance any investments or activities in, or, make any payments to, a Sanctioned Country or Sanctioned Person in violation of any Anti-Terrorism Law. The funds used to repay each Credit Extension will not be derived from any unlawful activity. The Servicer shall comply with all Anti-Terrorism Laws. The Servicer shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent and each Lender in writing upon the occurrence of a Reportable Compliance Event.
- (q) <u>Borrower's Tax Status</u>. The Servicer shall not take or cause any action to be taken that could result in the Borrower (i) being treated other than as a "disregarded entity" within the meaning of U.S. Treasury Regulation § 301.7701-3 for U.S. federal income tax purposes

or (ii) becoming an association taxable as a corporation or a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

- SECTION 8.03. Separate Existence of the Borrower. Each of the Borrower and the Servicer hereby acknowledges that the Lenders, the Group Agents and the Administrative Agent are entering into the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents in reliance upon the Borrower's identity as a legal entity separate from any Originator, the Servicer, the Performance Guarantor and their Affiliates. Therefore, each of the Borrower and Servicer shall take all steps specifically required by this Agreement or reasonably required by the Administrative Agent or any Group Agent to continue the Borrower's identity as a separate legal entity and to make it apparent to third Persons that the Borrower is an entity with assets and liabilities distinct from those of the Originators, the Servicer, the Performance Guarantor and any other Person, and is not a division of the Performance Guarantor, the Originators, the Servicer, its Affiliates or any other Person. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and in addition to and consistent with the other covenants set forth herein, each of the Borrower and the Servicer shall take such actions as shall be required in order that:
- (a) <u>Special Purpose Entity</u>. The Borrower will be a special purpose company whose primary activities are restricted in its Limited Liability Company Agreement to: (i) purchasing or otherwise acquiring from the Originators, owning, holding, granting security interests or selling interests in the Collateral, (ii) entering into agreements for the selling, servicing and financing of the Receivables Pool (including the Transaction Documents) and (iii) conducting such other activities as it deems necessary or appropriate to carry out its primary activities.
- (b) <u>No Other Business or Debt</u>. The Borrower shall not engage in any business or activity except as set forth in this Agreement nor incur any indebtedness or liability other than as expressly permitted by the Transaction Documents.
- (c) Independent Director. Not fewer than one member of the Borrower's board of directors (the "Independent Director") shall be a natural person who (A) for the five-year period prior to his or her appointment as Independent Director has not been, and during the continuation of his or her service as Independent Director is not: (i) an employee, director, stockholder, member, manager, partner or officer of the Borrower, NuStar Logistics or any of their respective Affiliates (other than his or her service as an Independent Director of the Borrower); (ii) a customer or supplier of the Borrower, NuStar Logistics or any of their respective Affiliates (other than his or her service as an Independent Director of the Borrower); or (iii) any member of the immediate family of a person described in (i) or (ii), and (B) has, (i) prior experience as an independent director for a corporation or limited liability company whose organizational or charter documents required the unanimous consent of all independent directors thereof before such corporation or limited liability company could consent to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it or could file a petition seeking relief under any applicable federal or state law relating to bankruptcy and (ii) at least three years of employment experience with one or more entities that provide, in the ordinary course of their respective businesses, advisory, management or placement services to issuers of securitization or structured finance instruments, agreements or securities.

The Borrower shall (A) give written notice to the Administrative Agent of the election or appointment, or proposed election or appointment, of a new Independent Director of the Borrower, which notice shall be given not later than ten (10) Business Days prior to the date such appointment or election would be effective (except when such election or appointment is necessary to fill a vacancy caused by the death, disability, or incapacity of the existing Independent Director, or the failure of such Independent Director to satisfy the criteria for an Independent Director set forth in this <u>clause (c)</u>, in which case the Borrower shall provide written notice of such election or appointment within one (1) Business Day) and (B) with any such written notice, certify to the Administrative Agent that the Independent Director satisfies the criteria for an Independent Director set forth in this <u>clause (c)</u>.

The Borrower's Limited Liability Company Agreement shall provide that: (A) the Borrower's board of directors shall not approve, or take any other action to cause the filing of, a voluntary bankruptcy petition with respect to the Borrower unless the Independent Director shall approve the taking of such action in writing before the taking of such action and (B) such provision and each other provision requiring an Independent Director cannot be amended without the prior written consent of the Independent Director.

The Independent Director shall not at any time serve as a trustee in bankruptcy for the Borrower, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, any Originator, the Servicer or any of their respective Affiliates.

- (d) <u>Organizational Documents</u>. The Borrower shall maintain its organizational documents in conformity with this Agreement, such that it does not amend, restate, supplement or otherwise modify its ability to comply with the terms and provisions of any of the Transaction Documents, including, without limitation, <u>Section 8.01(p)</u>.
- (e) <u>Conduct of Business</u>. The Borrower shall conduct its affairs strictly in accordance with its organizational documents and observe all necessary, appropriate and customary company formalities, including, but not limited to, holding all regular and special members' and board of directors' meetings appropriate to authorize all company action, keeping separate and accurate minutes of its meetings, passing all resolutions or consents necessary to authorize actions taken or to be taken, and maintaining accurate and separate books, records and accounts, including, but not limited to, payroll and intercompany transaction accounts.
- (f) <u>Compensation</u>. Any employee, consultant or agent of the Borrower will be compensated from the Borrower's funds for services provided to the Borrower, and to the extent that Borrower shares the same officers or other employees as the Servicer (or any other Affiliate thereof), the salaries and expenses relating to providing benefits to such officers and other employees shall be fairly allocated among such entities, and each such entity shall bear its fair share of the salary and benefit costs associated with such common officers and employees. The Borrower will not engage any agents other than its attorneys, auditors and other professionals, and a servicer and any other agent contemplated by the Transaction Documents for the Receivables Pool, which servicer will be fully compensated for its services by payment of the Servicing Fee.

- (g) <u>Servicing and Costs</u>. The Borrower will contract with the Servicer to perform for the Borrower all operations required on a daily basis to service the Receivables Pool. The Borrower will pay the Servicer a Servicing Fee for performing those operations. For shared expense items not reflected in the Servicing Fee, such as legal, auditing and other professional services, such expenses will be reimbursed by the Borrower to the Servicer (out of funds distributed to the Borrower in accordance with <u>Section 4.01</u>) at a rate of \$1,500 per month, which amount approximates to the extent practical, the value of such services to the Borrower.
- (h) <u>Operating Expenses</u>. The Borrower's operating expenses will not be paid by the Servicer, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, any Originator or any Affiliate thereof.
  - (i) <u>Stationery</u>. The Borrower will have its own separate stationery.
- (j) <u>Books and Records</u>. The Borrower's books and records will be maintained separately from those of the Servicer, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, the Originators and any of their Affiliates and in a manner such that it will not be difficult or costly to segregate, ascertain or otherwise identify the assets and liabilities of the Borrower.
- (k) <u>Disclosure of Transactions</u>. All financial statements of the Servicer, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, the Originators or any Affiliate thereof that are consolidated to include the Borrower will disclose that (i) the Borrower's sole business consists of the purchase or acceptance through capital contributions of the Receivables and Related Rights from the Originators and the subsequent retransfer of or granting of a security interest in such Receivables and Related Rights to the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Agreement, (ii) the Borrower is a separate legal entity with its own separate creditors who will be entitled, upon its liquidation, to be satisfied out of the Borrower's assets prior to any assets or value in the Borrower becoming available to the Borrower's equity holders and (iii) the assets of the Borrower are not available to pay creditors of the Servicer, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, the Originators or any Affiliate thereof.
- (l) <u>Segregation of Assets</u>. The Borrower's assets will be maintained in a manner that facilitates their identification and segregation from those of the Servicer, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, the Originators or any Affiliates thereof.
- (m) Entity Formalities. The Borrower will strictly observe limited liability company formalities in its dealings with the Servicer, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, the Originators or any Affiliates thereof, and funds or other assets of the Borrower will not be commingled with those of the Servicer, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, the Originators or any Affiliates thereof except as permitted by this Agreement in connection with servicing the Pool Receivables. The Borrower shall not maintain joint bank accounts or other depository accounts to which the Servicer, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, the Originators or any Affiliate thereof (other than the Servicer solely in its capacity as such) has independent access.
- (n) <u>Arm's-Length Relationships</u>. The Borrower will maintain arm's-length relationships with the Servicer, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, the Originators and any Affiliates thereof. Any Person that renders or otherwise furnishes services to the Borrower will be compensated by the Borrower for such services it renders or otherwise furnishes to the Borrower.

Neither the Borrower on the one hand, nor the Servicer, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, any Originator or any Affiliate thereof, on the other hand, will be or will hold itself out to be responsible for the debts of the other or the decisions or actions respecting the daily business and affairs of the other. The Borrower, the Servicer, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, the Originators and their respective Affiliates will immediately correct any known misrepresentation with respect to the foregoing, and they will not operate or purport to operate as an integrated single economic unit with respect to each other or in their dealing with any other entity.

(o) <u>Allocation of Overhead</u>. To the extent that Borrower, on the one hand, and the Servicer, the Parent, the Performance Guarantor, any Originator or any Affiliate thereof, on the other hand, have offices in the same location, there shall be a fair and appropriate allocation of overhead costs between them, and the Borrower shall bear its fair share of such expenses, which may be paid through the Servicing Fee or otherwise.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

## ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF RECEIVABLES

## SECTION 9.01. <u>Appointment of the Servicer.</u>

- (a) The servicing, administering and collection of the Pool Receivables shall be conducted by the Person so designated from time to time as the Servicer in accordance with this <u>Section 9.01</u>. Until the Administrative Agent gives notice to NuStar (in accordance with this <u>Section 9.01</u>) of the designation of a new Servicer, NuStar is hereby designated as, and hereby agrees to perform the duties and obligations of, the Servicer pursuant to the terms hereof. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent may (with the consent of the Majority Group Agents) and shall (at the direction of the Majority Group Agents) designate as Servicer any Person (including itself) to succeed NuStar or any successor Servicer, on the condition in each case that any such Person so designated shall agree to perform the duties and obligations of the Servicer pursuant to the terms hereof.
- (b) Upon the designation of a successor Servicer as set forth in <u>clause (a) above</u>, NuStar agrees that it will terminate its activities as Servicer hereunder in a manner that the Administrative Agent reasonably determines will facilitate the transition of the performance of such activities to the new Servicer, and NuStar shall cooperate with and assist such new Servicer. Such cooperation shall include access to and transfer of records (including all Contracts) related to Pool Receivables and use by the new Servicer of all licenses (or the obtaining of new licenses), hardware or software necessary or reasonably desirable to collect the Pool Receivables and the Related Security.
- (c) NuStar acknowledges that, in making its decision to execute and deliver this Agreement, the Administrative Agent and each member in each Group have relied on NuStar's agreement to act as Servicer hereunder. Accordingly, NuStar agrees that it will not voluntarily resign as Servicer without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Majority Group Agents.

(d) The Servicer may delegate its duties and obligations hereunder to any subservicer (each a "<u>Sub-Servicer</u>"); <u>provided</u>, that, in each such delegation: (i) such Sub-Servicer shall agree in writing to perform the delegated duties and obligations of the Servicer pursuant to the terms hereof, (ii) the Servicer shall remain liable for the performance of the duties and obligations so delegated, (iii) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, each Lender and each Group Agent shall have the right to look solely to the Servicer for performance, (iv) the terms of any agreement with any Sub-Servicer shall provide that the Administrative Agent may terminate such agreement upon the termination of the Servicer hereunder by giving notice of its desire to terminate such agreement to the Servicer (and the Servicer shall provide appropriate notice to each such Sub-Servicer) and (v) if such Sub-Servicer is not an Affiliate of the Parent, the Administrative Agent and the Majority Group Agents shall have consented in writing in advance to such delegation.

#### SECTION 9.02. <u>Duties of the Servicer</u>.

- The Servicer shall take or cause to be taken all such action as may be necessary or reasonably advisable to service, administer and collect each Pool Receivable from time to time, all in accordance with this Agreement and all Applicable Laws, with reasonable care and diligence, and in accordance with the Credit and Collection Policy and consistent with the past practices of the Originators. The Servicer shall identify and hold in trust, for the accounts of each Group, the amount of Collections to which each such Group is entitled in accordance with Article IV hereof. The Servicer may, in accordance with the Credit and Collection Policy and consistent with past practices of the Originators, take such action, including modifications, waivers or restructurings of Pool Receivables and related Contracts, as the Servicer may reasonably determine to be appropriate to maximize Collections thereof or reflect adjustments expressly permitted under the Credit and Collection Policy or as expressly required under Applicable Laws or the applicable Contract; provided, that for purposes of this Agreement: (i) such action shall not, and shall not be deemed to, change the number of days such Pool Receivable has remained unpaid from the date of the original due date related to such Pool Receivable, (ii) such action shall not alter the status of such Pool Receivable as a Delinquent Receivable or a Defaulted Receivable (if such status is applicable to such Receivable prior to such action) or limit the rights of any Secured Party under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document and (iii) if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Servicer may take such action only upon the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent. The Borrower shall deliver to the Servicer and the Servicer shall hold for the benefit of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (individually and for the benefit of each Group), in accordance with their respective interests, all records and documents (including computer tapes or disks) with respect to each Pool Receivable. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Administrative Agent may direct the Servicer to commence or settle any legal action to enforce collection of any Pool Receivable that is a Defaulted Receivable or to foreclose upon or repossess any Related Security with respect to any such Defaulted Receivable.
- (b) The Servicer shall, as soon as practicable following actual receipt of collected funds, turn over to the party entitled thereto the collections of any indebtedness that is not a Pool Receivable, less, if NuStar or an Affiliate thereof is not the Servicer, all reasonable and appropriate out-of-pocket costs and expenses of such Servicer of servicing, collecting and administering such collections. The Servicer, if other than NuStar or an Affiliate thereof, shall, as soon as practicable

upon demand, deliver to the Borrower all records in its possession that evidence or relate to any indebtedness that is not a Pool Receivable, and copies of records in its possession that evidence or relate to any indebtedness that is a Pool Receivable.

(c) The Servicer's obligations hereunder shall terminate on the Final Payout Date. Promptly following the Final Payout Date, the Servicer shall deliver to the Borrower all books, records and related materials that the Borrower previously provided to the Servicer, or that have been obtained by the Servicer, in connection with this Agreement.

SECTION 9.03. Lock-Box Account Arrangements. Prior to the Closing Date, the Borrower shall have entered into Lock-Box Agreements with all of the Lock-Box Banks and delivered executed counterparts of each to the Administrative Agent. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent may (with the consent of the Majority Group Agents) and shall (upon the direction of the Majority Group Agents) at any time thereafter give notice to each Lock-Box Bank that the Administrative Agent is exercising its rights under the Lock-Box Agreements to do any or all of the following: (a) to have the exclusive ownership and control of the Lock-Box Accounts transferred to the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Secured Parties) and to exercise exclusive dominion and control over the funds deposited therein, (b) to have the proceeds that are sent to the respective Lock-Box Accounts redirected pursuant to the Administrative Agent's instructions rather than deposited in the applicable Lock-Box Account and (c) to take any or all other actions permitted under the applicable Lock-Box Agreement. The Borrower hereby agrees that if the Administrative Agent at any time takes any action set forth in the preceding sentence, the Administrative Agent shall have exclusive control (for the benefit of the Secured Parties) of the proceeds (including Collections) of all Pool Receivables and the Borrower hereby further agrees to take any other action that the Administrative Agent may reasonably request to transfer such control. Any proceeds of Pool Receivables received by the Borrower or the Servicer thereafter shall be sent immediately to, or as otherwise instructed by, the Administrative Agent.

## SECTION 9.04. Enforcement Rights.

- (a) At any time following the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default:
- (i) the Administrative Agent (at the Borrower's expense) may direct the Obligors that payment of all amounts payable under any Pool Receivable is to be made directly to the Administrative Agent or its designee;
- (ii) the Administrative Agent may instruct the Borrower or the Servicer to give notice of the Secured Parties' interest in Pool Receivables to each Obligor, which notice shall direct that payments be made directly to the Administrative Agent or its designee (on behalf of the Secured Parties), and the Borrower or the Servicer, as the case may be, shall give such notice at the expense of the Borrower or the Servicer, as the case may be; provided, that if the Borrower or the Servicer, as the case may be, fails to so notify each Obligor within two (2) Business Days following instruction by the Administrative Agent, the Administrative

Agent (at the Borrower's or the Servicer's, as the case may be, expense) may so notify the Obligors;

- (iii) the Administrative Agent may request the Servicer to, and upon such request the Servicer shall: (A) assemble all of the records necessary or desirable to collect the Pool Receivables and the Related Security, and transfer or license to a successor Servicer the use of all software necessary or desirable to collect the Pool Receivables and the Related Security, and make the same available to the Administrative Agent or its designee (for the benefit of the Secured Parties) at a place selected by the Administrative Agent and (B) segregate all cash, checks and other instruments received by it from time to time constituting Collections in a manner reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and, promptly upon receipt, remit all such cash, checks and instruments, duly endorsed or with duly executed instruments of transfer, to the Administrative Agent or its designee;
- (iv) assume exclusive control of each Lock-Box Account and notify the Lock-Box Banks that the Borrower and the Servicer will no longer have any access to the Lock-Box Accounts;
- (v) the Administrative Agent may (or, at the direction of the Majority Group Agents shall) replace the Person then acting as Servicer; and
- (vi) the Administrative Agent may collect any amounts due from an Originator under the Purchase and Sale Agreement or the Performance Guarantor under the Performance Guaranty.
- (b) The Borrower hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Secured Parties), and irrevocably appoints the Administrative Agent as its attorney-in-fact with full power of substitution and with full authority in the place and stead of the Borrower, which appointment is coupled with an interest, to take any and all steps in the name of the Borrower and on behalf of the Borrower necessary or desirable, in the reasonable determination of the Administrative Agent, after the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, to collect any and all amounts or portions thereof due under any and all Collateral, including endorsing the name of the Borrower on checks and other instruments representing Collections and enforcing such Collateral. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this subsection, none of the powers conferred upon such attorney-in-fact pursuant to the preceding sentence shall subject such attorney-in-fact to any liability if any action taken by it shall prove to be inadequate or invalid, nor shall they confer any obligations upon such attorney-in-fact in any manner whatsoever other than to exercise its rights thereunder in accordance with Applicable Law and in good faith.
- (c) The Servicer hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Secured Parties), and irrevocably appoints the Administrative Agent as its attorney-in-fact with full power of substitution and with full authority in the place and stead of the Servicer, which appointment is coupled with an interest, to take any and all steps in the name of the Servicer and on behalf of the Servicer necessary or desirable, in the reasonable determination of the Administrative Agent, after the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, to collect any and all amounts or portions thereof due under any and all Collateral, including endorsing the name of the Servicer

on checks and other instruments representing Collections and enforcing such Collateral. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this subsection, none of the powers conferred upon such attorney-in-fact pursuant to the preceding sentence shall subject such attorney-in-fact to any liability if any action taken by it shall prove to be inadequate or invalid, nor shall they confer any obligations upon such attorney-in-fact in any manner whatsoever other than to exercise its rights thereunder in accordance with Applicable Law and in good faith.

SECTION 9.05. Responsibilities of the Borrower. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Borrower shall: (i) perform all of its obligations, if any, under the Contracts related to the Pool Receivables to the same extent as if interests in such Pool Receivables had not been transferred hereunder, and the exercise by the Administrative Agent, or any other Credit Party of their respective rights hereunder shall not relieve the Borrower from such obligations and (ii) pay when due any taxes, including any sales taxes payable in connection with the Pool Receivables and their creation and satisfaction. None of the Credit Parties shall have any obligation or liability with respect to any Collateral, nor shall any of them be obligated to perform any of the obligations of the Borrower, the Servicer or any Originator thereunder.

## SECTION 9.06. Servicing Fee.

- (a) Subject to <u>clause (b)</u> below, the Servicer shall be paid a fee (the "<u>Servicing Fee</u>") by the Borrower equal to 1.00% per annum (the "<u>Servicing Fee Rate</u>") of the daily average aggregate Outstanding Balance of the Pool Receivables payable on each Settlement Date for the immediately preceding Interest Period.
- (b) If the Servicer ceases to be NuStar or an Affiliate thereof, the Servicing Fee shall be the greater of: (i) the amount calculated pursuant to <u>clause (a)</u> above and (ii) an alternative amount specified by the successor Servicer not to exceed 110% of the aggregate reasonable costs and expenses incurred by such successor Servicer in connection with the performance of its obligations as Servicer hereunder.

#### ARTICLE X

#### EVENTS OF DEFAULT

SECTION 10.01. Events of Default. If any of the following events (each an "Event of Default") shall occur:

(a) (i) the Borrower, any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer shall fail to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document (other than any such failure which would constitute an Event of Default under <u>clause (ii)</u> or <u>(iii)</u> of this <u>paragraph (a)</u>), and such failure, solely to the extent capable of cure, shall continue for ten (10) Business Days after the earlier of notice thereof to such Person or a Financial Officer of such Person, or a Financial Officer of such Person becoming aware of such failure, (ii) the Borrower, any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer shall fail to make when due any payment or deposit to be made by it under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document and such failure shall continue unremedied for two (2) Business Days or

- (iii) NuStar shall resign as Servicer, and no successor Servicer reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent shall have been appointed;
- (b) any representation or warranty made or deemed to be made by the Borrower, any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer (or any of their respective officers) under or in connection with this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or any information or report delivered by the Borrower, any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer pursuant to this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, shall prove to have been incorrect or untrue in any material respect when made or deemed made or delivered; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such circumstance shall not constitute an Event of Default pursuant to this <u>clause</u> (b) if, solely to the extent capable of cure, such breach is cured promptly (but not later than five (5) Business Days) after the Borrower, any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer has knowledge or receives notice thereof;
- (c) the Borrower or the Servicer shall fail to deliver an Information Package or Weekly Report pursuant to this Agreement, and such failure shall remain unremedied for two (2) Business Days;
- (d) this Agreement or any security interest granted pursuant to this Agreement or any other Transaction Document shall for any reason cease to create, or for any reason cease to be, a valid and enforceable first priority perfected security interest in favor of the Administrative Agent with respect to a material portion of the Collateral, free and clear of any Adverse Claim;
- (e) the Borrower, any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer shall generally not pay its debts as such debts become due, or shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally, or shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or any Insolvency Proceeding shall be instituted by or against the Borrower, any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer and, in the case of any such proceeding instituted against such Person (but not instituted by such Person), either such proceeding shall remain undismissed or unstayed for a period of 60 consecutive days, or any of the actions sought in such proceeding (including the entry of an order for relief against, or the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for, it or for any substantial part of its property) shall occur; or the Borrower, any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer shall take any corporate or organizational action to authorize any of the actions set forth above in this paragraph;
- (f) (i) the average for three consecutive Fiscal Months of: (A) the Default Ratio shall exceed 2.00%, (B) the Delinquency Ratio shall exceed 4.50% or (C) the Dilution Ratio shall exceed 2.00% or (ii) the Days' Sales Outstanding shall exceed 40.0 days;
  - (g) a Change in Control shall occur;
  - (h) a Borrowing Base Deficit shall occur, and shall not have been cured within two (2) Business Days;
- (i) (i) any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer, or any of their respective Subsidiaries, individually or in the aggregate, shall fail to pay any principal of or premium

or interest on any of its Debt that is outstanding in a principal amount of at least \$50,000,000 in the aggregate when the same becomes due and payable (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand or otherwise), and such failure shall continue after the applicable grace period, if any, specified in the agreement, mortgage, indenture or instrument relating to such Debt (whether or not such failure shall have been waived under the related agreement); (ii) any other event shall occur or condition shall exist under any agreement, mortgage, indenture or instrument relating to any such Debt (as referred to in clause (i) of this paragraph) and shall continue after the applicable grace period, if any, specified in such agreement, mortgage, indenture or instrument (whether or not such failure shall have been waived under the related agreement), if the effect of such event or condition is to give the applicable debtholders the right (whether acted upon or not) to accelerate the maturity of such Debt (as referred to in clause (i) of this paragraph) or to terminate the commitment of any lender thereunder, or (iii) any such Debt (as referred to in clause (i) of this paragraph) shall be declared to be due and payable, or required to be prepaid (other than by a regularly scheduled required prepayment), redeemed, purchased or defeased, or an offer to repay, redeem, purchase or defease such Debt shall be required to be made or the commitment of any lender thereunder terminated, in each case before the stated maturity thereof; provided that clause (iii) of this paragraph shall not apply to secured Debt that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property securing such Debt if (x) such sale or transfer is permitted hereunder and under the documents providing for such Debt and (y) and such Debt is paid in full when due;

- (j) the Borrower shall fail (x) at any time (other than for ten (10) Business Days following notice of the death or resignation of any Independent Director) to have an Independent Director who satisfies each requirement and qualification specified in Section 8.03(c) of this Agreement for Independent Directors, on the Borrower's board of directors or (y) to timely notify the Administrative Agent of any replacement or appointment of any director that is to serve as an Independent Director on the Borrower's board of directors as required pursuant to Section 8.03(c) of this Agreement;
- (k) there shall have occurred any event that materially adversely impairs, in the reasonable discretion of Administrative Agent, the collectibility of the Pool Receivables generally or any material portion thereof;
- (l) either (i) the Internal Revenue Service shall file notice of a lien pursuant to Section 6323 of the Code with regard to any assets of the Borrower, any Originator or the Parent or (ii) the PBGC shall, or shall indicate its intention to, file notice of a lien pursuant to Section 4068 of ERISA with regard to any of the assets of the Borrower, the Servicer, the Performance Guarantor, any Originator or the Parent;
- (m) (i) the occurrence of a Reportable Event; (ii) the adoption of an amendment to a Pension Plan that would require the provision of security pursuant to Section 401(a)(29) of the Code or Section 307 of ERISA; (iii) the existence with respect to any Multiemployer Plan of an "accumulated funding deficiency" (as defined in Section 431 of the Code or Section 304 of ERISA), whether or not waived; (iv) the failure to satisfy the minimum funding standard under Section 412 of the Code with respect to any Pension Plan (v) the incurrence of any liability under Title IV of

ERISA with respect to the termination of any Pension Plan or the withdrawal or partial withdrawal of any of the Borrower, any Originator, the Servicer, the Parent or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates from any Multiemployer Plan; (vi) the receipt by any of the Borrower, any Originator, the Servicer, the Parent or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates from the PBGC or any plan administrator of any notice relating to the intention to terminate any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan or to appoint a trustee to administer any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (vii) the receipt by the Borrower, any Originator, the Servicer, the Parent or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates of any notice concerning the imposition of Withdrawal Liability or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, insolvent or in reorganization, within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA; (viii) the occurrence of a prohibited transaction with respect to any of the Borrower, any Originator, the Servicer, the Parent or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates (pursuant to Section 4975 of the Code); (ix) the occurrence or existence of any other similar event or condition with respect to a Pension Plan or a Multiemployer Plan, with respect to each of clause (i) through (ix), either individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

- (n) a Material Adverse Effect shall occur with respect to the Borrower, any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer (so long as NuStar or an Affiliate of NuStar is the Servicer);
  - (o) a Purchase and Sale Termination Event shall occur under the Purchase and Sale Agreement;
- (p) the Borrower shall be required to register as an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act;
- (q) any material provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document shall cease to be in full force and effect or any of the Borrower, any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer shall so state in writing;
  - (r) the Performance Guarantor shall fail to perform any of its obligations under the Performance Guaranty; or
- (s) one or more judgments or decrees shall be entered against the Borrower, any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer, or any Subsidiary of any of the foregoing involving in the aggregate a liability (not paid or to the extent not covered by a reputable and solvent insurance company) and such judgments and decrees either shall be final and non-appealable or shall not be vacated, discharged or stayed or bonded pending appeal for any period of 30 consecutive days, and the aggregate amount of all such judgments equals or exceeds \$50,000,000 (or solely with respect to the Borrower, \$12,500); provided, however, that with respect to any such judgment or order that is subject to the terms of one or more settlement agreements that provide for the obligations thereunder to be paid or performed over time, such judgment or order shall not be deemed hereunder to be undischarged unless and until such Person shall have failed to pay any amounts due and owing thereunder (payment of which shall not have been stayed) for a period of 30 consecutive days after the respective final due dates for the payment of such amounts;

then, and in any such event, the Administrative Agent may (or, at the direction of the Majority Group Agents shall) by notice to the Borrower (x) declare the Termination Date to have occurred (in which case the Termination Date shall be deemed to have occurred) and (y) declare the Aggregate Capital and all other Borrower Obligations to be immediately due and payable (in which case the Aggregate Capital and all other Borrower Obligations shall be immediately due and payable); provided that, automatically upon the occurrence of any event (without any requirement for the giving of notice) described in subsection (e) of this Section 10.01 with respect to the Borrower, the Termination Date shall occur and the Aggregate Capital and all other Borrower Obligations shall be immediately due and payable. Upon any such declaration or designation or upon such automatic termination, the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties shall have, in addition to the rights and remedies which they may have under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, all other rights and remedies provided after default under the UCC and under other Applicable Law, which rights and remedies shall be cumulative. Any proceeds from liquidation of the Collateral shall be applied in the order of priority set forth in Section 4.01.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

#### THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

SECTION 11.01. Authorization and Action. Each Credit Party hereby appoints and authorizes the Administrative 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 by the terms hereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The Administrative Agent shall not have any duties other than those expressly set forth in the Transaction Documents, and no implied obligations or liabilities shall be read into any Transaction Document, or otherwise exist, against the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent does not assume, nor shall it be deemed to have assumed, any obligation to, or relationship of trust or agency with, the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof or any Credit Party except for any obligations expressly set forth herein. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, in no event shall the Administrative Agent ever be required to take any action which exposes the Administrative Agent to personal liability or which is contrary to any provision of any Transaction Document or Applicable Law.

SECTION 11.02. Administrative Agent's Reliance, Etc. Neither the Administrative Agent nor any of its directors, officers, agents or employees shall be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it or them as Administrative Agent under or in connection with this Agreement (including, without limitation, the Administrative Agent's servicing, administering or collecting Pool Receivables in the event it replaces the Servicer in such capacity pursuant to Section 9.01), in the absence of its or their own gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent: (a) may consult with legal counsel (including counsel for any Credit Party or the Servicer), independent certified public accountants and other experts selected by it and shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken in good faith by it in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or experts; (b) makes no warranty or representation to any Credit Party (whether written or oral) and shall not be responsible to any Credit Party for any statements, warranties or representations (whether written or oral) made by any other party in or in connection with this Agreement; (c) shall not have any duty to ascertain or

to inquire as to the performance or observance of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement on the part of any Credit Party or to inspect the property (including the books and records) of any Credit Party; (d) shall not be responsible to any Credit Party for the due execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of this Agreement or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto; and (e) shall be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in so relying, upon any notice (including notice by telephone), consent, certificate or other instrument or writing (which may be by facsimile) believed by it to be genuine and signed or sent by the proper party or parties.

SECTION 11.03. Administrative Agent and Affiliates. With respect to any Credit Extension or interests therein owned by any Credit Party that is also the Administrative Agent, such Credit Party shall have the same rights and powers under this Agreement as any other Credit Party and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and any of its Affiliates may generally engage in any kind of business with the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof and any Person who may do business with or own securities of the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof, all as if the Administrative Agent were not the Administrative Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to any other Secured Party.

SECTION 11.04. <u>Indemnification of Administrative Agent</u>. Each Committed Lender agrees to indemnify the Administrative Agent (to the extent not reimbursed by the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof), ratably according to the respective Pro Rata Percentage of such Committed Lender, from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever which may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against the Administrative Agent in any way relating to or arising out of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or any action taken or omitted by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document; <u>provided</u> that no Committed Lender shall be liable for any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements resulting from the Administrative Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

SECTION 11.05. <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. The Administrative Agent may execute any of its duties through agents or attorneys-in-fact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any agents or attorneys-in-fact selected by it with reasonable care.

SECTION 11.06. Action or Inaction by Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall in all cases be fully justified in failing or refusing to take action under any Transaction Document unless it shall first receive such advice or concurrence of the Group Agents or the Majority Group Agents, as the case may be, and assurance of its indemnification by the Committed Lenders, as it deems appropriate. The Administrative Agent shall in all cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document in accordance with a request or at the direction of the Group Agents or the Majority Group Agents, as the case may be, and such request or direction and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding upon all Credit Parties. The Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent agree that unless any action to be taken by the Administrative Agent under a Transaction Document (i) specifically

requires the advice or concurrence of all Group Agents or (ii) may be taken by the Administrative Agent alone or without any advice or concurrence of any Group Agent, then the Administrative Agent may take action based upon the advice or concurrence of the Majority Group Agents.

SECTION 11.07. Notice of Events of Default; Action by Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Unmatured Event of Default or Event of Default unless the Administrative Agent has received notice from any Credit Party or the Borrower stating that an Unmatured Event of Default or Event of Default or Event of Default and describing such Unmatured Event of Default or Event of Default. If the Administrative Agent receives such a notice, it shall promptly give notice thereof to each Group Agent, whereupon each Group Agent shall promptly give notice thereof to its respective Conduit Lender(s) and Related Committed Lender(s). The Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, concerning an Unmatured Event of Default or Event of Default or any other matter hereunder as the Administrative Agent deems advisable and in the best interests of the Secured Parties.

SECTION 11.08. Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent and Other Parties. Each Credit Party expressly acknowledges that neither the Administrative Agent nor any of its directors, officers, agents or employees has made any representations or warranties to it and that no act by the Administrative Agent hereafter taken, including any review of the affairs of the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by the Administrative Agent. Each Credit Party represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent that, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Credit Party and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, it has made and will continue to make its own appraisal of and investigation into the business, operations, property, prospects, financial and other conditions and creditworthiness of the Borrower, each Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer and the Pool Receivables and its own decision to enter into this Agreement and to take, or omit, action under any Transaction Document. Except for items expressly required to be delivered under any Transaction Document by the Administrative Agent to any Credit Party, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Credit Party with any information concerning the Borrower, any Originator, the Performance Guarantor or the Servicer that comes into the possession of the Administrative Agent or any of its directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates.

#### SECTION 11.09. Successor Administrative Agent.

(a) The Administrative Agent may, upon at least thirty (30) days' notice to the Borrower, the Servicer and each Group Agent, resign as Administrative Agent. Except as provided below, such resignation shall not become effective until a successor Administrative Agent is appointed by the Majority Group Agents as a successor Administrative Agent and has accepted such appointment. If no successor Administrative Agent shall have been so appointed by the Majority Group Agents, within thirty (30) days after the departing Administrative Agent's giving of notice of resignation, the departing Administrative Agent may, on behalf of the Secured Parties, appoint a successor Administrative Agent as successor Administrative Agent. If no successor Administrative Agent shall have been so appointed by the Majority Group Agents within sixty (60) days after the

departing Administrative Agent's giving of notice of resignation, the departing Administrative Agent may, on behalf of the Secured Parties, petition a court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a successor Administrative Agent.

- (b) Upon such acceptance of its appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder by a successor Administrative Agent, such successor Administrative Agent shall succeed to and become vested with all the rights and duties of the resigning Administrative Agent, and the resigning Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under the Transaction Documents. After any resigning Administrative Agent's resignation hereunder, the provisions of this <u>Article XI</u> and <u>Article XIII</u> shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was the Administrative Agent.
- SECTION 11.10. <u>Structuring Agent</u>. Each of the parties hereto hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Structuring Agent shall not have any right, power, obligation, liability, responsibility or duty under this Agreement. Each Credit Party acknowledges that it has not relied, and will not rely, on the Structuring Agent in deciding to enter into this Agreement and to take, or omit, action under any Transaction Document.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

#### THE GROUP AGENTS

SECTION 12.01. <u>Authorization and Action</u>. Each Credit Party that belongs to a Group hereby appoints and authorizes the Group Agent for such Group to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers under this Agreement as are delegated to such Group Agent by the terms hereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. No Group Agent shall have any duties other than those expressly set forth in the Transaction Documents, and no implied obligations or liabilities shall be read into any Transaction Document, or otherwise exist, against any Group Agent. No Group Agent assumes, nor shall it be deemed to have assumed, any obligation to, or relationship of trust or agency with the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof, any Lender except for any obligations expressly set forth herein. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, in no event shall any Group Agent ever be required to take any action which exposes such Group Agent to personal liability or which is contrary to any provision of any Transaction Document or Applicable Law.

SECTION 12.02. <u>Group Agent's Reliance, Etc.</u> No Group Agent nor any of its directors, officers, agents or employees shall be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it or them as a Group Agent under or in connection with this Agreement or any other Transaction Documents in the absence of its or their own gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Group Agent: (a) may consult with legal counsel (including counsel for the Administrative Agent, the Borrower or the Servicer), independent certified public accountants and other experts selected by it and shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken in good faith by it in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or experts; (b) makes no warranty or representation to any Credit Party (whether written or oral) and shall not be responsible to any Credit Party for any statements, warranties or representations (whether written

or oral) made by any other party in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Transaction Document; (c) shall not have any duty to ascertain or to inquire as to the performance or observance of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document on the part of the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof or any other Person or to inspect the property (including the books and records) of the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof; (d) shall not be responsible to any Credit Party for the due execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of this Agreement, any other Transaction Documents or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto; and (e) shall be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in so relying, upon any notice (including notice by telephone), consent, certificate or other instrument or writing (which may be by facsimile) believed by it to be genuine and signed or sent by the proper party or parties.

SECTION 12.03. <u>Group Agent and Affiliates</u>. With respect to any Credit Extension or interests therein owned by any Credit Party that is also a Group Agent, such Credit Party shall have the same rights and powers under this Agreement as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not a Group Agent. A Group Agent and any of its Affiliates may generally engage in any kind of business with the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof and any Person who may do business with or own securities of the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof or any of their respective Affiliates, all as if such Group Agent were not a Group Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to any other Secured Party.

SECTION 12.04. <u>Indemnification of Group Agents</u>. Each Committed Lender in any Group agrees to indemnify the Group Agent for such Group (to the extent not reimbursed by the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof), ratably according to the proportion of the Pro Rata Percentage of such Committed Lender to the aggregate Pro Rata Percentages of all Committed Lenders in such Group, from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever which may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against such Group Agent in any way relating to or arising out of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or any action taken or omitted by such Group Agent under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document; <u>provided</u> that no Committed Lender shall be liable for any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements resulting from such Group Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

SECTION 12.05. <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. Each Group Agent may execute any of its duties through agents or attorneys-infact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. No Group Agent shall be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any agents or attorneys-in-fact selected by it with reasonable care.

SECTION 12.06. <u>Notice of Events of Default</u>. No Group Agent shall be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Unmatured Event of Default or Event of Default unless such Group Agent has received notice from the Administrative Agent, any other Group Agent, any other Credit Party, the Servicer or the Borrower stating that an Unmatured Event of Default or Event of Default has occurred hereunder and describing such Unmatured Event of Default or Event of Default. If a Group Agent receives such a notice, it shall promptly give notice thereof to the

Credit Parties in its Group and to the Administrative Agent (but only if such notice received by such Group Agent was not sent by the Administrative Agent). A Group Agent may take such action concerning an Unmatured Event of Default or Event of Default as may be directed by Committed Lenders in its Group representing a majority of the Commitments in such Group (subject to the other provisions of this <u>Article XII</u>), but until such Group Agent receives such directions, such Group Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, as such Group Agent deems advisable and in the best interests of the Conduit Lenders and Committed Lenders in its Group.

SECTION 12.07. Non-Reliance on Group Agent and Other Parties. Each Credit Party expressly acknowledges that neither the Group Agent for its Group nor any of such Group Agent's directors, officers, agents or employees has made any representations or warranties to it and that no act by such Group Agent hereafter taken, including any review of the affairs of the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by such Group Agent. Each Credit Party represents and warrants to the Group Agent for its Group that, independently and without reliance upon such Group Agent, any other Group Agent, the Administrative Agent or any other Credit Party and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, it has made and will continue to make its own appraisal of and investigation into the business, operations, property, prospects, financial and other conditions and creditworthiness of the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof and the Receivables and its own decision to enter into this Agreement and to take, or omit, action under any Transaction Document. Except for items expressly required to be delivered under any Transaction Document by a Group Agent to any Credit Party in its Group, no Group Agent shall have any duty or responsibility to provide any Credit Party in its Group with any information concerning the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof that comes into the possession of such Group Agent or any of its directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates.

SECTION 12.08. Successor Group Agent. Any Group Agent may, upon at least thirty (30) days' notice to the Administrative Agent, the Borrower, the Servicer and the Credit Parties in its Group, resign as Group Agent for its Group. Such resignation shall not become effective until a successor Group Agent is appointed by the Lender(s) in such Group. Upon such acceptance of its appointment as Group Agent for such Group hereunder by a successor Group Agent, such successor Group Agent shall succeed to and become vested with all the rights and duties of the resigning Group Agent, and the resigning Group Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under the Transaction Documents. After any resigning Group Agent's resignation hereunder, the provisions of this Article XII and Article XIII shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was a Group Agent.

SECTION 12.09. Reliance on Group Agent. Unless otherwise advised in writing by a Group Agent or by any Credit Party in such Group Agent's Group, each party to this Agreement may assume that (i) such Group Agent is acting for the benefit and on behalf of each of the Credit Parties in its Group, as well as for the benefit of each assignee or other transferee from any such Person and (ii) each action taken by such Group Agent has been duly authorized and approved by all necessary action on the part of the Credit Parties in its Group.

#### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **INDEMNIFICATION**

#### SECTION 13.01. <u>Indemnities by the Borrower</u>.

- (a) Without limiting any other rights that the Administrative Agent, the Credit Parties, the Affected Persons and their respective assigns, officers, directors, agents and employees (each, a "Borrower Indemnified Party") may have hereunder or under Applicable Law, the Borrower hereby agrees to indemnify each Borrower Indemnified Party from and against any and all claims, losses and liabilities (including Attorney Costs) (all of the foregoing being collectively referred to as "Borrower Indemnified Amounts") arising out of or resulting from this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or the use of proceeds of the Credit Extensions or the security interest in respect of any Pool Receivable or any other Collateral; excluding, however, (a) Borrower Indemnified Amounts to the extent a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction holds that such Borrower Indemnified Amounts resulted solely from the gross negligence or willful misconduct by the Borrower Indemnified Party seeking indemnification, (b) Borrower Indemnified Amounts that result from a claim brought by the Borrower against a Borrower Indemnified Party for breach of such Borrower Indemnified Party's obligations under this Agreement or under any other Transaction Document, if the Borrower has obtained a final and nonappealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, and (c) Taxes that are covered by Section 5.03. Without limiting or being limited by the foregoing, the Borrower shall pay on demand (it being understood that if any portion of such payment obligation is made from Collections, such payment will be made at the time and in the order of priority set forth in Section 4.01), to each Borrower Indemnified Party any and all amounts necessary to indemnify such Borrower Indemnified Party from and against any and all Borrower Indemnified Amounts relating to or resulting from any of the following (but excluding amounts described in clauses (a), (b) and (c) above):
  - (i) any Pool Receivable which the Borrower or the Servicer includes as an Eligible Receivable as part of the Net Receivables Pool Balance but which is not an Eligible Receivable at such time;
  - (ii) any representation, warranty or statement made or deemed to be made by the Borrower (or any of its respective officers) under or in connection with this Agreement, any of the other Transaction Documents, any Information Package, any Weekly Report or any other information or report delivered by or on behalf of the Borrower pursuant hereto which shall have been untrue or incorrect when made or deemed made;
  - (iii) the failure by the Borrower to comply with any Applicable Law with respect to any Pool Receivable or the related Contract; or the failure of any Pool Receivable or the related Contract to conform to any such Applicable Law;
  - (iv) the failure to vest in the Administrative Agent a first priority perfected security interest in all or any portion of the Collateral, in each case free and clear of any Lien (other than any Lien in favor of the Administrative Agent);

- (v) the failure to have filed, or any delay in filing, financing statements, financing statement amendments, continuation statements or other similar instruments or documents under the UCC of any applicable jurisdiction or other Applicable Laws with respect to any Pool Receivable and the other Collateral and Collections in respect thereof, whether at the time of any Credit Extension or at any subsequent time;
- (vi) any dispute, claim or defense (other than discharge in bankruptcy) of an Obligor to the payment of any Pool Receivable (including, without limitation, a defense based on such Pool Receivable or the related Contract not being a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Obligor enforceable against it in accordance with its terms), or any other claim resulting from or relating to collection activities with respect to such Pool Receivable;
- (vii) any failure of the Borrower to perform any of its duties or obligations in accordance with the provisions hereof and of each other Transaction Document related to Pool Receivables or to timely and fully comply with the Credit and Collection Policy in regard to each Pool Receivable;
- (viii) any products liability, environmental or other claim arising out of or in connection with any Pool Receivable or other merchandise, goods or services which are the subject of or related to any Pool Receivable;
  - (ix) the commingling of Collections of Pool Receivables at any time with other funds;
- (x) any investigation, litigation or proceeding (actual or threatened) related to this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or the use of proceeds of any Credit Extensions or in respect of any Pool Receivable or other Collateral or any related Contract;
- (xi) any failure of the Borrower to comply with its covenants, obligations and agreements contained in this Agreement or any other Transaction Document;
  - (xii) any setoff with respect to any Pool Receivable;
- (xiii) any claim brought by any Person other than a Borrower Indemnified Party arising from any activity by the Borrower or any Affiliate of the Borrower in servicing, administering or collecting any Pool Receivable;
- (xiv) the failure by the Borrower to pay when due any taxes, including, without limitation, sales, excise or personal property taxes;
- (xv) any failure of a Lock-Box Bank to comply with the terms of the applicable Lock-Box Agreement or any amounts payable by the Administrative Agent to a Lock-Box Bank under any Lock-Box Agreement;
- (xvi) any dispute, claim, offset or defense (other than discharge in bankruptcy of the Obligor) of the Obligor to the payment of any Pool Receivable (including,

without limitation, a defense based on such Pool Receivable or the related Contract not being a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Obligor enforceable against it in accordance with its terms), or any other claim resulting from the sale of goods or the rendering of services related to such Pool Receivable or the furnishing or failure to furnish any such goods or services or other similar claim or defense not arising from the financial inability of any Obligor to pay undisputed indebtedness;

- (xvii) any action taken by the Administrative Agent in accordance with Applicable Law as attorney-in-fact for the Borrower, any Originator or the Servicer pursuant to this Agreement or any other Transaction Document;
  - (xviii) the use of proceeds of any Credit Extension; or
- (xix) any reduction in Capital as a result of the distribution of Collections if all or a portion of such distributions shall thereafter be rescinded or otherwise must be returned for any reason.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, solely for purposes of the Borrower's indemnification obligations in <u>clauses (ii)</u>, <u>(iii)</u>, <u>(vii)</u> and <u>(xi)</u> of this <u>Article XIII</u>, any representation, warranty or covenant qualified by the occurrence or non-occurrence of a material adverse effect or similar concepts of materiality shall be deemed to be not so qualified.
- (c) If for any reason the foregoing indemnification is unavailable to any Borrower Indemnified Party or insufficient to hold it harmless, then the Borrower shall contribute to such Borrower Indemnified Party the amount paid or payable by such Borrower Indemnified Party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative economic interests of the Borrower and its Affiliates on the one hand and such Borrower Indemnified Party on the other hand in the matters contemplated by this Agreement as well as the relative fault of the Borrower and its Affiliates and such Borrower Indemnified Party with respect to such loss, claim, damage or liability and any other relevant equitable considerations. The reimbursement, indemnity and contribution obligations of the Borrower under this Section shall be in addition to any liability which the Borrower may otherwise have, shall extend upon the same terms and conditions to each Borrower Indemnified Party, and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of any successors, assigns, heirs and personal representatives of the Borrower and the Borrower Indemnified Parties.
  - (d) Any indemnification or contribution under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

## SECTION 13.02. <u>Indemnification by the Servicer</u>.

(a) The Servicer hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Credit Parties, the Affected Persons and their respective assigns, officers, directors, agents and employees (each, a "Servicer Indemnified Party"), from and against any loss, liability, expense, damage or injury suffered or sustained by reason of any acts, omissions or alleged acts or omissions arising out of activities of the Servicer pursuant to this Agreement or

any other Transaction Document, including any judgment, award, settlement, Attorney Costs and other costs or expenses incurred in connection with the defense of any actual or threatened action, proceeding or claim (all of the foregoing being collectively referred to as, "Servicer Indemnified Amounts"); excluding (i) Servicer Indemnified Amounts to the extent a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction holds that such Servicer Indemnified Amounts resulted solely from the gross negligence or willful misconduct by the Servicer Indemnified Party seeking indemnification, (ii) Servicer Indemnified Amounts that result from a claim brought by the Servicer against a Servicer Indemnified Party for breach of such Servicer Indemnified Party's obligations under this Agreement or under any other Transaction Document, if the Servicer has obtained a final and nonappealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, (iii) Taxes that are covered by Section 5.03 and (iv) Servicer Indemnified Amounts to the extent the same includes losses in respect of Pool Receivables that are uncollectible solely on account of the insolvency, bankruptcy or lack of creditworthiness of the related Obligor.

- (b) If for any reason the foregoing indemnification is unavailable to any Servicer Indemnified Party or insufficient to hold it harmless, then the Servicer shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Servicer Indemnified Party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative economic interests of the Servicer and its Affiliates on the one hand and such Servicer Indemnified Party on the other hand in the matters contemplated by this Agreement as well as the relative fault of the Servicer and its Affiliates and such Servicer Indemnified Party with respect to such loss, claim, damage or liability and any other relevant equitable considerations. The reimbursement, indemnity and contribution obligations of the Servicer under this Section shall be in addition to any liability which the Servicer may otherwise have, shall extend upon the same terms and conditions to Servicer Indemnified Party, and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of any successors, assigns, heirs and personal representatives of the Servicer and the Servicer Indemnified Parties.
  - (c) Any indemnification or contribution under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### SECTION 14.01. Amendments, Etc.

(a) No failure on the part of any Credit Party to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or consent to any departure by any of the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof shall be effective unless in a writing signed by the Administrative Agent and the Majority Group Agents (and, in the case of any amendment, also signed by the Borrower), and then such amendment, waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; provided, however, that (A) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Servicer, affect the rights

or duties of the Servicer under this Agreement; (B) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent:

- (i) change (directly or indirectly) the definitions of Borrowing Base Deficit, Defaulted Receivable, Delinquent Receivable, Eligible Receivable, Facility Limit, Scheduled Termination Date, Net Receivables Pool Balance or Total Reserves contained in this Agreement, or increase the then existing Concentration Percentage for any Obligor or change the calculation of the Borrowing Base;
- (ii) reduce the amount of Capital or Interest that is payable on account of any Loan or with respect to any other Credit Extension or delay any scheduled date for payment thereof, provided that only the consent of the Administrative Agent and the Majority Group Agents shall be required to waive any obligation to pay interest at the rate set forth in the last sentence of the definition of "CP Rate" or in the proviso to the definition of "Bank Rate," as applicable, during the continuance of an Event of Default;
  - (iii) change any Event of Default;
  - (iv) change any of the provisions of this Section 14.01 or the definition of "Majority Group Agents"; or
  - (v) change the order of priority in which Collections are applied pursuant to <u>Section 4.01</u>.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (A) no amendment, waiver or consent shall increase any Committed Lender's Commitment hereunder without the consent of such Committed Lender and (B) no amendment, waiver or consent shall reduce any Fees payable by the Borrower to any member of any Group or delay the dates on which any such Fees are payable, in either case, without the consent of the Group Agent for such Group.

SECTION 14.02. <u>Notices, Etc.</u> All notices and other communications provided for hereunder shall, unless otherwise stated herein, be in writing (including facsimile or electronic mail communication) and shall be delivered or sent by facsimile, electronic mail, or by overnight mail, to the intended party at the mailing or electronic mail address or facsimile number of such party set forth under its name on <u>Schedule III</u> hereof or at such other address or facsimile number as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the other parties hereto. All such notices and communications shall be effective (i) if delivered by overnight mail, when received, and (ii) if transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail, when sent, receipt confirmed by telephone or electronic means.

#### SECTION 14.03. <u>Assignability</u>; <u>Addition of Lenders.</u>

(a) <u>Assignment by Conduit Lenders</u>. This Agreement and the rights of each Conduit Lender hereunder (including each Loan made by it hereunder) shall be assignable by such Conduit Lender and its successors and permitted assigns (i) to any Program Support Provider of such Conduit Lender without prior notice to or consent from the Borrower or any other party, or

any other condition or restriction of any kind, (ii) to any other Lender or Approved Fund with prior notice to the Borrower but without consent from the Borrower or (iii) with the prior written consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such consent shall not be required if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing), to any other Eligible Assignee. Each assignor of a Loan or any interest therein may, in connection with the assignment or participation, disclose to the assignee or Participant any information relating to the Borrower and its Affiliates, including the Receivables, furnished to such assignor by or on behalf of the Borrower and its Affiliates or by the Administrative Agent; <u>provided</u> that, prior to any such disclosure, the assignee or Participant agrees to preserve the confidentiality and limitation on use of any confidential information relating to the Borrower and its Affiliates received by it from any of the foregoing entities in a manner consistent with <u>Section 14.06(b)</u>.

- (b) <u>Assignment by Committed Lenders</u>. Each Committed Lender may assign to any Eligible Assignee or to any other Committed Lender all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including, without limitation, all or a portion of its Commitment and any Loan or interests therein owned by it); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u> that
  - (i) except for an assignment by a Committed Lender to either an Affiliate of such Committed Lender or any other Committed Lender, each such assignment shall require the prior written consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such consent shall not be required if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;
  - (ii) each such assignment shall be of a constant, and not a varying, percentage of all rights and obligations under this Agreement;
  - (iii) the amount being assigned pursuant to each such assignment (determined as of the date of the Assignment and Acceptance Agreement with respect to such assignment) shall in no event be less than the lesser of (x) \$5,000,000 and (y) all of the assigning Committed Lender's Commitment; and
  - (iv) the parties to each such assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent, for its acceptance and recording in the Register, an Assignment and Acceptance Agreement.

Upon such execution, delivery, acceptance and recording from and after the effective date specified in such Assignment and Acceptance Agreement, (x) the assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement, and to the extent that rights and obligations under this Agreement have been assigned to it pursuant to such Assignment and Acceptance Agreement, have the rights and obligations of a Committed Lender hereunder and (y) the assigning Committed Lender shall, to the extent that rights and obligations have been assigned by it pursuant to such Assignment and Acceptance Agreement, relinquish such rights and be released from such obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Acceptance Agreement covering all or the remaining portion of an assigning Committed Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Committed Lender shall cease to be a party hereto).

- (c) <u>Register</u>. The Administrative Agent shall, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, maintain at its address referred to on <u>Schedule III</u> of this Agreement (or such other address of the Administrative Agent notified by the Administrative Agent to the other parties hereto) a copy of each Assignment and Acceptance Agreement delivered to and accepted by it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Committed Lenders and the Conduit Lenders, the Commitment of each Committed Lender and the aggregate outstanding Capital (and stated interest) of the Loans of each Conduit Lender and Committed Lender from time to time (the "<u>Register</u>"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Servicer, the Administrative Agent, the Group Agents, and the other Credit Parties may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register as a Committed Lender or Conduit Lender, as the case may be, under this Agreement for all purposes of this Agreement. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower, the Servicer, any Group Agent, any Conduit Lender or any Committed Lender at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.
- (d) <u>Procedure</u>. Upon its receipt of an Assignment and Acceptance Agreement executed and delivered by an assigning Committed Lender and an Eligible Assignee or assignee Committed Lender, the Administrative Agent shall, if such Assignment and Acceptance Agreement has been duly completed, (i) accept such Assignment and Acceptance Agreement, (ii) record the information contained therein in the Register and (iii) give prompt notice thereof to the Borrower and the Servicer.
- (e) <u>Participations</u>. Each Committed Lender may sell participations to one or more Eligible Assignees (each, a "<u>Participant</u>") in or to all or a portion of its rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including, without limitation, all or a portion of its Commitment and the interests in the Loans owned by it); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that
  - (i) such Committed Lender's obligations under this Agreement (including, without limitation, its Commitment to the Borrower hereunder) shall remain unchanged, and
  - (ii) such Committed Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties to this Agreement for the performance of such obligations.

The Administrative Agent, the Group Agents, the Conduit Lenders, the other Committed Lenders, the Borrower and the Servicer shall have the right to continue to deal solely and directly with such Committed Lender in connection with such Committed Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. The Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 5.01 and Section 5.03 (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under Section 5.03(f) (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 5.03(f) shall be delivered to the participating Lender)) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to Section 14.03(a) or Section 14.03(b); provided that such Participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Section 14.03(k) and Section 14.03(l) as if it were an assignee pursuant to Section 14.03(a) or Section 14.03(b); and (B) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 5.01 and Section 5.03, with respect to any participation, than its participating Lender would have been entitled to receive, except

to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a Change in Law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation.

- (f) Participant Register. Each Committed Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under this Agreement (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Committed Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any Commitments, Loans or its other obligations under any this Agreement) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such Commitment, Loan or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Committed 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. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.
- (g) <u>Assignments by Agents</u>. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent herein shall be assignable by the Administrative Agent or such Group Agent, as the case may be, and its successors and assigns; <u>provided</u> that in the case of an assignment to a Person that is not an Affiliate of the Administrative Agent or such Group Agent, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, such assignment shall require the Borrower's consent (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed).
- (h) <u>Assignments by the Borrower or the Servicer</u>. Neither the Borrower nor, except as provided in <u>Section 9.01</u>, the Servicer may assign any of its respective rights or obligations hereunder or any interest herein without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent (such consent to be provided or withheld in the sole discretion of such Person).
- (i) <u>Addition of Lenders or Groups</u>. The Borrower may, with written notice to the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent, add additional Persons as Lenders (by creating a new Group) or cause an existing Lender to increase its Commitment; pursuant to <u>Section 2.02(g)</u>. Each new Lender (or Group) shall become a party hereto, by executing and delivering to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, an assumption agreement (each, an "<u>Assumption Agreement</u>") in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto (which Assumption Agreement shall, in the case of any new Lender, be executed by each Person in such new Lender's Group).
- (j) <u>Pledge to a Federal Reserve Bank</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, (i) any Lender, Program Support Provider or any of their respective Affiliates may at any time pledge or grant a security interest in all or any portion of its interest in, to and under this Agreement (including, without limitation, rights to payment of Capital and Interest) and any other Transaction Document to secure its obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank, without notice to or the consent of the Borrower, the Servicer, any Affiliate thereof or any Credit Party; provided, however, that that no such pledge shall relieve such assignor of its obligations under this Agreement.

- (k) Replacement of Lenders. If the Borrower receives a claim for compensation under Section 5.01 or Section 5.03 of this Agreement from any Lender, then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender, its related Group Agent and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender, its related Group Agent and any other Lender in such Lender's Group to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by this Agreement), all of their respective interests, rights (other than their existing rights to payment under <u>Sections 5.01</u> and <u>5.03</u> of this Agreement) and obligations under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, to an assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be a member of an existing Group, if such Person accepts such assignment); provided, however, that the Borrower shall be permitted to require the assignment by (i) the Group of which the Administrative Agent is a member, or (ii) any Lender that is administered by the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate thereof only if, in either case, the Administrative Agent is also replaced contemporaneously, pursuant to documents reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent; provided, further, that (i) the assignee financial institution shall purchase, at par, all Capital, Interest and other amounts owing to such assigning Lender and Group Agent (other than any amounts owing under Sections 5.01 and 5.03 of this Agreement for which payment is then sought) on or prior to the date of assignment, (ii) if the replacement financial institution is not already a member of an existing Group, the Borrower shall have received the written consent of the Administrative Agent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) to such assignment, (iii) until such time as such assignment shall be consummated, the Borrower shall pay all additional amounts required under Sections 5.01 and 5.03, subject to the terms of this Agreement, (iv) such assignment shall not conflict with Applicable Law, (v) any such assignment shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any right that the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, any Group Agent or any other Lender shall have against the assignor Lender or any member of its Group and (vi) any such assignment by a Related Committed Lender shall be to a financial institution with short-term unsecured debt ratings of at least "A-1" by S&P and "P-1" by Moody's. No Lender or Group may be required to make an assignment pursuant to this Section 14.03(k) (i) at any time when there is only one Group or (ii) if the condition that gave rise to the Borrower's right to require such assignment ceases to apply.
- (l) <u>Mitigation Obligations</u>. If any Affected Person requests compensation under <u>Section 5.01</u>, or if the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Affected Person or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Affected Person pursuant to <u>Section 5.03</u>, then such Affected Person shall (at the request of the Borrower) use reasonable efforts to designate a different office for funding its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or Affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Affected Person, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to <u>Section 5.01</u> or <u>5.03</u>, as the case may be, in the future and (ii) would not subject such Affected Person to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Affected Person. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Affected Person in connection with any such designation or assignment.

SECTION 14.04. <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. In addition to the rights of indemnification granted under <u>Section 13.01</u> hereof, the Borrower agrees to pay on demand all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses in connection with the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement, any Program Support Agreement (or any supplement or amendment thereof) related to this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents (together with all amendments, restatements, supplements, consents and waivers, if any, from time to time hereto and thereto), including, without limitation, (i) the reasonable Attorney Costs for the Administrative Agent and the other Credit Parties and any of their respective Affiliates with respect thereto and with respect to advising the Administrative Agent and the other Credit Parties and their respective Affiliates as to their rights and remedies under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and (ii) reasonable and documented accountants', auditors' and consultants' fees and out-of-pocket expenses for the Administrative Agent and the other Credit Parties and any of their respective Affiliates and the fees and charges of any nationally recognized statistical rating agency incurred in connection with the administration and maintenance of this Agreement or advising the Administrative Agent or any other Credit Party as to their rights and remedies under this Agreement or as to any actual or reasonably claimed breach of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document. In addition, the Borrower agrees to pay on demand all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including reasonable Attorney Costs), of the Administrative Agent and the other Credit Parties and their respective Affiliates, incurred in connection with the enforcement of any of their respective rights or remedies under the provisions of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents.

#### SECTION 14.05. No Proceedings; Limitation on Payments.

- (a) Each of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Servicer, each Group Agent, each Lender and each assignee of a Loan or any interest agrees that it will not institute against any Conduit Lender any Insolvency Proceeding so long as any Notes or other senior indebtedness issued by such Conduit Lender shall be outstanding or there shall not have elapsed one year plus one day since the last day on which any such Notes or other senior indebtedness shall have been outstanding.
- (b) Each of the Servicer, each Group Agent, each Lender and each assignee of a Loan or any interest therein, hereby covenants and agrees that it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, the Borrower any Insolvency Proceeding until one year and one day after the Final Payout Date; <u>provided</u>, that the Administrative Agent may take any such action in its sole discretion following the occurrence of an Event of Default.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this Agreement to the contrary, a Conduit Lender shall not, and shall be under no obligation to, pay any amount, if any, payable by it pursuant to this Agreement or any other Transaction Document unless (i) such Conduit Lender has received funds which may be used to make such payment and which funds are not required to repay such Conduit Lender's Notes when due and (ii) after giving effect to such payment, either (x) such Conduit Lender could issue Notes to refinance all of its outstanding Notes (assuming such outstanding Notes matured at such time) in accordance with the program documents governing such Conduit Lender's securitization program or (y) all of such Conduit Lender's Notes are paid in full.

Any amount which any Conduit Lender does not pay pursuant to the operation of the preceding sentence shall not constitute a claim (as defined in Section 101 of the Bankruptcy Code) against or company obligation of such Conduit Lender for any such insufficiency unless and until such Conduit Lender satisfies the provisions of <u>clauses (i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u> above. The provisions of this <u>Section 14.05</u> shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

## SECTION 14.06. Confidentiality.

- (a) Each of the Borrower and the Servicer covenants and agrees to hold in confidence, and not disclose to any Person, the terms of this Agreement (including any fees payable in connection with this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or the identity of the Administrative Agent or any other Credit Party), except as the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent may have consented to in writing prior to any proposed disclosure; provided, however, that it may disclose such information (i) to its Advisors and Representatives, (ii) to the extent such information has become available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by or through the Borrower, the Servicer or their Advisors and Representatives or (iii) to the extent it should be (A) required by Applicable Law, or in connection with any legal or regulatory proceeding or requirements or (B) requested by any Governmental Authority to disclose such information; provided, that, in the case of clause (iii) above, the Borrower and the Servicer will use reasonable efforts to maintain confidentiality and will (unless otherwise prohibited by Applicable Law) notify the Administrative Agent and the affected Credit Party of its intention to make any such disclosure prior to making such disclosure. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Administrative Agent and each Group Agent hereby consents to the disclosure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the filing of the Transaction Documents (other than the Fee Letter) with the SEC pursuant to the terms of the Exchange Act (as determined in the reasonable judgment of NuStar and its counsel). Each of the Borrower and the Servicer agrees to be responsible for any breach of this Section by its Representatives and Advisors and agrees that its Representatives and Advisors will be advised by it of the confidential nature of such information and shall agree to comply with this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is expressly agreed that each of the Borrower, the Servicer and their respective Affiliates may publish a press release or otherwise publicly announce the existence and principal amount of the Commitments under this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby; provided that the Administrative Agent shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to review such press release or other public announcement prior to its release and provide comment thereon; and provided, further, that no such press release shall name or otherwise identify the Administrative Agent, any other Credit Party or any of their respective Affiliates without such Person's prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrower consents to the publication by the Administrative Agent or any other Credit Party of a tombstone or similar advertising material relating to the financing transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- (b) Each of the Administrative Agent and each other Credit Party, severally and with respect to itself only, agrees to hold in confidence, and not disclose to any Person or use for any reason other than for the purpose of evaluating its participation as a Credit Party, any confidential or proprietary information concerning the Borrower, the Servicer and their respective Affiliates and their businesses or the terms of this Agreement (including any fees payable in connection with this

Agreement or the other Transaction Documents), except as the Borrower or the Servicer may have consented to in writing prior to any proposed disclosure; provided, however, that it may disclose such information (i) to its Advisors and Representatives and to any related Program Support Provider, (ii) to its assignees and Participants and potential assignees and Participants and their respective counsel if they agree in writing to hold it confidential and not to use such information for any reason other than evaluating its participation as a Credit Party, (iii) to the extent such information has become available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by or through it or its Representatives or Advisors or any related Program Support Provider, (iv) to any nationally recognized statistical rating organization in connection with obtaining or maintaining the rating of any Conduit Lender's Notes or as contemplated by 17 CFR 240.17g-5(a)(3), (v) at the request of a bank examiner or other regulatory authority or in connection with an examination of any of the Administrative Agent, any Group Agent or any Lender or their respective Affiliates or Program Support Providers or (vi) to the extent it should be (A) required by Applicable Law, or in connection with any legal or regulatory proceeding or (B) requested by any Governmental Authority to disclose such information; provided, that, in the case of clause (vi) above, the Administrative Agent, each Group Agent and each Lender will use reasonable efforts to maintain confidentiality and will (unless otherwise prohibited by Applicable Law) notify the Borrower and the Servicer of its making any such disclosure as promptly as reasonably practicable prior to its disclosure. Each of the Administrative Agent, each Group Agent and each Lender, severally and with respect to itself only, agrees to be responsible for any breach of this Section by its Representatives, Advisors and Program Support Providers and agrees that its Representatives, Advisors and Program Support Providers will be advised by it of the confidential nature of such information and shall agree to comply with this Section.

- (c) As used in this Section, (i) "Advisors" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's accountants, attorneys and other confidential advisors and (ii) "Representatives" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates, Subsidiaries, directors, managers, officers, employees, members, investors, financing sources, insurers, professional advisors, representatives and agents; *provided* that such Person shall not be deemed to Representatives of a Person unless (and solely to the extent that) confidential information is furnished to such Person.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent not inconsistent with applicable securities laws, each party hereto (and each of its employees, representatives or other agents) may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure (as defined in Section 1.6011-4 of the Treasury Regulations) of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to such Person relating to such tax treatment and tax structure.

SECTION 14.07. GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE PARTIES HERETO, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (INCLUDING SECTIONS 5-1401 AND 5-1402 OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BUT WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OTHER CONFLICTS OF LAW PROVISIONS THEREOF, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PERFECTION, THE EFFECT OF PERFECTION OR PRIORITY OF THE INTERESTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE

AGENT OR ANY LENDER IN THE COLLATERAL IS GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF A JURISDICTION OTHER THAN THE STATE OF NEW YORK).

SECTION 14.08. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart hereof by facsimile or other electronic means shall be equally effective as delivery of an originally executed counterpart.

SECTION 14.09. <u>Integration; Binding Effect; Survival of Termination</u>. This Agreement and the other Transaction Documents contain the final and complete integration of all prior expressions by the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof superseding all prior oral or written understandings. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement shall create and constitute the continuing obligations of the parties hereto in accordance with its terms and shall remain in full force and effect until the Final Payout Date; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the provisions of <u>Sections 5.01</u>, <u>5.02</u>, <u>5.03</u>, <u>11.04</u>, <u>11.06</u>, <u>12.04</u>, <u>13.01</u>, <u>13.02</u>, <u>14.04</u>, <u>14.05</u>, <u>14.06</u>, <u>14.09</u>, <u>14.11</u> and <u>14.13</u> shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 14.10. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. (a) EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF ANY NEW YORK STATE OR FEDERAL COURT SITTING IN NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, AND EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW YORK STATE COURT OR, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT. THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT THEY MAY EFFECTIVELY DO SO, THE DEFENSE OF AN INCONVENIENT FORUM TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING. THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE 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.

(b) EACH OF THE BORROWER AND THE SERVICER CONSENTS TO THE SERVICE OF ANY AND ALL PROCESS IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING BY THE MAILING OF COPIES OF SUCH PROCESS TO IT AT ITS ADDRESS SPECIFIED IN <u>SECTION 14.02</u>. NOTHING IN THIS <u>SECTION 14.10</u> SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT OR ANY OTHER CREDIT PARTY TO SERVE LEGAL PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW.

SECTION 14.11. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER (WHETHER SOUNDING IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) IN ANY WAY

ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER TRANSACTION DOCUMENT.

SECTION 14.12. Ratable Payments. If any Credit Party, whether by setoff or otherwise, has payment made to it with respect to any Borrower Obligations in a greater proportion than that received by any other Credit Party entitled to receive a ratable share of such Borrower Obligations, such Credit Party agrees, promptly upon demand, to purchase for cash without recourse or warranty a portion of such Borrower Obligations held by the other Credit Parties so that after such purchase each Credit Party will hold its ratable proportion of such Borrower Obligations; provided that if all or any portion of such excess amount is thereafter recovered from such Credit Party, such purchase shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, but without interest.

#### SECTION 14.13. <u>Limitation of Liability</u>.

- (a) No claim may be made by the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof or any other Person against any Credit Party or their respective Affiliates, members, directors, officers, employees, incorporators, attorneys or agents for any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages in respect of any claim for breach of contract or any other theory of liability arising out of or related to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, or any act, omission or event occurring in connection herewith or therewith; and each of the Borrower and the Servicer hereby waives, releases, and agrees not to sue upon any claim for any such damages, whether or not accrued and whether or not known or suspected to exist in its favor. None of the Credit Parties and their respective Affiliates shall have any liability to the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof or any other Person asserting claims on behalf of or in right of the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof in connection with or as a result of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, except to the extent that any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses incurred by the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof result from the breach of contract, gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Credit Party in performing its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party.
- (b) The obligations of the Administrative Agent and each of the other Credit Parties under this Agreement and each of the Transaction Documents are solely the corporate obligations of such Person. No recourse shall be had for any obligation or claim arising out of or based upon this Agreement or any other Transaction Document against any member, director, officer, employee or incorporator of any such Person.

SECTION 14.14. <u>Intent of the Parties</u>. The Borrower has structured this Agreement with the intention that the Loans and the obligations of the Borrower hereunder will be treated under United States federal, and applicable state, local and foreign tax law as debt (the "<u>Intended Tax Treatment</u>"). The Borrower, the Servicer, the Administrative Agent and the other Credit Parties agree to file no tax return, or take any action, inconsistent with the Intended Tax Treatment unless required by law. Each assignee and each Participant acquiring an interest in a Credit Extension, by its acceptance of such assignment or participation, agrees to comply with the immediately preceding sentence.

SECTION 14.15. <u>USA Patriot Act</u>. Each of the Administrative Agent and each of the other Credit Parties hereby notifies the Borrower and the Servicer that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act, Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001) (the "<u>PATRIOT Act</u>"), the Administrative Agent and the other Credit Parties may be required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower, the Performance Guarantor and the Servicer, which information includes the name, address, tax identification number and other information regarding the Borrower, the Performance Guarantor and the Servicer that will allow the Administrative Agent and the other Credit Parties to identify the Borrower and the Servicer in accordance with the PATRIOT Act. This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of the PATRIOT Act. Each of the Borrower and the Servicer agrees to provide the Administrative Agent and each other Credit Parties, from time to time, with all documentation and other information required by bank regulatory authorities under "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the PATRIOT Act.

SECTION 14.16. <u>Right of Setoff</u>. Each Credit Party is hereby authorized (in addition to any other rights it may have), at any time during the continuance of an Event of Default, to setoff, appropriate and apply (without presentment, demand, protest or other notice which are hereby expressly waived) any deposits and any other indebtedness held or owing by such Credit Party (including by any branches or agencies of such Credit Party) to, or for the account of, the Borrower or the Servicer against amounts owing by the Borrower or the Servicer hereunder (even if contingent or unmatured); <u>provided</u> that such Credit Party shall notify the Borrower or the Servicer, as applicable, promptly following such setoff.

SECTION 14.17. <u>Severability</u>. Any provisions of this Agreement which are prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 14.18. <u>Mutual Negotiations</u>. This Agreement and the other Transaction Documents are the product of mutual negotiations by the parties thereto and their counsel, and no party shall be deemed the draftsperson of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or any provision hereof or thereof or to have provided the same. Accordingly, in the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity of any provision of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, such inconsistency or ambiguity shall not be interpreted against any party because of such party's involvement in the drafting thereof.

SECTION 14.19. <u>Captions and Cross References</u>. The various captions (including the table of contents) in this Agreement are provided solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement. Unless otherwise indicated, references in this Agreement to any Section, Schedule or Exhibit are to such Section Schedule or Exhibit to this Agreement, as the case may be, and references in any Section, subsection, or clause to any subsection, clause or subclause are to such subsection, clause or subclause of such Section, subsection or clause.

[Signature Pages Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.

## **NUSTAR FINANCE LLC**

By: /s/ Thomas R. Shoaf

Name: Thomas R. Shoaf

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## **NUSTAR ENERGY L.P.,**

as the Servicer

By: Riverwalk Logistics, L.P., its general partner

By: NuStar GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Thomas R. Shoaf

Name: Thomas R. Shoaf

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Administrative Agent

By: /s/ Mark Falcione\_

Name: Mark Falcione

Title: Executive Vice President

## PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Group Agent for the PNC Group

By: /s/ Mark Falcione

Name: Mark Falcione

Title: Executive Vice President

## PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as a Committed Lender

By: /s/ Mark Falcione

Name: Mark Falcione

Title: Executive Vice President

## MIZUHO BANK, LTD.,

as a Committed Lender

By: /s/ Leon Mo

Name: Leon Mo

Title: Authorized Signatory

## WORKING CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CO., LP,

as a Conduit Lender

By: <u>/s/ Takashi Watanabe</u>

Name: Takashi Watanabe Title: Attorney-in-Fact

## MIZUHO BANK, LTD.,

as a Group Agent for the Working Capital Management Co., LP Group

By: /s/ Leon Mo

Name: Leon Mo

Title: Authorized Signatory

# EXHIBIT A Form of Loan Request

[Letterhead of Borrower]

[Date]
[Administrative Agent]
[Group Agents]
Re: Loan Request
Ladies and Gentlemen:
Reference is hereby made to that certain Receivables Financing Agreement, dated as of June 15, 2015 among NuStar Finance LLC (the "Borrower"), NuStar Energy L.P., as Servicer (the "Servicer"), the Lenders party thereto, the Group Agents party thereto and PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent") (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Agreement"). Capitalized terms used in this Loan Request and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned thereto in the Agreement.
This letter constitutes a Loan Request pursuant to <u>Section 2.02(a)</u> of the Agreement. The Borrower hereby request a Loan in the amount of [\$] to be made on [, 20] (of which \$[] will be funded by the PNC Group, \$[] will be funded by the [] Group, and \$[] will be funded by the Mizuho Group. The proceeds of such Loan should be deposited to [Account number], at [Name, Address and ABA Number of Bank]. After giving effect to such Loan, the Aggregate Capital will be [\$].
The Borrower hereby represents and warrants as of the date hereof, and after giving effect to such Credit Extension, as follows:
(i) the representations and warranties of the Borrower and the Servicer contained in <u>Sections 7.01</u> and <u>7.02</u> of the Agreement are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date of such Credit Extension as though made on and as of such date unless such representations and warranties by their terms refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of such earlier date;
(ii) no Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and no Event of Default or Unmatured Event of Default would result from such Credit Extension;

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- (iii) no Borrowing Base Deficit exists or would exist after giving effect to such Credit Extension;
- (iv) the Aggregate Capital will not exceed the Facility Limit; and
- (v) the Termination Date has not occurred.

Exhibit A-2

	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this letter by its duly authorized officer as of the date first		
written	ı.		
	Very truly yours,		
	NUSTAR FINANCE LLC		

By: Name: Title:

Exhibit A-3

## **EXHIBIT B** [Form of Assignment and Acceptance Agreement]

Dated as of

Dated as of, 20	
Section 1.	
Commitment assigned:	\$[]
Assignor's remaining Commitment:	\$[]
Capital allocable to Commitment assigned:	\$[]
Assignor's remaining Capital:	\$[]
Interest (if any) allocable to Capital assigned:	\$[]
Interest (if any) allocable to Assignor's remaining Capital:	\$[]
Section 2.	

Upon execution and delivery of this Assignment and Acceptance Agreement by the assignee and the assignor and the satisfaction of the other conditions to assignment specified in Section 14.03(b) of the Agreement (as defined below), from and after the effective date specified above, the assignee shall become a party to, and, to the extent of the rights and obligations thereunder being assigned to it pursuant to this Assignment and Acceptance Agreement, shall have the rights and obligations of a Committed Lender under that certain Receivables Financing Agreement, dated as of June 15, 2015 among NuStar Finance LLC, NuStar Energy L.P., as Servicer, the Lenders party thereto, the Group Agents party thereto and PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Agreement").

(Signature Pages Follow)

Exhibit B-1

Effective Date of this Assignment and Acceptance Agreement: [\_\_\_\_\_]

ASSIGNOR: []	
	By: Name: Title
ASSIGNEE: []	
	By: Name: Title: [Address]
Accepted as of date first above written:	
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Administrative Agent	
By: Name: Title:	
NUSTAR FINANCE LLC, as Borrower	
By: Name: Title:	

Exhibit B-2

# EXHIBIT C [Form of Assumption Agreement]

Exhibit C-1

executed by each of the parties hereto, [the [] Lenders shall become a party to, and have the rights and obligations of Lenders
under, the Receivables Financing Agreement and the "Commitment" with respect to the Committed Lenders in such Group as shall
be as set forth under the signature of each such Committed Lender hereto] [the [] Committed Lender shall increase its
Commitment to the amount set forth as the "Commitment" under the signature of the [] Committed Lender hereto].

SECTION 3. Each party hereto hereby covenants and agrees that it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, any Conduit Lender, any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceeding, or other proceeding under any federal or state bankruptcy or similar law, for one year and one day after the latest maturing commercial paper notes or other senior indebtedness issued by such Conduit Lender is paid in full. The covenant contained in this paragraph shall survive any termination of the Receivables Financing Agreement.

SECTION 4. THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE PARTIES HERETO, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (INCLUDING SECTIONS 5-1401 AND 5-1402 OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BUT WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OTHER CONFLICTS OF LAW PROVISIONS THEREOF). This Agreement may not be amended or supplemented except pursuant to a writing signed be each of the parties hereto and may not be waived except pursuant to a writing signed by the party to be charged. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and by the different parties on different counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

(SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW)

Exhibit C-2

[], as a Cond	duit Lender
By:	
Name Printed:	
Title:	
[Address]	
[], as a Com	mitted Lender
By:	
Name Printed:	
Title:	
[Address]	
[Commitment]	
[], as Gro	up Agent for [
By:	
Name Printed:	
Title:	
[Address]	
Exhibit C-3	

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized officers as of the date

first above written.

NUSTAR FINANCE LLC, as Borrower

By:

Name Printed:

Title:

## EXHIBIT D Form of Weekly Report

On file with Administrative Agent and Servicer

Exhibit D

## **EXHIBIT E Form of Information Package**

On file with Administrative Agent and Servicer

Exhibit E

## EXHIBIT F Form of Compliance Certificate

To: PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent

This Compliance Certificate is furnished pursuant to that certain Receivables Financing Agreement, dated as of June 15, 2015 among NuStar Finance LLC (the "Borrower"), NuStar Energy L.P., as initial Servicer (the "Servicer"), the Lenders party thereto, the Group Agents party thereto and PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent") (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Agreement"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Agreement.

#### THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:

<ol> <li>I am the duly electedof the S</li> </ol>	Servicer.
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- 2. I have reviewed the terms of the Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents and I have made, or have caused to be made under my supervision, a detailed review of the transactions and condition of the Borrower during the accounting period covered by the attached financial statements.
- 3. The examinations described in <u>paragraph 2</u> above did not disclose, and I have no knowledge of, the existence of any condition or event which constitutes an Event of Default or an Unmatured Event of Default, as each such term is defined under the Agreement, during or at the end of the accounting period covered by the attached financial statements or as of the date of this Certificate[, except as set forth in <u>paragraph 5</u> below].
- 4. <u>Schedule I</u> attached hereto sets forth financial statements of the Servicer and its Subsidiaries for the period referenced on such <u>Schedule I</u>.
- [5. Described below are the exceptions, if any, to paragraph 3 above by listing, in detail, the nature of the condition or event, the period during which it has existed and the action which Borrower has taken, is taking, or proposes to take with respect to each such condition or event:]

Exhibit F-1

The foregoing certifications are made and delivered this	day of	, 20
[SERVICER]		
By: Name: Title:		

Exhibit F-2

### SCHEDULE I TO COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

	A.	Schedule of Compliance as of	, 20	_ with <u>Se</u>	ection 8.02	$(\underline{a})$ of the	Agreement.	Unless
otherw	ise d	efined herein, the terms used in this Compliance Certific	cate have the	meanings	ascribed th	ereto in th	e Agreemen	t.
	This	s schedule relates to the month ended:	·					
are atta	B. ached	The following financial statements of Servicer and its l hereto:	s Subsidiaries	s for the p	eriod endir	ıg on		_, 20,

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## **SCHEDULE I Commitments**

PNC Group		
<u>Party</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	Maximum Commitment
PNC	Committed Lender	\$67,500,000
PNC	Group Agent	N/A

Working Capital Management Co., LP Group			
<u>Party</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	Maximum Commitment	
Working Capital Management Co., LP	Conduit Lender	N/A	
Mizuho Bank, Ltd.	Committed Lender	\$57,500,000	
Mizuho Bank, Ltd.	Group Agent	N/A	

Schedule I-1

### SCHEDULE II Lock-Boxes, Lock-Box Accounts and Lock-Box Banks

LOCK-BOX BANK	LOCK-BOX ACCOUNT	LOCK-BOX	LOCK-BOX ADDRESS
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.		N/A	N/A
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.		N/A	N/A
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.			P.O. Box 974487 Dallas, TX 75397-4487

Schedule II-1

### SCHEDULE III Notice Addresses

(A) in the case of the Borrower, at the following address:

NuStar Finance LLC 19003 IH-10 West San Antonio, TX 78257

Attention: Christopher C. Russell Telephone: (210) 918-3507 Facsimile: (210) 918-5758

Email: Christopher.Russell@nustarenergy.com

(B) in the case of the Servicer, at the following address:

NuStar Energy L.P. 19003 IH-10 West San Antonio, TX 78257

Attention: Christopher C. Russell Telephone: (210) 918-3507 Facsimile: (210) 918-5758

Email: Christopher.Russell@nustarenergy.com

(C) in the case of PNC or the Administrative Agent, at the following address:

PNC Bank, National Association Three PNC Plaza

225 Fifth Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2707 Attention: Robyn Reeher Telephone: (412) 768-3090 Facsimile: (412) 762-9184 Email: ABFAdmin@pnc.com

(D) in the case of Mizuho Bank, Ltd., at the following address:

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. 1251 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020 Attention: Raffi Dawson

Tel: (212) 282-3526 Fax: (212) 282-4105

Email: raffi.dawson@mizuhocbus.com

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(E) in the case of Working Capital Management Co., LP, at the following address:

Working Capital Management Co., L.P. 1251 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020 Attention: David Krafchik

Tel: (212) 282-4998 Fax: (212) 282-4105

Email: david.krafchik@mizuhocbus.com

(F) in the case of any other Person, at the address for such Person specified in the other Transaction Documents; in each case, or at such other address as shall be designated by such Person in a written notice to the other parties to this Agreement.

Schedule III-2