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Floating Rate Senior Notes, Series due November 24, 2017

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To Prospectus Dated May 3, 2013) OGE ENERGY CORP.

\$100,000,000

Floating Rate Senior Notes, Series Due November 24, 2017

We are offering \$100,000,000 of our Floating Rate Senior Notes, Series due November 24, 2017 (the "Senior Notes"). We will pay interest on the Senior Notes quarterly in arrears on February 24, May 24, August 24 and November 24 of each year, commencing February 24, 2015. The per annum interest rate on the Senior Notes will be reset quarterly based on the three-month LIBOR plus 0.55%. The Senior Notes will not be redeemable prior to maturity. Please read the information described under the captions "Supplemental Description of Debt Securities" in this prospectus supplement and "Description of Debt Securities" in the accompanying prospectus for a more detailed description of the terms of the Senior Notes.

Investing in our Senior Notes involves risks. See "Risk Factors" on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement. The Senior Notes are our senior unsecured obligations and, as described below under the caption "Supplemental Description of Debt Securities," rank equally with all of our other existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. We currently have no outstanding debt obligations that are junior to the Senior Notes. The Senior Notes will not have the benefit of any financial or other restrictive covenants.

The Senior Notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. The Senior Notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or included in any automated quotation system.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Senior Note	Total
Price to Public (1)	100.00	%\$100,000,000
Underwriting Discount	0.35	%\$350,000
Proceeds, before expenses to OGE Energy Corp. (1)	99.65	%\$99,650,000

(1) Plus accrued interest from November 24, 2014, if settlement occurs after that date.

The underwriters expect to deliver the Senior Notes on or about November 24, 2014 through the book-entry facilities

of The Depository Trust Company.

BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC RBC Capital Markets Wells Fargo Securities

November 19, 2014.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus we may provide to you. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in any free writing prospectus that we may provide to you is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of those documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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In this prospectus supplement, "the Company", "we", "us" and "our" refer to OGE Energy Corp.; and "underwriters" refers to firms listed on the cover of this prospectus supplement.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus incorporate important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with these documents. This information is available without charge upon written or oral request.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This prospectus supplement is a supplement to the accompanying prospectus that also is a part of this document. The accompanying prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC using a "shelf" registration process. Under this process, we may sell an unspecified amount of the securities described in the accompanying prospectus, of which this offering is a part. This prospectus supplement provides you with specific information about the terms of this offering. Both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus include important information about us, our Senior Notes and other information you should know before investing in our Senior Notes. This prospectus supplement also adds, updates and changes information contained in the accompanying prospectus. To the extent that any statement that we make in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the statements made in the accompanying prospectus, the statements made in the accompanying prospectus are deemed modified or superseded by the statements made in this prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus together with the additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" in this prospectus supplement before investing in our Senior Notes. For more details, you should read the exhibits filed with the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are a part.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement and the documents it incorporates by reference contain statements that are not historical fact and constitute "forward-looking statements." When we use words like "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "pla "estimates," "may," "should," or similar expressions, or when we discuss our strategy or plans, we are making forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance. They involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Our future results may differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements. These statements are necessarily based upon various assumptions involving judgments with respect to the future and other risks, including, among others:

general economic conditions, including the availability of credit, access to existing lines of credit, access to the commercial paper markets, actions of rating agencies and their impact on capital expenditures; our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to access the capital markets and obtain financing on favorable terms as well as inflation rates and monetary fluctuations;

prices and availability of electricity, coal, natural gas and natural gas liquids;

the timing and extent of changes in commodity prices, particularly natural gas and natural gas liquids, the competitive effects of the available pipeline capacity in the regions served by Enable Midstream Partners, LP ("Enable"), and the effects of geographic and seasonal commodity price differentials, including the effects of these circumstances on re-contracting available capacity on Enable's interstate pipelines;

the timing and extent of changes in the supply of natural gas, particularly supplies available for gathering by Enable's gathering and processing business and transporting by Enable's interstate pipelines, including the impact of natural gas and natural gas liquids prices on the level of drilling and production activities in the regions Enable serves;

- business conditions in the energy and natural gas midstream
- industries:

competitive factors, including the extent and timing of the entry of additional competition in the markets we serve; unusual weather;

availability and prices of raw materials for current and future construction projects;

Federal or state legislation and regulatory decisions and initiatives that affect cost and investment recovery, have an impact on rate structures or affect the speed and degree to which competition enters our markets;

environmental laws and regulations that may impact our operations;

changes in accounting standards, rules or guidelines;

• the discontinuance of accounting principles for certain types of rate-regulated activities:

the cost of protecting assets against, or damage due to, terrorism or cyber-attacks and other catastrophic events; advances in technology;

ereditworthiness of suppliers, customers and other contractual parties;

difficulty in making accurate assumptions and projections regarding future revenues and costs associated with our equity investment in Enable that we do not control; and

other factors listed from time to time in reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. In the light of these risks and uncertainties, there can be no assurance that the results and events contemplated by the forward-looking information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus will in fact transpire. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. These risks and uncertainties are discussed in more detail under "Business," "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and other documents on file with the SEC. You may obtain copies of these documents as described under "Where You Can Find More Information."

#### PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by and should be read together with the more detailed information and financial statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

OGE Energy Corp.

Company Background

We are an energy and energy services provider offering physical delivery and related services for both electricity and natural gas primarily in the south central United States. We conduct these activities through two business segments: (i) electric utility and (ii) natural gas midstream operations.

Our electric utility segment generates, transmits, distributes and sells electric energy in Oklahoma and western Arkansas. These operations are conducted through our subsidiary, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E"), and are subject to regulation by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. OG&E was incorporated in 1902 under the laws of the Oklahoma Territory. OG&E is the largest electric utility in Oklahoma and its franchised service territory includes the Fort Smith, Arkansas area. OG&E sold its retail natural gas business in 1928 and is no longer engaged in the natural gas distribution business.

Our natural gas midstream operations segment consists of our investment in Enable. Enable is engaged in the business of gathering, processing, transporting and storing natural gas. Enable's natural gas gathering and processing assets are strategically located in four states and serve natural gas production from shale developments in the Anadarko, Arkoma and Ark-La-Tex basins. Enable also owns an emerging crude oil gathering business in the Bakken shale formation that commenced initial operations in November 2013. Enable is continuing to construct additional crude oil gathering capacity in this area. Enable's natural gas transportation and storage assets extend from western Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle to Alabama and from Louisiana to Illinois.

The general partner of Enable is equally controlled by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and us, and we each have 50 percent of the management rights. Based on the 50/50 management ownership, with neither company having control, effective May 1, 2013, we began accounting for our interest in Enable using the equity method of accounting. At September 30, 2014, through our wholly owned subsidiary OGE Enogex Holdings LLC, we hold 26.3 percent of the limited partner interests in Enable. We also own a 60 percent interest in any incentive distribution rights in Enable.

We were incorporated in August 1995 in the state of Oklahoma and our principal executive offices are located at 321 North Harvey, P.O. Box 321, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-0321; telephone 405-553-3000.

#### The Offering

The following summary contains basic information about this offering. Because this is only a summary, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For a more complete understanding of this offering, we encourage you to read this entire prospectus supplement, including "Supplemental Description of Debt Securities", the accompanying prospectus, including "Description of Debt Securities", and the documents referred to in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

Issuer OGE Energy Corp.

\$100,000,000 principal amount of Floating Rate Senior Notes, Series due November 24, Securities Offered

2017

Maturity November 24, 2017

The per annum interest rate on the Senior Notes will be reset quarterly based on the Interest Rate

three-month LIBOR plus 0.55%.

February 24, May 24, August 24 and November 24 of each year, beginning **Interest Payment Dates** 

on February 24, 2015.

The Senior Notes are our senior unsecured obligations and rank equally with all of our existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. We currently have no outstanding debt obligations that are junior to the Senior Notes. We are structured as a holding company and conduct substantially all of our business operations through our subsidiaries and our investment in Enable. The Senior Notes will be effectively

subordinated to existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries. At September 30, 2014, our subsidiaries had aggregate indebtedness and other liabilities of approximately \$5.0 billion. The Indenture under which the Senior Notes will be issued will not prevent us from incurring additional indebtedness, which may be secured by some or all of our assets. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we do not have any plans to issue secured indebtedness. The Senior Notes will not have the benefit of any financial or

other restrictive covenants.

Redemption The Senior Notes will not be redeemable prior to maturity.

> We may, from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the Senior Notes offered by this prospectus supplement, reopen the Senior Notes and issue additional Senior Notes with the same terms (except for the public offering price, issue date and, if

applicable, the initial interest payment date) as the Senior Notes offered by this prospectus supplement. Any such additional Senior Notes, together with the Senior

Notes offered by this prospectus supplement, will constitute a single series under the Indenture. See "Supplemental Description of Senior Notes—Reopening of Series" for more

information.

The net proceeds from the sale of the Senior Notes, after deducting the underwriting discount and our estimated offering expenses, will be approximately \$ 99.35 million. We will add the net proceeds from the sale of the Senior Notes to our general funds and use those net proceeds to repay short-term debt, including short-term debt incurred to pay at maturity \$100,000,000 of our 5.000% Senior Notes, Series due November 15, 2014. See

"Use of Proceeds" on page S-7. At November 18, 2014, we had approximately \$439.1

million of short-term debt outstanding. UMB Bank, N.A.

Investing in the Senior Notes involves risks. See "Risk Factors" in this prospectus

supplement and other information included or incorporated by reference in this

prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of the factors

you should consider carefully before deciding to invest in the Senior Notes.

Trustee

Ranking

Risk Factors

Use of Proceeds

Reopening of Series

#### Summary Financial Data

We are providing the following selected financial information to assist you in analyzing an investment in our Senior Notes. We derived the financial information presented below as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013 from the audited financial statements included in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. We derived the financial information presented below as of September 30, 2014 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 from our interim unaudited financial statements included in our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014. In the opinion of management, such interim unaudited financial statements contain all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, that are necessary to present fairly the results for the interim periods presented.

The financial information below should be read in conjunction with the historical financial statements and related notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" contained in the annual, quarterly and other reports filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

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	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year Ended December 31,			
	2014	2013	2013	2012	2011	
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Income statement data:						
Operating revenues	\$1,926.9	\$2,358.8	\$2,867.7	\$3,671.2	\$3,915.9	
Cost of sales	869.6	1,196.6	1,428.9	1,918.7	2,277.9	
Operating expenses	605.6	682.0	885.3	1,075.6	991.3	
Operating income	451.7	480.2	553.5	676.9	646.7	
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	131.9	64.5	101.9			
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	3.0	4.4	6.6	6.2	20.4	
Other income	11.7	25.4	31.8	17.6	19.8	
Other expense	(11.2		)(22.2	)(16.5		)
Interest expense	112.5	112.2	147.5	164.1	140.9	
Income tax expense	137.2	110.2	130.3	135.1	160.7	
Net income	337.4	336.2	393.8	385.0	363.6	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest (1)	_	6.2	6.2	30.0	20.7	
Net income attributable to OGE Energy	\$337.4	\$330.0	\$387.6	\$355.0	\$342.9	
			At December		31,	
	At Septemb	er 30, 2014	2013 2		012	
	(Unaudited)		(Audited)			
	(In millions	)				
Balance sheet data:						
Net property, plant and equipment	\$6,927.1		\$6,67		8,344.8	
Total assets	\$9,462.7		\$9,13		9,922.2	
Long-term debt due within one year			\$100		_	
Long-term debt	\$2,509.7		\$2,30		2,848.6	
Total stockholders' equity	\$3,243.0		\$3,03		3,072.4	
(1)Represents income attributable to minority investor in En	ngevilli'nr	ior to the to	armation of	Hnanie		

<sup>(1)</sup>Represents income attributable to minority investor in Enogex LLC prior to the formation of Enable.

Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

(Unaudited)

Our ratios of earnings to fixed charges were as follows for the periods indicated in the table below.

	Nine Months					
	Ended	Year Ended December 31,				
	September 30,					
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	5.05	4.30	3.94	4.12	4.02	3.38

For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, (1) earnings consist of pre-tax income from continuing operations plus fixed charges, less allowance for borrowed funds used during construction and minority interest expense; and (2) fixed charges consist of interest on long-term debt, related amortization, interest on short-term borrowings and a calculated portion of rents considered to be interest.

Assuming that our variable interest rate debt continues at interest rates in effect on September 30, 2014, the annual interest requirement on our long-term debt outstanding at September 30, 2014, was approximately \$138.7 million. Capitalization

The following table sets forth our short-term debt and capitalization at September 30, 2014.

	At September 30, 2014			
	(Unaudited)			
	Millions of Percent of			
	Dollars	Capitalization		
Short-term debt	\$411.4	6.7	%	
Long-Term debt	2,509.7	40.7	%	
Total debt	2,921.1	47.4	%	
Total stockholders' equity	3,243.0	52.6	%	
Total capitalization	\$6,164.1	100.0	%	

#### RISK FACTORS

An investment in our Senior Notes involves risk. Prior to making a decision about investing in the Senior Notes, you should carefully consider the risk factors contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 under the heading "Risk Factors" and other filings we may make from time to time with the SEC. Such factors could affect actual results and cause results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by or on our behalf. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently view as immaterial may also affect our business operations.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We anticipate that the net proceeds from the offering (after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses) will be approximately \$99.35 million. We will add the net proceeds from the sale of the Senior Notes to our general funds and use those proceeds to repay short-term debt, including short-term debt incurred to pay at maturity \$100,000,000 of our 5.000% Senior Notes, Series due November 15, 2014. At November 18, 2014, we had approximately \$439.1 million of short-term debt outstanding.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

Please read the following information concerning the Senior Notes in conjunction with the statements under "Description of Debt Securities" in the accompanying prospectus, which the following information supplements and, if there are any inconsistencies, supersedes. The following description is not complete. The Senior Notes will be issued under the Indenture dated as of November 1, 2004, as supplemented (the "Indenture"), that we have entered into with UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"). The Indenture is described in the accompanying prospectus and is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement under which the Senior Notes are being offered and sold.

#### General

We will offer \$100,000,000 of Floating Rate Senior Notes, Series due November 24, 2017 as a series of notes under the Indenture.

#### Maturity

The entire principal amount of the Senior Notes will mature and become due and payable, together with any accrued and unpaid interest, on November 24, 2017.

#### Interest

Each Senior Note shall bear interest from the date of original issuance, payable quarterly in arrears on February 24, May 24, August 24 and November 24 of each year to the person in whose name such Senior Note is registered at the close of business on the fifteenth calendar day prior to such interest payment date, whether or not a business day. However, interest payable on the maturity date of a Senior Note will be paid to the person to whom principal is payable. The initial interest payment date is February 24, 2015. The amount of interest payable will be computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a 360-day year. If any interest payment date (other than the maturity date) would otherwise be a day that is not a business day, the interest payment date will be the next succeeding business day. If the maturity date is not a business day, the principal and interest due on that date will be payable on the next succeeding business day, and no interest shall accrue for the intervening period. The Company will pay the principal of the Senior Notes and interest payable at maturity in immediately available funds at the corporate trust offices of the Trustee, UMB Bank, N.A.

The Senior Notes will bear interest for each quarterly Interest Period at a per annum rate determined by the Calculation Agent, subject to the maximum interest rate permitted by Oklahoma law or other applicable state law, as such law may be modified by United States law of general application. The interest rate applicable during each quarterly Interest Period will be equal to LIBOR on the Interest Determination Date for such Interest Period plus 0.55%. Promptly upon such determination, the Calculation Agent will notify us and the Trustee, if the Trustee is not then serving as the

Calculation Agent, of the interest rate for the new Interest Period. The interest rate determined by the Calculation Agent, absent manifest error, shall be binding and conclusive upon the beneficial owners and holders of the Senior Notes, us and the Trustee.

Upon the request of a holder of the Senior Notes, the Calculation Agent will provide to such holder the interest rate in effect on the date of such request and, if determined, the interest rate for the next Interest Period.

The accrued interest for any period is calculated by multiplying the principal amount of a Senior Note by an accrued interest factor. The accrued interest factor is computed by adding the interest factor calculated for each day in the period for which accrued interest is being calculated. The interest factor (expressed as a decimal rounded upwards if necessary) is computed by dividing the interest rate (expressed as a decimal rounded upwards if necessary) applicable to such date by 360.

All percentages resulting from any calculation of the interest rate on the Senior Notes will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one-hundred thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upwards (e.g., 9.876545% (or .09876545) being rounded to 9.87655% (or .0987655) and 9.876544% (or .09876544) being rounded to 9.87654% (or .0987654)), and all dollar amounts used in or resulting from such calculation will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent being rounded upwards).

The following definitions apply to the Senior Notes.

"Bloomberg L.P.'s page "BBAM"" means the display that appears on Bloomberg L.P.'s page "BBAM" or any page as may replace such page on such service (or any successor service) for the purpose of displaying the London interbank offered rate for U.S. dollar deposits.

"Calculation Agent" means UMB Bank, N.A., or its successor appointed by us, acting as calculation agent. "Interest Determination Date" means the second London Business Day immediately preceding the first day of the relevant Interest Period.

"Interest Period" means the period commencing on an interest payment date for the Senior Notes (or, with respect to the initial Interest Period only, commencing on the issue date for the Senior Notes) and ending on the day before the next succeeding interest payment date for the Senior Notes.

"LIBOR" means, with respect to any Interest Period, the rate (expressed as a percentage per annum) for deposits in U.S. dollars for a three-month period commencing on the first day of that Interest Period and ending on the next interest payment date that appears on Bloomberg L.P.'s page "BBAM" as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the Interest Determination Date for that Interest Period. If such rate does not appear on Bloomberg L.P.'s page "BBAM" as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the Interest Determination Date for that Interest Period, LIBOR will be determined on the basis of the rates at which deposits in U.S. dollars for the Interest Period and in a principal amount of not less than \$1,000,000 are offered to prime banks in the London interbank market by four major banks in the London interbank market, which may include affiliates of one or more of the underwriters of the Senior Notes, selected by the Company, at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the Interest Determination Date for that Interest Period. The Calculation Agent will request the principal London office of each such bank to provide a quotation of its rate. If at least two such quotations are provided, LIBOR with respect to that Interest Period will be the arithmetic mean of such quotations. If fewer than two quotations are provided, LIBOR with respect to that Interest Period will be the arithmetic mean of the rates quoted by three major banks in New York City, which may include affiliates of one or more of the underwriters of the Senior Notes, selected by the Company, at approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the Interest Determination Date for that Interest Period for loans in U.S. dollars to leading European banks for that Interest Period and in a principal amount of not less than \$1,000,000. However, if fewer than three banks selected by the Company to provide quotations are quoting as described above, LIBOR for that Interest Period will be the same as LIBOR as determined for the previous Interest Period.

"London Business Day" means a day that is a business day and a day on which dealings in deposits in U.S. dollars are transacted, or with respect to any future date are expected to be transacted, in the London interbank market.

#### Ranking; No Financial Covenants

The Senior Notes will be unsecured obligations and will rank on a parity with all of our other existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The Senior Notes will be obligations exclusively of the Company. We are structured as a holding company and conduct substantially all of our business operations through our subsidiaries and our investment in Enable. As a holding company, we have no material assets other than our ownership of the common stock of our subsidiaries and our investment in Enable. The Senior Notes will be effectively subordinated to existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries. At September 30, 2014, our subsidiaries had aggregate indebtedness and other liabilities of approximately \$5.0 billion.

The Indenture does not contain any financial or other restrictive covenants.

### Reopening of Series

We may, from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the Senior Notes offered by this prospectus supplement, reopen the Senior Notes and issue additional Senior Notes with the same terms (except for the public offering price, issue date and, if applicable, the initial interest payment date) as the Senior Notes offered by this prospectus supplement. Any such additional Senior Notes, together with the Senior Notes offered by this prospectus supplement, will constitute a single series under the Indenture.

#### No Redemption

The Senior Notes will not be redeemable prior to maturity.

No Sinking Fund

We will not be required to make any sinking fund payments with regard to the Senior Notes.

#### Forms and Denomination

The Senior Notes will be issued as one or more global securities in the name of a nominee of The Depository Trust Company and will be available only in book-entry form. See "Book-Entry System" in the accompanying prospectus. The Senior Notes are available for purchase in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

### UNDERWRITING

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, we have agreed to sell to each of the underwriters named below and each of the underwriters has severally agreed to purchase from us, the respective amount of Senior Notes set forth opposite its name below:

Underwriter	Principal Amount of		
Oliderwriter	Senior Notes		
BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC	\$33,333,000		
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	33,333,000		
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	33,334,000		
Total	\$100,000,000		

If any of the Senior Notes are purchased by the underwriters under the underwriting agreement, then all of the Senior Notes must be purchased.

The underwriters have advised us that they propose initially to offer the Senior Notes to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. They also may offer the Senior Notes to dealers at the public offering price less a concession not in excess of 0.20% of the principal amount of the Senior Notes. The underwriters may allow, and the dealers may reallow, a concession not in excess of 0.15% of the principal amount of

the Senior Notes on sales to other dealers. After the initial offering of the Senior Notes to the public is completed, the underwriters may change the offering price and the concessions.

The following table shows the underwriting discount that we will pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering of the Senior Notes.

Per Senior Note
Floating Rate Senior Notes, Series due November 24, 2017

Per Senior Note
0.35

% \$350,000

We estimate that our total expenses for this offering, not including the underwriting discount, will be approximately \$300,000 and will be payable by us.

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for the Senior Notes. The Senior Notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or included in any automated quotation system. The underwriters have informed us that they may make a market in the Senior Notes from time to time. The underwriters are under no obligation to make a market in the Senior Notes and any such market may be discontinued without notice.

In connection with the offering of the Senior Notes, the rules of the SEC permit the underwriters to engage in transactions that stabilize the price of the Senior Notes. These transactions may consist of bids or purchases for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the Senior Notes. If the underwriters create a short position in the Senior Notes (that is, if they sell a larger principal amount of the Senior Notes than is set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement), the underwriters may reduce that short position by purchasing Senior Notes in the open market.

In general, purchases of a security for the purpose of stabilization or to reduce a short position could cause the price of the security to be higher than it might otherwise be in the absence of those purchases. Neither we nor any of the underwriters can predict the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the Senior Notes. In addition, neither we nor any of the underwriters can assure you that the underwriters will in fact engage in these transactions, or that these transactions, once begun, will not be discontinued without notice by the underwriters.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Alternatively, we may be required to contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make as a result of these liabilities.

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. In the ordinary course of their respective businesses, the underwriters and their affiliates have provided, and may in the future provide, investment banking, advisory or commercial banking services to us and our affiliates for which they have received, or may receive, customary fees and expenses. Affiliates of certain of the underwriters are participants in our credit facility and OG&E's credit facility.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. Certain of the underwriters or their respective affiliates that have a lending relationship with us routinely hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their respective affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the Senior Notes offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Senior Notes offered hereby. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

#### **EXPERTS**

Our consolidated financial statements appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (including the schedule appearing therein), and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon included therein, and incorporated herein by reference which, as to the year 2013, are based in part on the report of Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accounting firm. Such consolidated financial statements and schedule are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The combined and consolidated financial statements of Enable Midstream Partners, LP (previously named CenterPoint Energy Field Services, LLC) and subsidiaries, incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 12, 2014, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is incorporated herein by reference (which report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the preparation of the combined and consolidated financial statements of Enable Midstream Partners, LP from the historical accounting records maintained by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and its subsidiaries and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the retrospective application of the reverse unit split described in Note 1). Such combined and consolidated financial statements are included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's web site at http://www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room.

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" in this prospectus supplement the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. We incorporate by reference the following documents:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, except for the financial statements of Enable Midstream Partners, LP as of and for the three years ended December 31, 2013 filed as exhibit 99.06,
- which are incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.01 of our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on November 12, 2014;

Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2014, June 30, 2014 and September 30, 2014; and

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on February 5, 2014, March 25, 2014, April 23, 2014, May 21, 2014, June 25, 2014, September 3, 2014 and November 12, 2014.

We also incorporate by reference all future filings we make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, on or after the date of this prospectus supplement until we sell all of the Senior Notes.

We are not required to, and do not expect to, provide annual reports to holders of our debt securities unless specifically requested by a holder.

You may request a copy of these filings at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address: Corporate Secretary
OGE Energy Corp.
321 N. Harvey, P.O. Box 321
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-0321
(405) 553-3000

#### **PROSPECTUS**

OGE ENERGY CORP. 321 N. Harvey, P.O. Box 321 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-0321 (405) 553-3000

# COMMON STOCK, \$0.01 PAR VALUE PER SHARE DEBT SECURITIES

We may offer for sale from time to time in one or more issuances (1) shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and (2) one or more series of unsecured debt securities, which may be notes or debentures or other unsecured evidences of indebtedness. The common stock and debt securities are collectively referred to in this prospectus as the "Securities." We will offer the Securities in an amount and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of the offering.

We will provide the specific terms of these Securities in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest. This prospectus may not be used to sell Securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "OGE." On May 1, 2013, the closing price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$71.00 per share.

Prior to making a decision about investing in our Securities, you should consider carefully any risk factors contained in a prospectus supplement, as well as the risk factors set forth in our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and other filings we may make from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). See "Risk Factors" on page 3.

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these Securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is May 3, 2013.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement or in any free writing prospectus that we may provide to you. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell these Securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement or in any free writing prospectus that we may provide to you is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of those documents.

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This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Under this process, we are registering an unspecified amount of our Securities, and may issue any of such Securities in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the Securities we may offer. Each time we sell any of the Securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information." For more details, you should read the exhibits filed with the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. In this prospectus, "we," "us," "our" and "our company" refer to OGE Energy Corp.

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Except for the historical statements contained herein and therein, the matters discussed in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference are forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such forward-looking statements are intended to be identified in this document by the words "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "objective", "plan", "possible", "potential", "project" and similar expressions. Actual results may vary materially. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

general economic conditions, including the availability of credit, access to existing lines of credit, access to the commercial paper markets, actions of rating agencies and their impact on capital expenditures;

our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to access the capital markets and obtain financing on favorable terms as well as inflation rates and monetary fluctuations;

prices and availability of electricity, coal, natural gas and natural gas liquids, each on a stand-alone basis and in relation to each other as well as the processing contract mix between percent-of-liquids, percent-of-proceeds, keep-whole and fixed-fee;

• business conditions in the energy and natural gas midstream industries:

competitive factors including the extent and timing of the entry of additional competition in the markets we serve; unusual weather;

availability and prices of raw materials for current and future construction projects;

Federal or state legislation and regulatory decisions and initiatives that affect cost and investment recovery, have an impact on rate structures or affect the speed and degree to which competition enters our markets;

environmental laws and regulations that may impact our operations;

changes in accounting standards, rules or guidelines;

the discontinuance of accounting principles for certain types of rate-regulated activities:

the cost of protecting assets against, or damage due to, terrorism or cyber attacks and other catastrophic events; advances in technology;

ereditworthiness of suppliers, customers and other contractual parties;

the higher degree of risk associated with our nonregulated business compared with our regulated utility business; the risk that the midstream partnership between OGE Energy and CenterPoint Energy, Inc. may not be able to successfully integrate the operations of Enogex LLC and a wholly-owned subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy Inc.; and other risk factors listed from time to time in the reports we file with the SEC.

In light of these risks and uncertainties, there can be no assurance that the results and events contemplated by the forward-looking statements contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus will in fact transpire. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new

information, future events or otherwise. These risks and uncertainties are discussed in more detail under "Business," "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and other documents on file with the SEC. You may obtain copies of these documents as described under "Where You Can Find More Information." We may also describe additional risk factors in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### OGE ENERGY CORP.

We are an energy and energy services provider offering physical delivery and related services for both electricity and natural gas primarily in the south central United States. Our businesses consist of electric utility, natural gas transportation and storage and natural gas gathering and processing.

Our electric utility business generates, transmits, distributes and sells electric energy in Oklahoma and western Arkansas. These operations are conducted through Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E") and are subject to regulation by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. OG&E is the largest electric utility in Oklahoma and its franchised service territory includes the Fort Smith, Arkansas area. OG&E sold its retail gas business in 1928 and is no longer engaged in the natural gas distribution business.

Prior to May 1, 2013, our natural gas gathering, processing, transportation and storage operations were conducted through our wholly-owned subsidiary, OGE Enogex Holdings LLC, which, at March 31, 2013, owned a 79.9 percent membership interest in Enogex Holdings and its subsidiaries ("Enogex"), which are providers of integrated natural gas midstream services. Most of Enogex's natural gas gathering, processing, transportation and storage assets are strategically located in the Arkoma and Anadarko basins of Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle.

On March 14, 2013, we entered into a Master Formation Agreement ("MFA") with two affiliates of ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC (Bronco Midstream Holdings, LLC and Bronco Midstream Holdings II, LLC, collectively, the "Bronco Group"), and CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ("CenterPoint"), pursuant to which we, the Bronco Group and CenterPoint agreed to form a midstream partnership to own and operate our midstream business and the midstream business of a wholly owned subsidiary of CenterPoint. This transaction closed on May 1, 2013. Accordingly, as of May 1, 2013, we held a 28.5 percent limited partner interest in the midstream partnership and a 50 percent management interest in the general partner of the midstream partnership.

We were incorporated in Oklahoma on August 4, 1995 and became the holding company parent of OG&E and Enogex on December 31, 1996. Our principal executive offices are located at 321 N. Harvey, P.O. Box 321, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-0321. Our telephone number is (405) 553-3000. Our web site address is www.oge.com. Our web site address is provided for informational purposes only. No information contained in, or that can be accessed through, our web site is to be considered part of this prospectus.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our Securities involves risk. Prior to making a decision about investing in our Securities, you should carefully consider any risk factors contained in a prospectus supplement, as well as the risk factors set forth in our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K under the heading "Risk Factors" and other filings we may make from time to time with the SEC. Such factors could affect actual results and cause results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by or on our behalf. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently view as immaterial may also affect our business operations.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless we indicate otherwise in any applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials, we intend to add the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities to our general funds and to use those proceeds for general corporate purposes, including to fund our operating units and subsidiaries and to repay short-term debt. The specific use of the

proceeds of a particular offering of Securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

# RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES (unaudited)

Twelve	Three						
Months	Months	Voor Er	Van Endad Daarekan 21				
Ended	Ended	Year Ended December 31,					
March 31,	March 31,						
2013	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	
3.80	1.95	3.94	4.12	4.02	3.38	3.55	

Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

Due to normal seasonal fluctuations within our business and other factors, our operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2013 or for any future period.

For purposes of computing our ratio of earnings to fixed charges, (1) earnings consist of pre-tax income plus fixed charges, less allowance for borrowed funds used during construction and other capitalized interest and (2) fixed charges consist of interest on long-term debt, related amortization, interest on short-term borrowings and a calculated portion of rents considered to be interest.

Assuming that our variable interest rate debt continues at interest rates in effect on March 31, 2013, the annual interest requirement on our long-term debt outstanding at March 31, 2013, was approximately \$175.1 million.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following statements are summaries of certain provisions of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and are subject to the detailed provisions thereof. Such summaries do not purport to be complete, and reference is made to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation (which is filed as Exhibit 3.01 to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2011, File No. 1-12579) for a full and complete statement of such provisions.

#### **Authorized Shares**

Under our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, we are authorized to issue 225,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 99,116,609 shares were outstanding on March 31, 2013.

We are also authorized to issue 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. No shares of preferred stock are currently outstanding. Without shareholder approval, we may issue preferred stock in the future in such series as may be designated by our board of directors. In creating any such series, our board of directors has the authority to fix the rights and preferences of each series with respect to, among other things, the dividend rate, redemption provisions, liquidation preferences, sinking fund provisions, conversion rights and voting rights. The terms of any series of preferred stock that we may issue in the future may provide the holders of such preferred stock with rights that are senior to the rights of the holders of our common stock.

## **Dividend Rights**

Before we can pay any dividends on our common stock, the holders of our preferred stock that may be outstanding are entitled to receive their dividends at the respective rates as may be provided for the shares of their series. Currently, there are no shares of our preferred stock outstanding. Because we are a holding company and conduct all of our operations through our subsidiaries, our cash flow and ability to pay dividends will be dependent on the earnings and cash flows of our subsidiaries and other equity interests and the distribution or other payment of those earnings to us in the form of dividends or distributions, or in the form of repayments of loans or advances to us. We expect to derive principally all of the funds required by us to enable us to pay dividends on our common stock from dividends paid by OG&E, on OG&E's common stock, and from distributions paid by OGE Enogex Holdings LLC, on OGE Enogex's limited liability company interests, including distributions from its equity interests. Our ability to receive dividends on OG&E's common stock is subject to the prior rights of the holders of any OG&E preferred stock that may be outstanding, any covenants of OG&E's certificate of incorporation and OG&E's debt instruments limiting the ability

of OG&E to pay dividends and the ability of public utility commissions that regulate OG&E to effectively restrict the payment of dividends by OG&E. Our ability to receive distributions on OGE Enogex's limited liability company interests is subject to the prior rights of existing and future holders of such limited liability company interests that may be outstanding and any covenants in the debt instruments of OGE Enogex and its subsidiaries and equity interests limiting the ability to pay distributions.

## Voting Rights

Each holder of common stock that may be issued in the future is entitled to one vote per share upon all matters upon which shareowners have the right to vote and generally will vote together as one class. Our board of directors has the authority to fix conversion and voting rights for any new series of preferred stock (including the right to elect directors upon a failure to pay dividends), provided that no share of preferred stock can have more than one vote per share. Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation also contains "fair price" provisions, which require the approval by the holders of at least 80 percent of the voting power of our outstanding voting stock as a condition for mergers, consolidations, sales of substantial assets, issuances of capital stock and certain other business combinations and transactions involving us and any substantial (10 percent or more) holder of our voting stock unless the transaction is either approved by a majority of the members of our board of directors who are unaffiliated with the substantial holder or specified minimum price and procedural requirements are met. The provisions summarized in the foregoing sentence may be amended only by the approval of the holders of at least 80 percent of the voting power of our outstanding voting stock. Our voting stock consists of all outstanding shares entitled to vote generally in the election of directors and currently consists of our common stock.

Our voting stock does not have cumulative voting rights for the election of directors. Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws currently contain provisions stating that: (1) directors may be removed only with the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of our shares generally entitled to vote; (2) any vacancy on the board of directors will be filled only by the remaining directors then in office, though less than a quorum; (3) advance notice of introduction by shareowners of business at annual shareowner meetings and of shareowner nominations for the election of directors must be given and that certain information must be provided with respect to such matters; (4) shareowner action may be taken only at an annual meeting of shareowners or a special meeting of shareowners called by the President or the board of directors; and (5) the foregoing provisions may be amended only by the approval of the holders of at least 80 percent of the voting power of the shares generally entitled to vote. These provisions, along with the "fair price" provisions discussed above, the business combination and control share acquisition provision discussed below, may deter attempts to cause a change in control of our company (by proxy contest, tender offer or otherwise) and will make more difficult a change in control that is opposed by our board of directors.

## Liquidation Rights

Subject to possible prior rights of holders of other preferred stock that may be issued in the future, in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of our common stock are entitled to receive the remaining assets and funds pro rata, according to the number of shares of common stock held.

#### Other Provisions

Oklahoma has enacted legislation aimed at regulating takeovers of corporations and restricting specified business combinations with interested shareholders. Under the Oklahoma General Corporation Act, a shareowner who acquires more than 15 percent of the outstanding voting shares of a corporation subject to the statute, but less than 85 percent of such shares, is prohibited from engaging in specified "business combinations" with the corporation for three years after the date that the shareowner became an interested stockholder. This provision does not apply if (1) before the acquisition date the corporation's board of directors has approved either the business combination or the transaction in which the shareowner became an interested shareowner or (2) the corporation's board of directors approves the business combination and at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation not owned by the interested shareowner vote to authorize the business combination. The term "business combination" encompasses a wide variety of transactions with or caused by an interested shareowner in which the interested shareowner receives

or could receive a benefit on other than a pro rata basis with other shareowners, including mergers, specified asset sales, specified issuances of additional shares to the interested shareowner, transactions with the corporation that increase the proportionate interest of the interested shareowner or transactions in which the interested shareowner receives certain other benefits.

Oklahoma law also contains control share acquisition provisions. These provisions generally require the approval of the holders of a majority of the corporation's voting shares held by disinterested shareowners before a person purchasing one-fifth or more of the corporation's voting shares can vote the shares in excess of the one-fifth interest. Similar shareholder approvals are required at one-third and majority thresholds.

The board of directors may allot and issue shares of common stock for such consideration, not less than the par value thereof, as it may from time to time determine. No holder of common stock has the preemptive right to subscribe for or purchase any part of any new or additional issue of stock or securities convertible into stock. Our common stock is not subject to further calls or to assessment by us.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Computershare is the Transfer Agent and Registrar for our common stock.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES**

The description below contains summaries of selected provisions of the indenture, including the supplemental indenture, under which our debt securities will be issued. These summaries are not complete. The indenture and the form of supplemental indenture applicable to our debt securities have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. You should read the indenture and the supplemental indenture for provisions that may be important to you. In the summaries below, we have included references to section numbers of the indenture so that you can easily locate these provisions.

We are not required to issue future issues of indebtedness under the indenture described in this prospectus. We are free to use other indentures or documentation, containing provisions different from those described in this prospectus, in connection with future issues of other indebtedness not under this registration statement. At March 31, 2013, there was one series of senior debt securities, aggregating \$100.0 million in principal amount, outstanding under the Indenture (as defined below).

Our debt securities will be represented either by global securities registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), as depository ("Depository"), or its nominee, or by securities in certificated form issued to the registered owners, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. See "Book-Entry System" in this prospectus. General

We may issue our debt securities as notes or debentures or other unsecured evidences of indebtedness (collectively referred to as the "Debt Securities") in one or more new series under an indenture dated as of November 1, 2004 between us and UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"). This indenture, as previously supplemented by supplemental indentures and as to be supplemented by a new supplemental indenture for each series of Debt Securities, is referred to in this prospectus as the "Indenture."

The Debt Securities will be unsecured obligations and will rank on a parity with our other existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness, including other senior debt securities previously issued under the Indenture and senior debt securities that may be issued under the Indenture subsequent to the issuance of the Debt Securities.

The Debt Securities will be obligations exclusively of our company. As a holding company, we have no material assets other than our ownership of the common stock of our subsidiaries. Unless we say otherwise in a prospectus supplement, we will rely entirely upon distributions and other amounts received from our subsidiaries to meet the payment obligations under the Debt Securities.

Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay amounts due under the Debt Securities or otherwise to make any funds available to us. This includes the payment of dividends or other distributions or the extension of loans or advances, unless we say otherwise in a prospectus supplement. Public utility commissions that regulate our utility subsidiary may effectively restrict the payment of dividends to us by our utility subsidiary. See "Description of Capital Stock-Dividend Rights" for a description of certain limits on the ability of our regulated utility subsidiary, OG&E, to pay dividends on its common stock. Furthermore, the ability of our subsidiaries to make any payments to us would be dependent upon the terms of any credit facilities of the subsidiaries and upon the subsidiaries' earnings, which are subject to various business risks. In a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, claims of holders of the Debt Securities would be satisfied solely from our equity interests in our subsidiaries remaining after the satisfaction of claims of creditors of the subsidiaries. Accordingly, the Debt Securities are effectively subordinated to existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries to their respective creditors.

We sometimes refer in this prospectus to debt securities issued under the Indenture, whether previously issued or to be issued in the future, including the Debt Securities, as the "Notes." The amount of Notes that we may issue under the Indenture is not limited.

The Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series, may be issued at various times, may have differing maturity dates and may bear interest at differing rates. The prospectus supplement applicable to each issue of Debt Securities will specify:

the title, aggregate principal amount and offering price of that series of Debt Securities;

the interest rate or rates, or method of calculation of the rate or rates, on that series, and the date from which the interest will accrue;

the dates on which interest will be payable;

the record dates for payments of interest;

the date on which the Debt Securities of that series will mature;

any redemption terms;

the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the Debt Securities of that series may be repaid, in whole or in part, at the option of the holder thereof; and other specific terms applicable to the Debt Securities of that series.

Any special U.S. Federal income tax considerations applicable to Debt Securities sold at an original issue discount and any special U.S. Federal income tax or other considerations applicable to any Debt Securities that are denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that series of Debt Securities.

Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Debt Securities will be denominated in U.S. dollars in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, there will be no provisions in the Indenture or the Debt Securities that require us to redeem, or permit the holders to cause a redemption or repurchase of, the Debt Securities or that otherwise protect the holders in the event that we incur substantial additional indebtedness, whether or not in connection with a change in control of our company.

Registration, Transfer And Exchange

Debt Securities of any series may be exchanged for other Debt Securities of the same series of any authorized denominations and of a like aggregate principal amount, stated maturity and original issue date. (Section 2.06 of the Indenture.)

Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, Debt Securities may be presented for registration of transfer (duly endorsed or accompanied by a duly executed written instrument of transfer), at the office of the Trustee maintained for that purpose and referred to in the applicable prospectus supplement, without service charge and upon payment of any taxes and other governmental charges as described in the Indenture. Any transfer or exchange will be effected upon the Trustee's satisfaction with the documents of title and indemnity of the person making the request. (Sections 2.06 and 2.07 of the Indenture.)

The Trustee will not be required to exchange or register a transfer of any Debt Securities of a series that is selected, called or being called for redemption except, in the case of any Debt Security to be redeemed in part, the portion thereof not to be so redeemed. (Section 2.06 of the Indenture.) See "Book-Entry System" in this prospectus. Payment and Paying Agents

Principal, interest and premium, if any, on Debt Securities issued in the form of global securities will be paid in the manner described below under the heading "Book-Entry System." Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, interest on Debt Securities that are in the form of certificated securities will be paid by check mailed to the holder at that holder's address as it appears in the register for the Debt Securities maintained by the Trustee; however, a holder of \$10,000,000 or more of Notes having the same interest payment dates will be entitled to receive payments of interest by wire transfer to a bank within the continental United States, if appropriate wire transfer instructions have been received by the Trustee on or prior to the applicable record date. (Section 2.12 of the Indenture.) Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the principal, interest at maturity and premium, if any, on Debt Securities in the form of certificated securities will be payable in immediately available funds at the office of the Trustee upon presentation of the Debt Securities. (Section 2.12 of the Indenture.)

All monies paid by us to a paying agent for the payment of principal, interest or premium on any Debt Securities that remain unclaimed at the end of two years after that principal, interest or premium has become due and payable will be repaid to us, and the holders of those Debt Securities may thereafter look only to us for payment of that principal, interest or premium. (Section 4.04 of the Indenture.)

**Events of Default** 

The following are events of default under the Indenture:

default in the payment of principal and premium, if any, on any Note issued under the Indenture when due and payable and continuance of that default for a period of five days;

default in the payment of interest on any Note issued under the Indenture when due and continuance of that default for 30 days;

default in the performance or breach of any of our other covenants or warranties in the Indenture and the continuation of that default or breach for 90 days after written notice to us as provided in the Indenture; and specified events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of our company. (Section 7.01 of the Indenture.) Acceleration of Maturity. If an event of default occurs and is continuing, either the Trustee or the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes may declare the principal amount of all Notes to be due and payable immediately. At any time after an acceleration of the Notes has been declared, but before a judgment or

payable immediately. At any time after an acceleration of the Notes has been declared, but before a judgment or decree of the immediate payment of the principal amount of the Notes has been obtained, if we pay or deposit with the Trustee

a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest and the principal and any premium which has become due otherwise than by acceleration and all defaults have been cured or waived, then that payment or deposit will cause an automatic rescission and annulment of the acceleration of the Notes. (Section 7.01 of the Indenture.)

Indemnification of Trustee. The Trustee generally will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders unless the holders have offered reasonable security to the Trustee. (Section 8.02 of the Indenture.)

Right to Direct Proceedings. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes generally will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, relating to the Notes. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes generally will be able to waive any past default or event of default except a default in the payment of principal, premium or interest on the Notes. (Section 7.07 of the Indenture.) Each holder has the right to institute a proceeding relating to the Indenture, but this right is subject to conditions precedent specified in the Indenture. (Section 7.04 of the Indenture.)

Notice of Default. The Trustee is required to give the holders notice of the occurrence of a default within 90 days of the default, unless the default is cured or waived. Except in the case of a payment default on the Notes, however, the Trustee may withhold notice if it determines in good faith that it is in the interest of holders to do so. (Section 7.08 of the Indenture.) We are required to deliver to the Trustee each year a certificate as to whether or not we are in compliance with the conditions and covenants under the Indenture. (Section 5.05 of the Indenture.)

#### Modification

Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, we and the Trustee may modify and amend the Indenture and the Debt Securities from time to time. Depending upon the type of amendment, we may not need the consent or approval of any of the holders of the Notes, or we may need either the consent or approval of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes or the consent or approval of each holder affected by the proposed amendment.

We will not need the consent of the holders for the following types of amendments:

- adding to our covenants for the benefit of the holders or surrendering a right given to us in the Indenture;
- adding security for the Notes; or
- •making various other modifications, generally of a ministerial or immaterial nature. (Section 12.01 of the Indenture.) We will need the consent of the holders of each outstanding Note affected by a proposed amendment if the

amendment would cause any of the following to occur:

- a change in the maturity date or redemption date of any Note;
- a reduction in the interest rate or extension of the time of payment of interest;
- a reduction in the principal amount of any Note, the interest or premium payable on any Note, or the amount of principal that could be declared due and payable prior to the stated maturity;
- a change in the currency of any payment of principal, premium or interest on any Note;
- an impairment of the right of a holder to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment relating to any Note;

a reduction in the percentage of outstanding Notes necessary to consent to the modification or amendment of the Indenture; or

a modification of these requirements or a reduction to less than a majority of the percentage of outstanding Notes necessary to waive any past default. (Section 12.02 of the Indenture.)

Amendments other than those described in the above two paragraphs will require the approval of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes.

#### Defeasance and Discharge

We may be discharged from all obligations relating to the Notes and the Indenture (except for specified obligations such as obligations to register the transfer or exchange of Notes, replace stolen, lost or mutilated Notes and maintain paying agencies) if we irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust for the benefit of holders of Notes, money or U.S. government obligations, or any combination thereof, sufficient to make all payments of principal, premium and interest on the Notes on the dates those payments are due. To discharge those obligations, we must deliver to the Trustee an opinion of counsel that the holders of the Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. Federal income tax purposes as a result of the defeasance or discharge of the Indenture. If we discharge our obligations as described above, the holders of Notes must look only to the funds deposited with the Trustee, and not us, for payments on the Notes. (Section 4.01 of the Indenture.)

Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets; No Financial Covenants

We will not merge into any other corporation or sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all our assets unless the successor or transferee corporation assumes by supplemental indenture our obligations to pay the principal, interest and any premium on all the Notes and our obligation to perform every covenant in the Indenture that we are supposed to perform or observe. Upon any merger, sale or transfer of all or substantially all of our assets, the successor or transferee corporation will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise all of our rights and powers under the Indenture with the same effect as if the successor corporation had been named as us in the Indenture, and we will be released from all obligations under the Indenture. The Indenture defines all or substantially all of our assets as being  $66^2/_3$  percent or more of our total assets as shown on our balance sheet at the end of the prior year and specifically permits any sale, transfer or conveyance during a calendar year of less than  $66^2/_3$  percent of our total assets without the consent of the holders of the Notes. (Sections 11.01 and 11.02 of the Indenture.)

Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Indenture will not contain any financial or other similar restrictive covenants.

#### Resignation or Removal of Trustee

The Trustee may resign at any time by notifying us in writing and specifying the day that the resignation is to take effect. The resignation will not take effect, however, until a successor trustee has been appointed. (Section 8.10 of the Indenture.)

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee at any time. In addition, so long as no event of default or event which, with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, would become an event of default has occurred and is continuing, we may remove the Trustee upon (1) notice to the Trustee and the holder of each Note outstanding under the Indenture and (2) appointment of a successor Trustee. (Section 8.10 of the Indenture.)

## Concerning the Trustee

UMB Bank, N.A. is the Trustee under the Indenture. We and our affiliates maintain banking relationships with the Trustee in the ordinary course of business. The Trustee also acts as trustee for some of our other securities and securities of our affiliates.

#### **BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM**

Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Debt Securities. The Debt Securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co., DTC's partnership nominee, or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered certificate will be issued for each issue of Debt Securities, each in the aggregate principal amount of any such issue, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any issue exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of any such issue.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com. Purchases of Debt Securities under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Debt Securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Debt Security ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Debt Securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Debt Securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Debt Securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Debt Securities deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Debt Securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Debt Securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Debt Securities are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Debt Securities may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of

significant events with respect to the Debt Securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments

to the Debt Security documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Debt Securities may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Debt Securities for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Debt Securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Debt Securities unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Debt Securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds, distributions and interest payments on the Debt Securities will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from us or our agent, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, our agent or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions and interest payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of us or our agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Debt Securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to us or our agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Debt Security certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

We may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Debt Security certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but neither we nor any underwriter takes any responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the Securities offered by this prospectus through underwriters, through dealers, through agents, directly to other purchasers or through a combination of these methods, as described in the prospectus supplement relating to an offering of Securities. The distribution of the Securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

The applicable prospectus supplement will contain specific information relating to the terms of the offering, including: the name or names of any underwriters or agents;

the purchase price of the Securities;

our net proceeds from the sale of the Securities;

any underwriting discounts and other items constituting underwriters' compensation; and

the initial public offering price and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers.

## By Underwriters

If underwriters are used in the sale, the Securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account. Underwriters may offer the Securities directly or through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters. The underwriters may resell the Securities in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price, which may be changed, or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the Securities will be subject to certain conditions. The initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

## By Dealers

If dealers are used in the sale, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will sell the Securities to the dealers as principals. The dealers may then resell the Securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealers at the time of resale. The applicable prospectus supplement will contain more information about the dealers, including the names of the dealers and the terms of our agreement with them.

## By Agents and Direct Sales

We may sell the Securities directly to the public, without the use of underwriters, dealers or agents. We may also sell the Securities through agents we designate from time to time. The applicable prospectus supplement will contain more information about the agents, including the names of the agents and any commission we agree to pay the agents. General Information

Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of Securities may be deemed to be underwriters, and any discounts or commissions received by them from us and any profit on the resale of Securities by them may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act of 1933. Any person who may be deemed to be an underwriter will be identified, and any compensation received from us will be described, in the prospectus supplement.

Our outstanding common stock is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange. We may engage in at-the-market offerings of our common stock into an existing trading market in accordance with Rule 415(a)(4). Any at-the-market offering of our common stock will be through an underwriter or underwriters acting as principal or agent for us.

Under agreements into which we may enter in connection with the sale of Securities, underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of Securities may be entitled to indemnification by us against specified liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

Agents, dealers and underwriters may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us or our affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

#### **LEGAL OPINIONS**

Legal opinions relating to the Securities and certain other matters will be rendered by our counsel, Williams, Box, Forshee & Bullard, P.C. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Jones Day, Chicago, Illinois. Williams, Box, Forshee & Bullard, P.C. will pass on matters pertaining to local laws and as to these matters other counsel will rely on their opinions.

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for any underwriters, dealers or agents named in a prospectus supplement by Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois, or such other underwriters' counsel as may be named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of OGE Energy Corp. appearing in OGE Energy Corp.'s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2012 including the schedule appearing therein, and the effectiveness of OGE Energy Corp.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are, and the audited financial statements to be included in subsequently filed documents will be, incorporated herein in reliance upon the reports of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such financial statements (to the extent covered by consents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission) given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room.

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" in this prospectus the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the following documents:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012;

Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013;

• Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on January 7, 2013 and March 15, 2013; and

Description of our capital stock contained in Exhibit 99.01 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013.

We also incorporate by reference all future filings we make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on or after the date of this prospectus until we sell all of the Securities referred to herein.

We are not required to, and do not expect to, provide annual reports to holders of our debt securities unless specifically requested by a holder.

You may request a copy of these filings at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Corporate Secretary

OGE Energy Corp. 321 N. Harvey, P.O. Box 321

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-0321

(405) 553-3000

OGE Energy Corp.

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124,416 207,404 — 93,587 1,283,313 President —
Industrial 2013 — — — — — — — — Filtration* 2012 — — — — — — — — — — McDaniel, 2014 238,135 — 535,660 124,416 150,115 — 33,233 1,081,559 Vice
President, 2013 137,168 100,000 109,350 112,045 56,727 — 19,535 534,825 General Counsel and Secretary* 2012 — — — — — — — — — David H.
Williams, 2014 284,417 — 429,456 99,532 127,320 — 33,159 973,884 President — 2013 276,121 — 92,527 43,520 1,375 — 71,380 484,923 Performance
Materials 2012 127,981 60,000 187,200 227,369 — — 52,091 654,641
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\*Mr. Abbruzzi was not an NEO in 2012 and 2013; therefore no compensation information is provided for those years; Mr. McDaniel was not an NEO in 2012, therefore no compensation information is provided for that year.

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes sign-on bonuses paid in prior years to Messrs. Julian, McDaniel and Williams.

<sup>(2)</sup> Amounts shown as stock awards and option awards for 2014 include stock awards and option awards related to both 2014 compensation and 2015 compensation (see table below entitled "Grants of Plan-Based Awards for 2014"). The amounts in Columns (e) and (f) reflect the aggregate grant date fair value (at target level for PSAs) computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Footnote 9 to the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC. If the PSAs awarded to the NEOs were included in the table at maximum value, the amounts in Column (e) would be \$1,615,338 for Mr. Barnhart, \$730,080 for Mr. Julian, \$698,305 for Mr. Abbruzzi, \$664,330 for Mr. McDaniel and \$545,544 for Mr. Williams.

- (3) The amounts in Column (g) reflect amounts payable under the Company's AIP Program, which are in the form of an annual cash bonus. Please refer to the "Annual Incentive Performance Program" of the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for additional information related to the AIP Program.
- <sup>(4)</sup> The amounts shown in Column (i) for 2014, which are valued on the basis of the aggregate incremental cost to the Company, are comprised of the following:

*Barnhart*: Car allowance (\$13,800), personal gas usage (\$2,097), executive life insurance premium (\$29,262), executive disability insurance premium (\$8,004), and 401(k) Plan match (\$10,400)

*Julian:* Car allowance (\$13,800), personal gas usage (\$2,188) executive life insurance premium (\$11,890), executive disability insurance premium (\$6,418), and 401(k) Plan match (\$10,400)

*Abbruzzi:* Car allowance (\$11,040), personal gas usage (\$2,640), executive life insurance premium (\$4,919), executive disability insurance premium (\$1,056), relocation expense (\$43,560), relocation tax gross-up (\$19,972), and 401(k) Plan match (\$10,400)

*McDaniel*: Car allowance (\$13,800), personal gas usage (\$1,015) executive life insurance premium (\$4,710), executive disability insurance premium (\$2,908), 401(k) Plan match (\$10,400), and fitness reimbursement (\$400)

*Williams:* Car allowance (\$11,040), personal gas usage (\$2,429), executive life insurance premium (\$6,604), executive disability insurance premium (\$2,686), and 401(k) Plan match (\$10,400)

#### **Grants of Plan-Based Awards For 2014**

The following table provides information regarding stock options and cash incentive awards granted during 2014 to the Named Executive Officers.

			ed Possible Non-Equity vards <sup>(1)</sup>	Incentive		d Future F quity Ince	-	All Other			
Name(a) I	i Jate↑	Thresho (\$)(c)	offlarget (\$)(d)	Maximum (\$)(e)			Maximum (#)(h)	of Stock	Other Option Awards: Number	(\$/share	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option
Dale G.		5,200	416,000	832,000					· / <b>3</b> /	(k)	
1	3/7/14 12/5/14 12/5/14	-,	,	,,,,,,	24,000 9,850	30,000 19,700	36,000 29,550		46,400	27.96	657,600 550,812 549,798
Robert K. Julian	12/3/17	2,251	180,048	360,096					40,400	27.50	347,770
3	3/7/14 12/5/14 12/5/14				12,000 4,000	15,000 8,000	18,000 12,000		19,000	27.96	328,800 223,680 225,133
Joseph A. Abbruzzi		1,430	114,430	228,860					ŕ		ŕ
2 3 1	2/21/14 3/7/14 12/5/14 12/5/14				12,000 2,250	15,000 4,500	18,000 6,750	5,745	10,500	27.96	115,015 328,800 125,820 124,416
Chad A. McDaniel	12/3/17	1,035	82,822	165,644					10,500	27.50	124,410
2 3 1	2/28/14 3/7/14 12/5/14 12/5/14				12,000 2,250	15,000 4,500	18,000 6,750	4,000	10,500	27.96	81,040 328,800 125,820 124,416
David H. Williams		1,415	113,173	226,346							
	3/7/14				12,000	15,000	18,000				328,800

12/5/14	1,800	3,600	5,400			100,656
12/5/14				8,400	27.96	99,532

\* Awards granted on 12/5/14 are part of 2015 compensation.

The amounts shown as Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Award Plans represent potential cash payouts to the named persons under the AIP Program with respect to 2014 consolidated and business unit performance metrics. Under the terms of the AIP Program, for corporate participants, a bonus is earned when the consolidated operating income or consolidated free cash flow or consolidated gross margin target ranges are met. For business unit participants, a bonus is earned when business unit operating income or business unit free cash flow or business unit gross margin target ranges are met. The amount shown in the "threshold" column represents the amount payable upon the achievement of the minimum free cash flow threshold and respective individual business unit free cash flow threshold. The amount shown in the "target" column represents the amount payable at one times the target bonus opportunity. Under the terms of the AIP Program, the maximum payout is 200% of the individual's target bonus. See the "Fiscal Year 2014 Summary Compensation Table" above for amounts actually paid.

The amounts shown in column (f) reflect the performance-based shares that will be awarded if 90% of the target is achieved; the amounts shown in column (g) reflect the performance-based shares that will be awarded if the target 2) performance is achieved, and column (h) reflects the performance-based shares that will be awarded if 120% (the maximum) of the target is achieved for the December 5, 2014 award and if 110% (the maximum) of the target is achieved for the March 7, 2014 award.

- The amounts shown in column (i) reflect the number of shares of time-based restricted stock granted to each NEO in 2014 under the 2012 Stock Plan.
- The amounts shown in column (j) reflect the number of option awards granted to each Named Executive Officer as stock option awards in 2014 under the 2012 Stock Plan.

The amounts shown in column (k) represent the exercise price of the stock option award granted to each Named 5) Executive Officer in column (j) under the 2012 Stock Plan. This amount is the price per share the Named Executive Officer will pay to purchase each option once it has become exercisable.

The amounts shown in column (l) represent the grant date fair value at the target level of the PSA awards described in footnote (2) above, the grant date fair value of the restricted stock awards described in footnote (3) above and grant date fair value of stock options described in footnote (4) above calculated in accordance with the FASB ASC Topic 718.

### Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End 2014

The following table provides a list of outstanding equity awards for each Named Executive Officer as of December 31, 2014.

	Option Awards <sup>(1)</sup>				Stock Awards <sup>(2)</sup>			
Name (a)	Date of Grant	Number of Securities Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)  (#)  Exercisable (c)	Price (\$)(d)	Option Expiration Date (e)	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#) (f)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested \$(g)^{(3)}	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)(h)(4)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$) (i) <sup>(5)</sup>
	12/9/10 12/19/11	7,500 * 6,250 6,250	7.80 8.94	12/9/20 12/19/21				
<b>7.</b> 1. 6	5/14/12						51,000	1,673,820
Dale G. Barnhart	12/5/12	15,000* 15,000 *	13.29	12/5/22				

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	2/18/13	5 000 *	17.647	*	16.00	12/6/22			32,171	1,055,852
	12/6/13 3/7/14	5,882 *	17,647	*	16.98	12/6/23			30,000	984,600
	12/5/14		46,400	*	27.96	12/5/24			19,700	646,554
	11/9/12	15,000	15,000		12.38	11/9/22				
	12/5/12	7,500 *	7,500	*	13.29	12/5/22				
Robert K. Julian	2/18/13								15,000	492,300
	12/6/13	1,725 *	5,175	*	16.98	12/6/23				
	3/7/14								15,000	492,300
	12/5/14		19,000	*	27.96	12/5/24			8,000	262,560
	12/5/12	2,500	5,000		13.29	12/5/22	5,000(6)	164,100		
	2/18/13								4,449	146,016
	12/6/13	1,037	3,113		16.98	12/6/23				
Joseph A. Abbruzzi	2/21/14						5,745(7)	188,551		
	3/7/14								15,000	492,300
	12/5/14		10,500	*	27.96	12/5/24			4,500	147,690

	5/29/13 12/6/13	,	9,375 3,413		5/29/23 12/6/23			7,500	246,150
Chad A. McDaniel	2/28/14	-,	,,,,,,			4,000(7)	131,280	15,000	402 200
	3/7/14 12/5/14		10,500*	27.96	12/5/24			15,000 4,500	492,300 147,690
	8/2/12	2,500	10,000		8/2/22	7,500(8)	246,150		
David H. Williams	12/5/12 2/18/13	5,000	5,000	13.29	12/5/22			5,823	191,111
	12/6/13 3/7/14	1,138*	3,412 *	16.98	12/6/23			15,000	492,300
	12/5/14		8,400 *	27.96	12/5/24			3,600	118,152

<sup>\*</sup> a portion of this option award is non-qualified.

(1) Stock options vest at the rate of 25% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the Date of Grant and expire ten years from the Date of Grant.

The Company has granted two types of stock awards to its NEOs: (1) RSAs — shares listed in column (f), and (2) PSAs — shares listed in column (h). PSAs granted to NEOs vest if, and only to the extent that, the Compensation

- (2) Committee certifies achievement of the performance objectives EPS targets to be met for Fiscal Year 2014 (for the 2012 awards), for Fiscal Year 2015 (for the 2013 awards), for Fiscal Year 2016 (for the March 2014 awards) and for Fiscal Year 2017 (for the December 2014 awards).
- The amount shown in column (g) represents the value of the shares listed in column (f). The value was determined (3) by multiplying the number of shares listed in column (f) by the fair market value of the Company stock on December 31, 2014.
- (4) Number of shares shown in column (h) represent the number of shares earned on the achievement of established target level performance objectives.
- The amount shown in column (i) represents the value of the shares listed in column (h). The value was determined (5) by multiplying the number of shares listed in column (h) by the fair market value of the Company stock on December 31, 2014.
  - (6) RSA shares vest three years from the Date of Grant
  - (7) RSA shares vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the Date of Grant
  - (8) RSA shares vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the Date of Grant

#### **Option Exercises and Stock Vested For 2014**

The following table shows stock option exercises and vesting of restricted stock awards by the NEOs during 2014, including the aggregate value of gains on the date of exercise and stock acquired on vesting and the value realized on vesting.

	Option Aw		Stock Awards			
Name (a)	Number of Acquired of Exercise (#	Shares Value Realized on Exercise (\$)(c) (1) (b)	Number of Acquired Vesting <sup>(2)</sup>	of Shares Value Realized on on Vesting <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)(e) (#)(d)		
Dale G. Barnhart	118,000	2,415,480	54,000	1,094,040		
Robert K. Julian		_	25,000	718,250		
Joseph A. Abbruzzi	2,500	37,250				
Chad A. McDaniel	_	_	_	_		
David H. Williams	7,500	120,150	3,750	92,063		

<sup>(1)</sup> The value shown in column (c) was determined by multiplying the number of shares listed in column (b) by the difference between the exercise price and the fair market value of the Company stock on the exercise date.

#### **Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control**

The Company has entered into agreements with its NEOs pursuant to which each NEO may be entitled to specified compensation and benefits upon the termination of his employment.

The agreements with each of Mr. Barnhart, Mr. Julian, Mr. Abbruzzi, Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Williams provide that, if an executive's employment is terminated by the Company without "cause," or by the executive for "good reason," and such termination of employment does not occur within 18 months of a "change in control" (except that the agreements with Mr. Abbruzzi and Mr. Williams do not include a "good reason" trigger; and the agreements with Mr. Julian and Mr. McDaniel do not include "good reason" triggers other than in the event of a change in control), the Company shall pay the executive a severance benefit equal to the sum of (i) an amount equal to the executive's annual base salary in effect immediately preceding the date of termination, and (ii) an amount equal to the average of the executive's annual bonuses for the three calendar years immediately preceding the date of termination (the "Severance Benefit"). The Severance Benefit generally shall be paid in equal installments spread over the twelve-month period beginning on the

<sup>(2)</sup> The amount shown in column (d) represents the number of shares of stock received in 2014 pursuant to the vesting of PSAs and RSAs. Awards were granted under the 2003 Stock Plan and the 2012 Stock Plan.

<sup>(3)</sup> The value shown in column (e) was determined by multiplying the number of shares listed in column (d) by the fair market value of the Company stock on the date the shares vested.

date of termination, unless the executive is deemed to be a "specified employee," as that term is defined in Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (a "Specified Employee"), in which case different payment rules apply. In the event that the executive elects to continue coverage under the Company's health plan pursuant to COBRA, for a period of up to twelve months, the Company also shall pay the same percentage of the executive's premium for COBRA coverage for the executive and, if applicable, his or her spouse and dependent children, as the Company paid at the applicable time for coverage under such plan for actively employed members of senior management. In addition, for the period beginning on the date of the executive's termination of employment and ending on the earlier of (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of such termination of employment or (ii) the date on which the executive becomes eligible for life insurance benefits from another employer, the Company will continue to provide the life insurance benefits that the Company would have provided to the executive if the executive had continued in employment with the Company for such period, but only if the executive timely pays the portion of the premium for such coverage that members of senior management of the Company generally are required to pay for such coverage, if any. Finally, the executive is entitled to receive up to twelve months of outplacement services at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. The Company's obligation to provide the foregoing severance benefits is subject to the executive's execution and delivery, without revocation, of a valid release of all claims against the Company.

In the event that an executive's employment is terminated by the Company without "cause," or by the executive for "good reason" (except that the agreements with Mr. Abbruzzi and Mr. Williams do not include a "good reason" trigger), and such termination of employment occurs within 18 months of a "change in control" (collectively, a "Change In Control Trigger"), the Company shall pay the executive a severance benefit equal to two times the sum of (i) his/her annual rate of base salary in effect immediately preceding his/her termination of employment, and (ii) the average of his/her last three years highest annual bonuses earned under the Company's annual bonus plan for any of the five calendar years preceding his/her termination of employment (the "COC Severance Benefit"). The COC Severance Benefit shall be paid in a lump sum within thirty days after the date of termination, unless the executive is deemed to be a Specified Employee, in which case different payment rules apply. Upon the occurrence of such a Change In Control Trigger, the Company shall pay the executive a bonus for the year of termination in an amount equal to a specified portion of the executive's target bonus opportunity for the year of termination. In general, for a period of up to 24 months, the executive is entitled to remain covered by the medical, dental, executive life insurance and, if reasonably commercially available through nationally reputable insurance carriers, executive long-term disability plans that covered the executive immediately prior to the termination of his employment, as if he had remained in the employ of the Company. The executive is entitled to receive the outplacement services described above and the vesting of all unvested stock options and restricted stock awards shall be accelerated in full. Finally, the executive is entitled to an automobile allowance for a period of up to 24 months. The Company's obligation to provide the foregoing severance benefits is subject to the executive's execution and delivery, without revocation, of a valid release of all claims against the Company.

Set forth below is a summary of the payments that would have been made to the each of the NEOs had the below-specified event occurred on December 31, 2014.

BENEFITS BY TRIGGERING EVENT ON December 31, 2014 Death	Dale G. Barnhart	Robert K. Julian	Joseph A. Abbruzzi	Chad A. McDaniel	David H. Williams
<b>Bonus</b> – Bonus for the year of death equal to a pro rata portion of the average of the three highest annual bonuses earned in the five years preceding year of death	\$ 423,482	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
COBRA for family for 12 months, less employee contribution	5,047	0	0	0	0
Executive Life Insurance proceeds	2,288,000	1,081,500	900,000	795,000	870,000
Aggregate Total in Event of Death Disability	2,716,529	1,081,500	900,000	795,000	870,000
<b>Base salary</b> – 12 months, less payments made to	272 000	0	0	0	0
NEO under any Company disability programs	272,000	0	0	0	0
<b>Bonus</b> – Pro rata bonus for the calendar year of termination	754,000	0	0	0	0
<b>COBRA</b> <sup>(1)</sup> for NEO and family for 12 months, less employee contribution	10,042	0	0	0	0
<b>Life Insurance</b> <sup>(1,2)</sup> coverage for 12 months less employee contribution	32,187	0	0	0	0
<b>Disability Insurance</b> proceeds	300,000	192,000	156,000	172,500	206,256
Aggregate Total in Event of Disability	1,368,229	192,000	156,000	172,500	206,256
Cause <sup>(3)</sup> Termination or Voluntary Resignation	on (other tha	n Good Reaso	on Self-Quit)		
No additional benefits					
Aggregate Total in Event of Cause <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
Termination or Voluntary Resignation					
Non-Cause Termination or Good Reason <sup>(4)</sup>					
<b>Self-Quit Severance</b> – base salary for 12 month§ <sup>5)</sup>	572,000	360,500	300,000	265,000	290,000
<b>Bonus</b> – in an amount equal to the average of the		300,300	300,000	203,000	290,000
three preceding years' annual bonuses earned, paid over 12 months <sup>(5)</sup>	423,482	125,729	105,721	56,727	1,375
<b>COBRA</b> <sup>(1)</sup> for NEO and family for maximum of 12 months, less employee contribution	10,042	12,589	12,618	12,618	12,589
Life Insurance coverage for 12 months less	22 197	11 000	10.270	4.705	6755
employee contribution <sup>(1,2)</sup>	32,187	11,890	10,279	4,795	6,755
Outplacement services not to exceed \$10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Aggregate Total in Event of Non-Cause Termination or Good Reason Self-Quit	1,047,711	520,708	438,618	349,140	320,719
Change of Control Termination Benefit Inclu	ding Good R	eason Self-Qu	iit After Cha	nge of	
Control <sup>(6)</sup>					
<b>Severance</b> – Lump-sum severance benefit equal to two times annual base salary plus an average of the three highest annual bonuses earned in the five preceding years <sup>(7)</sup>	1,990,964	972,457	811,442	643,454	582,750
<b>Year of Termination Bonus</b> – equal to a pro rat portion of target bonus opportunity, payable in a lump sum <sup>(7,8)</sup>	a 416,000	180,048	114,430	82,822	113,173

Medical, dental, life and if applicable, long					
term disability coverage for 24 months under	106,443	62,391	49,996	41.240	44,657
the Company's plans, for NEO and family, less	100,443	02,391	49,990	41,240	44,037
employee contribution <sup>(2)</sup>					
Stock option/award vesting acceleration <sup>(9)</sup>	5,308,059	1,874,547	1,336,647	1,293,512	1,443,633
Outplacement services not to exceed \$10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Car allowance for 24 months	27,600	27,600	22,080	27,600	22,080
<b>Aggregate Total in Event of Change of</b>	¢ 7.050.066	¢ 2 127 042	¢ 2 244 505	¢ 2 000 620	¢ 2 216 202
Control	\$ 7,839,000	\$ 3,127,043	\$ 2,344,595	\$ 2,098,028	\$ 4,410,293

- (1) Both COBRA and life insurance are limited to 12 months or until the date the NEO is eligible for other coverage under another employer.
- (2) If applicable insurance coverage is not available for the NEO, the Company must arrange alternate coverage at a cost not to exceed 125 percent of the Company's group coverage cost.
- Cause is defined as (i) act or acts of dishonesty or fraud resulting or intended to result directly or indirectly in substantial gain or personal enrichment to which the executive was not legally entitled at the expense of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (ii) willful material breach by executive of his duties or responsibilities (3) resulting in demonstrably material injury to the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (iii) conviction of a felony or any crime of moral turpitude; (iv) habitual neglect or insubordination where executive has been given written notice but has failed to cure (where susceptible to cure) within 30 days following such notice; or (v) material breach by the NEO of his obligations under any non-compete agreements.
- Mr. Abbruzzi and Mr. Williams are not entitled to exercise a good reason self-quit and receive severance benefits under any circumstances. Mr. Julian and Mr. McDaniel are entitled to exercise a good reason self-quit trigger and receive severance benefits only in the event of a Change of Control (as defined below). Good Reason is defined as:

  (4) without the NEO's written consent either (i) a significant reduction in the scope of the NEO's authority, functions, duties or responsibilities; (ii) any reduction in the NEO's base salary, other than an across-the-board reduction; or (iii) any material breach by the Company of any provision of the NEOs employment agreement without the NEO having committed any material breach of the NEO's obligations, which breach is not cured within 30 days following written notice to the Company of such breach.
- (5) If the NEO is covered by Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code ("409A"), the first six months will be paid in a lump sum six months after termination date, with the remainder paid monthly.
- The NEO is entitled to these benefits if either a termination without Cause occurs or if the NEO exercises Good Reason self-quit, in each case, within 18 months of a Change of Control, defined as (i) beneficial ownership by a third party of at least 25 percent of total voting power of all classes of stock of the Company; (ii) the election to the Board of a majority of Directors who were not approved by a majority of the current Directors; (iii) a stockholder approved liquidation of the Company, or merger or consolidation of the Company; or (iv) a sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company. As a condition to the receipt of any severance benefits (whether in the context of a Change in Control or otherwise), each NEO is required to execute and deliver to the Company a valid and binding release of all claims. The agreements with each of the NEO's also provide that the Company shall pay all reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the NEO in seeking to enforce any right under his respective agreement if and to the extent that the NEO substantially prevails.
  - (7) If the NEO is covered by 409A, payment will be in a lump sum six months after termination date.
- (8) If there is no expected bonus opportunity in year of termination, a bonus shall be paid equal to a pro rata portion of the prior year's awarded bonus.

(9) Under the 2003 Stock Plan and the 2012 Stock Plan, vesting of options and restricted stock awards would be accelerated for all optionees in the event of a Change of Control.

#### **2014 Director Compensation**

Board compensation for Directors during fiscal year 2014 is summarized in the table below:

Name (a)	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)(b) <sup>(1)</sup>	Stock Awards (\$)(c) <sup>(2)</sup>	Option Awards (\$)(d) <sup>(3)</sup>	Non-equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(e)	Change in Pension Value and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)(f)	All Other Compensation (\$)(g)	Total (\$)(h)
Kathleen Burdett	75,500	36,027		_	_	_	111,527
W. Leslie Duffy, Esq.	121,000	36,027	_	- <u>-</u>			157,027
Matthew T. Farrell	66,000	36,027	_	- <u>-</u>			102,027
Marc T. Giles	58,000	36,027	_	- <u>-</u>			94,027
William D. Gurley	63,000	36,027		<del>_</del>			99,027
Suzanne Hammett	65,500	36,027	_	- <u>-</u>			101,527
S. Carl Soderstrom, Jr.	65,000	36,027		- —	_		101,027

The amounts reflected in this column represent the aggregate amount of cash fees and retainers earned or paid during 2014 for services as a Director, including committee chair and membership retainers, meeting fees and cash retainers for services as Directors, and, in the case of Mr. Duffy, a \$75,000 cash retainer for his service as Chair of the Board.

As explained in more detail below in the section captioned "Non-Cash Retainers," Outside Directors automatically receive annual Stock Awards. Each Stock Award is fully vested as of the date of grant and, in 2014, (2) consisted of that number of shares of the Company's Common Stock having a value equal to \$36,000, subject to adjustment for rounding. The amounts reflected in this column represent the aggregate grant date fair values of such Stock Awards.

No Option Awards were made to Outside Directors in 2014. Outside Directors had the following number of stock (3) options outstanding (all vested and exercisable) at December 31, 2014: Ms. Burdett, 18,716; Mr. Duffy, 15,391; Mr. Farrell, 9,902; Mr. Giles, 18,682; Mr. Gurley, 24,391; Ms. Hammett, -0-; and Mr. Soderstrom, 18,716.

#### **Meeting Fees and Cash Retainers**

During 2014, all Outside Directors were paid \$1,500 for each meeting of the Board attended, as well as \$1,500 for any standing committee meetings attended by committee members. Telephonic participation fees are \$1,000 per meeting.

Each Outside Director received an annual cash retainer of \$25,000 during 2014. In addition, during 2014, the Chair of the Board received an annual cash retainer of \$75,000 for his service as Chair. The chairs of the Compensation Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee received annual cash retainers of \$5,000. The annual cash retainer for the Chair of the Audit Review Committee was \$15,000. Each member of the Audit Review Committee, including the Chair, received a cash retainer of \$6,000 for serving on said Committee in 2014.

In September 2014, the Compensation Committee commissioned and received a "Director Compensation Analysis" report (the "2014 Director Compensation Analysis") from Meridian. See "Role of Consultants" in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section above. On October 31, 2014, following the review of and recommendations set out in the "2014 Director Compensation Analysis" and other independent knowledge of the Directors, the Compensation Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that the annual cash retainer paid to each Outside Director be increased from \$25,000 to \$35,000 effective January 1, 2015. The Board of Directors approved the recommendation of the Committee.

#### **Non-Cash Retainers**

On June 30 and December 31 of each year, each Outside Director automatically receives a stock award consisting of that number of whole shares of Common Stock of the Company obtained by dividing \$18,000 by the fair market value of a share of Common Stock as of the date of grant, in each case rounded upward to the nearest number of whole shares. Accordingly, each Outside Director received 658 shares of Common Stock of the Company on June 30, 2014 and 549 shares of Common Stock of the Company on December 31, 2014.

On October 31, 2014, following the review of and recommendations set out in Meridian's "2014 Director Compensation Analysis" and other independent knowledge of the Directors, the Compensation Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that the annual stock award be increased from \$36,000 to \$50,000, effective January 1, 2015. The Board of Directors approved the recommendation of the Committee.

#### **Director Deferred Compensation and Retirement Benefits**

On March 6, 1991, the Company adopted a Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Deferred Compensation Plan") under which all persons serving as Directors on or after January 1, 1991 were entitled to participate (except that, pursuant to an amendment dated March 4, 1994, employees of the Company serving as Directors were not entitled to participate other than the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer). Under the Deferred Compensation Plan, eligible Directors were entitled to receive "Past Service Benefits" equal to \$3,000 times the number of years a participant served as a Director prior to January 1, 1991, and "Future Service Benefits" equal to \$6,000 times the number of years a participant serves as a Director after December 31, 1990. The Deferred Compensation Plan provides that for purposes of calculating the amount of the Past Service Benefits and Future Service Benefits, participants are credited with a full year of service for each calendar year or part thereof of service rendered. A participant accrues 100% of his or her Past Service Benefits upon reaching age 62 or older while serving as a Director of the Company. A participant is fully vested in accrued Past Service Benefits upon completing five years of service as a Director of the Company. Accrued and vested benefits under the Deferred Compensation plan are paid in a cash lump sum as soon as practicable after the later of the date the participant ceases to serve as a Director of the Company or the date the participant attains age 62. The Deferred Compensation Plan is unfunded. In December 1996, the Deferred Compensation plan was amended a second time (the "1996 Amendment") such that Future Service Benefits were defined as equal to \$6,000 times the number of years a participant serves as a Director of the Company after December 31, 1990, and prior to January 1, 1997. The 1996 Amendment also provided that no Past Service Benefits or Future Service Benefits would accrue on or after January 1, 1998.

No payments were made to any current or former Director of the Company in 2013 under the Deferred Compensation Plan. Pursuant to the 1996 Amendment, no additional benefits under the Deferred Compensation Plan accrued with respect to any Director in 2014. The only Director of the Company, past or current, who is entitled to any accrued benefits under the Deferred Compensation Plan, is W. Leslie Duffy. Since Mr. Duffy continues to serve as a Director of the Company, he is not currently entitled to payment of his accrued benefits under the Deferred Compensation Plan. The value of Mr. Duffy's accrued benefits under the Deferred Compensation Plan is \$30,000.

#### **Inside Director**

Mr. Barnhart, as the only Employee Director, does not receive any compensation for his Board activities. His compensation as an executive officer is disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table.

# SECURITIES OWNERSHIP OF DIRECTORS, CERTAIN OFFICERS AND 5% BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our Common Stock as of February 27, 2015 (except as otherwise noted) by: (a) each of our directors; (b) each of our named executive officers; (c) all of our current directors and executive officers as a group; and (d) each person, or group of affiliated persons, who is known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of our Common Stock. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to our Common Stock. Shares of our Common Stock subject to options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days after February 27, 2015 are considered outstanding and beneficially owned by the person holding the options for the purpose of calculating the percentage ownership of that person but not for the purpose of calculating the percentage ownership of any other person. Except as otherwise noted, the persons and entities in this table have sole voting and investing power with respect to all of the shares of our Common Stock beneficially owned by them, subject to community property laws, where applicable. Except as otherwise set forth below, the address of the beneficial owner is c/o Lydall, Inc., P.O. Box 151, Manchester, CT 06045-0151.

Name	Amount and Nature Beneficial Ownersh			Percent of Class	
Directors					
Dale G. Barnhart, President and CEO	253,331	(1)	1.47	%	
Kathleen Burdett	64,187	(2)	*		
W. Leslie Duffy, Esq., Chairman	78,293	(3)	*		
Matthew T. Farrell	77,780	(4)	*		
Marc T. Giles	38,590	(5)	*		
William D. Gurley	67,630	(6)	*		
Suzanne Hammett	25,870		*		
S. Carl Soderstrom, Jr.	42,313	(7)	*		
Named Executive Officers					
Joseph A. Abbruzzi	38,461	(8)	*		
Robert K. Julian	78,712	(9)	*		
Chad A. McDaniel	35,262	(10)	*		
David H. Williams	46,028	(11)	*		
Current Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (14 persons	007.727	(12)	5 1 <i>1</i>	O.	
including 12 named above)	886,626	(12)	5.14	%	
5% Stockholders					
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP	1,422,229	(13)	8.29	%**	
Building One					
6300 Bee Cave Road					

Austin, TX 78746				
BlackRock, Inc.	1,261,228	(14)	7.4	%**
55 East 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street				
New York, NY 10022				
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. and	1,258,810	(15)	7.33	%**
T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Value Fund, Inc.				
100 E. Pratt Street				
Baltimore, MD 21202				

- Represents less than one percent of our outstanding Common Stock.
- Ownership percentages were obtained from Schedule 13G filings and reflect the number of shares of Common Stock held as of December 31, 2014.
  - Includes 34,632 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options and stock
  - (1) options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 27, 2015 and 81,871 shares underlying PSAs granted under the 2012 Stock Plan that carry full voting rights.
  - Includes 18,716 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options and stock options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 27, 2015.
  - Includes 15,391 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options and stock options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 27, 2015.
  - Includes 9,902 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options and stock options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 27, 2015.
  - Includes 18,682 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options and stock options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 27, 2015.
  - Includes 24,391 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options and stock (6)options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 27, 2015.
  - Includes 18,716 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options and stock options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 27, 2015. Includes 3,537 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options and stock
  - options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 27, 2015; also includes 9,985 shares underlying RSAs granted under the 2012 Stock Plan that carry full voting rights and 23,949 shares underlying PSAs granted under the 2012 Stock Plan that carry full voting rights.
    - Includes 24,225 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options and stock
  - (9) options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 27, 2015; also includes 38,000 shares underlying PSAs granted under the 2012 Stock Plan that carry full voting rights. Includes 4,262 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options and stock
  - options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 27, 2015; also includes 4,000 shares underlying RSAs granted under the 2012 Stock Plan that carry full voting rights and 27,000 shares underlying PSAs granted under the 2012 Stock Plan that carry full voting rights.
    - Includes 8,638 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options and stock
  - options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 27, 2015; also includes 7,500 shares underlying RSAs granted under the 2012 Stock Plan that carry full voting rights; and 24,423 shares underlying PSAs granted under the 2012 Stock Plan that carry full voting rights.
    - Includes 187,379 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options and stock
  - options that will become exercisable within 60 days of February 27, 2015; 23,635 shares underlying RSAs granted under the 2003 Stock Plan and the 2012 Stock Plan that carry full voting rights and 216,592 shares underlying PSAs granted under the 2003 Stock Plan and the 2012 Stock Plan that carry full voting rights. Based on information reported in Amendment No. 15 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 5, 2015 by Dimensional Fund Advisors LP, an investment adviser reporting on behalf of certain Funds. As set
  - forth in said filing, Dimensional Fund Advisors LP had, as of December 31, 2014, sole voting power with respect to 1,385,376 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 1,422,229 shares and did not have shared voting or shared dispositive power over any shares held. Dimensional Fund Advisors LP disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities of the Issuer held in the Funds.
    - Based on information reported in Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 26, 2015.
  - (14) As set forth in said filing, BlackRock, Inc. had, as of December 31, 2014, sole voting power with respect to 1,228,856 shares and sole dispositive power over all of the shares held.
  - (15) Based on information reported in Amendment No.14 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 10, 2015 jointly by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., an investment advisor to certain Funds (beneficial owner of

7.3% of the Company's outstanding shares) and T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Value Fund, Inc. (beneficial owner of 6.7% of the Company's outstanding shares). As set forth in said filing, T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. had, as of December 31, 2014, sole voting power with respect to 108,810 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 1,258,810 shares, and did not share voting or dispositive power with respect to any of the shares held. As set forth in said filing, T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Value Fund, Inc. had, as of December 31, 2014, sole voting power with respect to 1,150,000 shares and did not have shared voting or dispositive power or sole dispositive power with respect to any shares held. T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities of the Issuer held in the Funds.

#### SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's executive officers, Directors, persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities, and certain entities associated with the foregoing ("Reporting Persons") to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership on Forms 3, 4 and 5 ("Beneficial Ownership Reports") with the SEC and furnish copies of such reports to the Company. Based solely on the reports received by the Company and on written representations from reporting persons, the Company believes that the Directors, executive officers and greater than 10% beneficial owners complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

#### STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

The Company's Bylaws set forth the procedures a stockholder must follow to nominate a person for election to the Board or to bring other business before a stockholder meeting. In accordance with the Company's Bylaws, a stockholder may nominate a person for election to the Board or propose other business to be considered by the stockholders at an Annual Meeting only if the stockholder is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and has complied with the notice procedures set forth in the Company's Bylaws and was a stockholder of record at the time such notice was delivered to the Secretary of the Company. Each of the procedures and requirements set forth below is mandated by the Company's Bylaws, except with respect to the section captioned "Stockholder Proposals for 2016 Annual Meeting" (the procedures and requirements for which are mandated by SEC regulations).

#### **Timeliness of Notice**

For nominations or other business to be properly brought before an Annual Meeting, a stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Company and such other business must otherwise be a proper matter for stockholder action. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Company not less than sixty days nor more than ninety days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's Annual Meeting; provided, however, that in the event the date the Annual Meeting is called for is a date that is not within thirty days before or after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which such notice of the date of the Annual Meeting was mailed or public announcement of the date of the Annual Meeting was made, whichever first occurs.

#### **Content of Notice for Stockholder Nominations**

The stockholder's notice of nomination of a director must provide the information stipulated in the Company's Bylaws, which includes, among other things, the following information with respect to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or reelection as a Director: (i) the name, age, business address and residence address of the person, (ii) the principal occupation and employment of the person, (iii) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Company which are owned beneficially or of record by the person, and (iv) any other

information relating to the person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filing required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of Directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

The stockholder's notice also must set forth as to the stockholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made: (i) the name and address of such stockholder and of such beneficial owner, as they appear on the Company's books; (ii) the class and number of shares of the capital stock of the Company which are owned beneficially and of record by such stockholder and such beneficial owner, as to the stockholder giving the notice; (iii) a description of all arrangements or understandings between such stockholder and each proposed nominee and any other person or persons (including their names) pursuant to which the nomination(s) are to be made by such stockholder; (iv) a representation that such stockholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting to nominate the person named in its notice; (v) a representation whether the stockholder or the beneficial owner, if any, intends or is part of a group which intends to (A) deliver a proxy statement and/or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Company's outstanding capital stock required to elect the nominee and/or (B) otherwise solicit proxies from stockholders in support of such nomination; and (vi) any other information relating to such stockholder that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filing required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of Directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The notice also must be accompanied by a written consent of each proposed nominee to being named as a nominee and to serving as a Director if elected. The Company may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as may be reasonably required to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as a Director of the Company.

#### **Content of Notice for Other Stockholder Proposals**

If a stockholder wishes to bring matters other than proposals for Director nominations before an Annual Meeting, the stockholder's notice must set forth for each item of business that the stockholder proposes for consideration (i) a description of the business desired to be brought before the stockholder meeting; (ii) the text of the proposal or business (including the text of any resolutions proposed for consideration and in the event that such business includes a proposal to amend the Company's Bylaws, the language of the proposed amendment); (iii) the reasons for conducting such business at the stockholder meeting; (iv) any material interest in such business of such stockholder and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the proposal is made; and (v) any other information relating to the stockholder, the beneficial owner, or proposed business that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filing in connection with solicitations of proxies relating to the proposed item of business pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The stockholder's notice also shall set forth as to the stockholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the proposal is made certain additional information similar in nature and scope to the additional information required of a stockholder making a nomination for Director. The Company may require the stockholder to furnish such other information as may be reasonably required to determine whether each proposed item of business is a proper matter for stockholder action.

#### **Consequences of Failure to Comply**

Any stockholder proposal or nomination which does not comply with the procedures set forth in the Company's Bylaws (or other applicable law) will be disregarded, and the stockholder will not be permitted to nominate his or her candidate for election to the Board or bring any other business before the stockholder meeting.

#### Stockholders May Request Copies of Applicable Bylaws

A copy of the Bylaw provisions discussed above was filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K dated March 12, 2004 and may be obtained by writing to the Company at Lydall, Inc., P.O. Box 151, Manchester, CT 06045-0151, Attention: General Counsel.

#### **Stockholder Proposals for 2016 Annual Meeting**

Consistent with SEC regulations, proposals of stockholders of the Company that are intended to be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held in 2016, and which stockholders desire to have included in the Company's proxy materials relating to such Annual Meeting, must be received by the Company no later than November 17, 2015, which is 120 calendar days prior to the first anniversary of the mailing date for this year's proxy statement, and must be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations in order to be considered for possible inclusion in the proxy statement for that Annual Meeting.

#### **Householding of Annual Meeting Materials**

Some banks, brokers and other nominee record holders may be participating in the practice of "householding" proxy statements and annual reports. This means that only one copy of our proxy statement or annual report may have been sent to multiple stockholders in the same household. We will promptly deliver a separate copy of either document to any stockholder upon request submitted in writing to us at Lydall, Inc., P.O. Box 151, Manchester, CT 06045-0151, Attention: General Counsel, or by calling (860) 646-1233 extension 258. Any stockholder who wants to receive separate copies of the annual report and proxy statement in the future, or who is currently receiving multiple copies and would like to receive only one copy for his or her household, should contact his or her bank, broker or other nominee record holder, or contact us at the above address and phone number.

#### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. However, to ensure that your shares are represented at the Annual Meeting, please submit your proxy or voting instructions as described in "Options for Voting." Submitting a proxy or voting instructions will not prevent you from attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person, if you so desire, but will help the Company secure a quorum and reduce the expense of additional proxy solicitation.

#### **EXHIBIT A**

# RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF LYDALL, INC.

The present name of the corporation is Lydall, Inc. The corporation was incorporated by the filing of its original Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on August 26, 1987. This Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the corporation, which restates and integrates and also further amends the provisions of the corporation's Certificate of Incorporation, was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 242 and 245 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. The Certificate of Incorporation of the corporation is hereby amended, integrated and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

Article 1. The name of the corporation is Lydall, Inc. and is sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Company."

Article 2. The address of the Company's registered office in the State of Delaware is National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Drive, Suite 101, City of Dover, County of Kent 19904 and the name of the Company's registered agent at such address is National Registered Agents, Inc.

Article 3. The nature of the business to be transacted and the purposes to be promoted or carried out by the Company are as follows: To do to conduct a general manufacturing business and to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

Article 4. The total number of shares of all classes of stock which the Company shall have authority to issue is 30,500,000 shares. The designation of each class of stock, the authorized number of shares of each such class, and the par value of each share thereof, are as follows:

DesignationAuthorized Number of SharesPar ValueCommon Stock30,000,000\$.1001Preferred Stock500,000\$1.00.01

Article 5. The terms, limitations and relative rights and preferences of each class of shares and series thereof and an express grant of authority to the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 151 of the General Corporation Law of the

State of Delaware are as follows:

(a) The holders of the Common Stock shall each be entitled to one vote per share.

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(b) The Board of Directors is authorized, subject to any limitations prescribed by law, to provide for the issuance of the shares of Preferred Stock in series, and by filing a certificate pursuant to the applicable law of the State of Delaware, to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series, and to fix the designation, powers, preferences and rights of the shares of each such series and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof. The number of authorized shares of Preferred Stock may be increased or decreased (but not below the number of shares thereof then outstanding) by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the Common Stock, without a vote of the holders of the Preferred Stock, or of any series thereof, unless a vote of any such holders is required pursuant to the certificate or certificates establishing the series of Preferred Stock.

#### Article 6.

- (a) The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) Directorshipsmembers; the exact number of such Directorships to be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. Each Director shall be elected for a term of one (1) year or until the first annual meeting thereafter and until another shall be elected in his stead. In the event the number of members of the Board is increased, the newly created directorships shall be filled by a vote of the holders of a majority of theending on the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders or until such director's successor is duly elected and qualified, subject to such director's earlier death, resignation or removal. Any newly created directorship or any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors for any cause may be filled by a majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors, although such majority is less than a quorum, or by the sole remaining director, or by the holders of shares of the capital stock entitled to vote in elections of Directors, and each Director so elected shall hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the Director who he or she has replaced or until such director's successor is elected and qualified.
- (b) The affirmative vote of the holders of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote in elections of Directors, voting together as a single class, with each share of Common Stock having one vote and other shares having the number of votes to which such shares are entitled, shall be required for the removal, with or without cause, by stockholders, of any Director from the Board of Directors. Such affirmative vote or consent of the stockholders shall be in addition to the vote or consent of the holders of stock of the Company otherwise required by law or any agreement between the Company and any national securities exchange.
- (c) Unless and except to the extent that the By-laws of the Company shall so require, the election of directors of the Company need not be by written ballot.

Article 7. Notwithstanding any other provisions provision of this Certificate of Incorporation or the By-Laws of the Company (and notwithstanding that a lesser percentage may be specified by law or the By-Laws of the Company), no provision of this Certificate of Incorporation shall be repealed or amended in any respect, nor shall any new provision be added to this Certificate of Incorporation unless such action is approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote in elections of Directors, voting together as a single class with each share of Common Stock having one vote and other shares having the number of votes to which such shares are entitled.

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In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Delaware, the Board of Directors of the Company is expressly authorized to make, alter and repeal the By-laws of the Company.

Article 8. A Director of the Company shall not be personally liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a Director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the Director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or (iv) for any transaction from which the Director derived any improper personal benefit. If the Delaware General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware is amended after approval by the stockholders of this article to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of Directors, then the liability of a Director of the Company shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as so amended.

Any repeal or modification of the foregoing paragraph by the stockholders of the Company shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a Director of the Company existing at hereunder in respect of any act or omission occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

#### Article 9.

Each person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved in any (a) action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (hereinafter a "proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, or officer, employee or agent of the Company or while a Director or officer of the Company, is or was serving at the request of the Company as a Director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan (hereinafter an "indemnitee"), whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a Director, officer, employee or agent or in any other capacity where serving as a Director, officer, employee or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company to the fullest extent authorized by the Delaware General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the Company to provide broader indemnification rights than permitted prior thereto), against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such indemnitee in connection therewith and such indemnification shall continue as to an indemnitee who has ceased to be a Director, or officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the indemnitee's heirs, executors and administrators; provided, however, that, except as provided in paragraph (b) hereof with respect to proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification, the Company shall indemnify any such indemnitee in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such indemnitee only if such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the Board of Directors of the Company. The right to indemnification conferred in this Article shall be a contract right and shall include the right to be paid by the Company the expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition (hereinafter an "advancement of expenses"); provided, however, that, if the Delaware General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware requires, an advancement of expenses incurred by an indemnitee in his or her capacity as a Director or officer (and not in any other capacity in which service was or is rendered by such indemnitee, including, without limitation, service to an employee benefit plan) shall be made only upon delivery to the

Company of an undertaking (hereinafter an "undertaking"), by or on behalf of such indemnitee, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined by final judicial decision from which there is no further right to appeal (hereinafter a "final adjudication") that such indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under this Article or otherwise.

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- (b) If a claim under paragraph (a) of this Article is not paid in full by the Company within sixty days after a written claim has been received by the Company, except in the case of a claim for an advancement of expenses, in which case the applicable period shall be twenty days, the indemnitee may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Company to recover the unpaid amount of the claim. If successful in whole or in part in any such suit, or in a suit brought by the Company to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an undertaking, the indemnitee shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting or defending such suit. In (i) any suit brought by the indemnitee to enforce a right to indemnification hereunder (but not in a suit brought by the indemnitee to enforce a right to an advancement of expenses) it shall be a defense that, and (ii) in any suit by the Company to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an undertaking, the Company shall be entitled to recover such expenses upon a final adjudication that, the indemnitee has not met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the <del>Delaware</del> General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. Neither the failure of the Company (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel, or its stockholders) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such suit that indemnification of the indemnitee is proper in the circumstances because the indemnitee has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, nor an actual determination by the Company (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel, or its stockholders) that the indemnitee has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall create a presumption that the indemnitee has not met the applicable standard of conduct or, in the case of such a suit brought by the indemnitee, be a defense to such suit. In any suit brought by the indemnitee to enforce a right to indemnification or to any advancement of expenses hereunder, or by the Company to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an undertaking, the burden of proving that the indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified, or to such advancement of expenses, under this Article or otherwise shall be on the Company.
- (c) The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in this Article shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, this certificate of incorporation, by-law, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested Directors or otherwise.
- (d) The Company may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any Director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify such person against such person against such expense, liability or loss under the Delaware General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lydall, Inc. has caused this Restated Certificate of Incorporation which restates and integrates andfurther amends the provisions of the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation, having been duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 242 and 245 of the Delaware General Corporation Law has been signed by Leonard R. Jaskol, its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and attested by Mary Adamwoicz, its Secretary, to be executed by its duly authorized officer on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20142015.

#### ATTEST:LYDALL, INC.

Mary Adamowicz
Secretary
Leonard R. Jaskol
Chairman and

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Name: Chad A. McDaniel

Title: Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary

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