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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:	)	Chapter 11
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AGERA ENERGY LLC, <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 19-23802 (RDD)
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Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)
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**NOTICE OF PRESENTMENT OF DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF STRETTO AS ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR NUNC PRO TUNC TO THE PETITION DATE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on **November 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time)**, the annexed *Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of Stretto as Administrative Advisor Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date* (the "Application") will be presented to the Honorable Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, located at 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York 10601 (the "Bankruptcy Court") for approval and signature.

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors, together with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Agera Energy LLC (8122); Agera Holdings, LLC (3335); energy.me midwest llc (9484); Aequitas Energy, Inc. (7988); Utility Recovery LLC (4351); and Agera Solutions LLC (8749). The location of the Debtors' corporate headquarters and the service address for all Debtors is 555 Pleasantville Road, S-107, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that any responses or objections (“Objections”) to the Application must be in writing, conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Bankruptcy Rules, and be filed with the Bankruptcy Court (a) by attorneys practicing in the bankruptcy court, including attorneys admitted *pro hac vice*, electronically in accordance with General Order M-399 (which can be found at [www.nysb.uscourts.gov](http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov)), and (b) by all other parties in interest, on a CD-ROM, in text searchable portable document format (PDF) (with a hard copy delivered directly to Chambers), in accordance with the customary practices of the Bankruptcy Court and General Order M-399, to the extent applicable, and served in accordance with the *Order (A) Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management, and Administrative Procedures and (B) Granting Related Relief* (the “Case Management Procedures Order”), so as to be filed and received no later than **November 1, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)** (the “Objection Deadline”).

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, if a written objection is timely filed and served, a hearing (the “Hearing”) will be held on **November 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time)** to consider the Application before the Bankruptcy Court.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that if no Objections are timely filed and served with respect to the Application, the Debtors may, on or after the Objection Deadline, submit to the Bankruptcy Court an order substantially in the form of the proposed order annexed to the Application, which order may be entered with no further notice or opportunity to be heard.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that copies of the Application may be obtained free of charge by visiting the website of Stretto at <http://cases.stretto.com/agera>. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings by visiting the Court’s website at <http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov> in accordance with the procedures and fees set forth therein.

Dated: October 16, 2019  
New York, NY

Respectfully submitted,

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Agera Energy LLC and the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) in these chapter 11 cases (these “Chapter 11 Cases”) hereby file this application (the “Application”) for entry of an order, the proposed form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Proposed Order”), pursuant to sections 327(a) and 328(a) of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) authorizing the Debtors to employ and retain Stretto (“Stretto”)<sup>2</sup> as administrative advisor (“Administrative Advisor”) in these Chapter 11

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<sup>2</sup> Stretto is the trade name of Bankruptcy Management Solutions, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

Cases, effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date (as defined below), in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in that certain Engagement Agreement between the Debtors and Stretto effective as of July 23, 2019 (the “Engagement Agreement”), a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** of the *Declaration of Travis Vandell in Support of the Debtors’ Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of Stretto as Administrative Advisor Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date* the (the “Vandell Declaration”), a true and complete copy of which is annexed hereto as **Exhibit B** and which is incorporated herein by reference. In support of this Application, the Debtors rely on the Vandell Declaration and respectfully represent as follows:

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York*, dated January 31, 2012. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

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

3. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a), 327(a), 328(a), 363(b), and 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Rules 2014(a), 2016, 6003, and 6004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Rule 2014-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the “Local Rules”).

### **BACKGROUND**

4. On October 4, 2019 (the “Petition Date”), each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

5. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108.

6. On October 11, 2019, the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the “U.S. Trustee”) appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code (the “Committee”) [Docket No. 61]. No trustee, examiner, or other official committee has been appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases.

7. A description of the Debtors’ business, capital structure, and the circumstances leading to these Chapter 11 Cases is set forth in the *Declaration of Todd Sandford Pursuant to Rule 1007-2 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York in Support of the Debtors’ Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings* [Docket. No. 3] (the “First Day Declaration”), incorporated herein by reference.<sup>3</sup>

### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

8. By this Application, the Debtors seek entry of the Proposed Order authorizing the Debtors to employ and retain Stretto as their Administrative Advisor in the Chapter 11 Cases, effective as of the Petition Date, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Application and in the Vandell Declaration.

### **BASIS FOR REQUESTED RELIEF**

9. Stretto is comprised of leading industry professionals with significant experience in both the legal and administrative aspects of large, complex chapter 11 cases. Stretto’s professionals have experience in noticing, claims administration, solicitation, balloting and facilitating other administrative aspects of chapter 11 cases and experience in matters of this size

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<sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the First Day Declaration.

and complexity. Stretto's professionals have acted as debtor's counsel or official claims and noticing agent in many large bankruptcy cases in this district and in other districts nationwide. *See, e.g., In re Barneys New York, Inc.*, Case No. 19-36300 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Sept. 19, 2019); *In re Z Gallerie, LLC*, Case No. 19-10488 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 9, 2019); *In re Burkhalter Rigging, Inc.*, Case No. 19-30495 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Feb. 6, 2019); *In re Angel Medical Sys., Inc.*, Case No. 18-12903 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. Jan. 23, 2019); *In re Oklahoma ProCure Mgmt, LLC* Case No. 18-12622 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 27, 2018); *In re Sancillo Pharmaceuticals Co., Inc.*, Case No. 18-11333 (CSS) (Bankr D. Del. June 7, 2018); *In re BICOM NY, LLC*, Case No. 17-11906 (MEW) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 20, 2017).

### **SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED**

10. Pursuant to the Engagement Agreement, the Debtors seek to retain Stretto to provide, among other things, the following bankruptcy solicitation and administration services, if and to the extent requested:

- a. Assist with, among other things, legal noticing, claims management and reconciliation, plan solicitation, balloting, disbursements, and tabulation of votes, and prepare any related reports, as required in support of confirmation of a chapter 11 plan, and in connection with such services, process requests for documents from parties in interest, including, if applicable, brokerage firms, bank back-offices and institutional holders;
- b. Prepare an official ballot certification and, if necessary, testify in support of the ballot tabulation results;
- c. Assist with the preparation of the Debtors' schedules of assets and liabilities and statements of financial affairs and gather data in conjunction therewith;
- d. Provide a confidential data room, if requested;
- e. Manage and coordinate any distributions pursuant to a chapter 11 plan;
- f. Provide such other processing, solicitation, balloting and other administrative services described in the Engagement Agreement, but not

included in the Section 156(c) application, as may be requested from time to time by the Debtors, the Court or the Office of the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York; and

- g. Perform any other duty or task that falls within the normal responsibilities of an Administrative Advisor at the direction of management and/or the independent manager/director.

11. Stretto's appointment as Administrative Advisor will provide the Debtors with experienced professionals and services that are essential to successful chapter 11 cases. Stretto will coordinate with the Debtors' other retained professionals in these cases to avoid any unnecessary duplication of services. Accordingly, the relief requested in this application is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates and all parties in interest.

#### **PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION**

12. The fees Stretto will charge in connection with providing services to the Debtors are set forth in the Engagement Agreement. The Debtors respectfully submit that Stretto's rates are competitive and comparable to the rates its competitors charge for similar services. Indeed, the Debtors conducted a review and competitive comparison of other firms and reviewed the rates of other firms before selecting Stretto as Administrative Advisor. The Debtors believe Stretto's rates are more than reasonable given the quality of Stretto's services and its professionals' bankruptcy expertise. Additionally, Stretto will seek reimbursement from the Debtors for reasonable expenses in accordance with the terms of the Engagement Agreement.

13. Stretto intends to apply to the Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred after the Petition Date in connection with the services it provides as Administrative Advisor pursuant to the Engagement Agreement. Stretto will comply with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules



and any orders entered in these Chapter 11 Cases regarding professional compensation and reimbursement of expenses.

14. Additionally, under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, the Debtors have agreed to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Stretto and its members, directors, officers, employees, representatives, affiliates, consultants, subcontractors, and agents under certain circumstances specified in the Engagement Agreement, except in circumstances resulting solely from Stretto's gross negligence, willful misconduct, or as otherwise provided in the Engagement Agreement. The Debtors believe that such an indemnification obligation is customary, reasonable and necessary to retain the services of an Administrative Advisor in these Chapter 11 Cases.

#### **STRETTO'S DISINTERESTEDNESS**

15. Stretto has conducted a conflicts analysis to determine whether it has any relationships with the creditors and parties in interest provided by the Debtors, and, to the best of the Debtors' knowledge, information, and belief, and except as disclosed in the Vandell Declaration, Stretto is a "disinterested person" within the meaning of section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as required by section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and does not hold or represent any interest materially adverse to the Debtors' estates in connection with any matter on which it would be employed.

16. Stretto believes that it does not have any relationships with creditors or parties in interest that would present a disqualifying conflict of interest. Stretto will supplement its disclosure to the Court if any facts or circumstances are discovered that would require such additional disclosure.

## BASIS FOR REQUESTED RELIEF

17. Section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a debtor, subject to Court approval:

[M]ay employ one or more attorneys, accountants, appraisers, auctioneers, or other professional persons, that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, and that are disinterested persons, to represent or assist the [debtor] in carrying out the [debtor]'s duties under this title.

11 U.S.C. § 327(a).

18. Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a) requires that an application for retention include:

[S]pecific facts showing the necessity for the employment, the name of the [firm] to be employed, the reasons for the selection, the professional services to be rendered, and proposed arrangement for compensation, and, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, all of the [firm's] connections with the debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the U.S. Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the U.S. Trustee.

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014.

19. In light of the size and complexity of these Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors respectfully submit that retaining and employing Stretto pursuant to the terms of the Engagement Agreement is necessary and in the best interests of the Debtors' estates and all parties in interest to these Chapter 11 Cases. The Debtors also believe that the terms and conditions of the Engagement Agreement are reasonable in light of the anticipated high volume of creditors and other parties-in-interest that will be involved in these cases.

20. The Debtors previously filed an application [Docket No. 11] (the "Section 156(c) Application") for an order appointing Stretto as claims and noticing agent pursuant to section 156(c) of title 28 of the United States Code and section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, which application was granted by this Court on October 8, 2019 [Docket No. 50]. The Debtors believe

that administration of these Chapter 11 Cases will require Stretto to perform duties outside of the scope requested in the Section 156(c) Application. Accordingly, to help manage administrative tasks with respect to the thousands of creditors and other parties in interest that are expected to be involved in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, and the complexity of such cases, the Debtors respectfully request the Court enter an order appointing Stretto as the Administrative Advisor in these Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2014 and 2016.

### **MOTION PRACTICE**

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

### **NOTICE**

22. The Debtors have provided notice of this Motion to: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) counsel to the Committee; (c) counsel to BP Energy Company; (d) counsel to Exelon Generation Company, LLC; (e) the Internal Revenue Service; (f) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; and (g) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that, under the circumstances, no other or further notice is required.

### **NO PRIOR REQUEST**

23. No prior request for the relief sought in this application has been made to this or any other court.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, granting the relief requested herein and such other relief as is just and proper.

Dated: October 16, 2019  
Briarcliff Manor, New York

/s/ Mark Linzenbold \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Linzenbold  
Chief Financial Officer

**Exhibit A**

**Proposed Order**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF STRETTO AS  
ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR NUNC PRO TUNC TO THE PETITION DATE**

Upon the application (the “Application”)<sup>2</sup> of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for appointment of Stretto (“Stretto”) as administrative advisor (“Administrative Advisor”) *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2014 and 2016, all as more fully set forth in the Application; and upon the Vandell Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York*, dated February 1, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtors’ estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that the Debtors’ notice of the

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Application and opportunity for a hearing on the Application were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Application and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the “Hearing”); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the Application had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is approved as set forth herein.
2. The Debtors are authorized to retain Stretto as Administrative Advisor effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, and Stretto is authorized to perform the bankruptcy administration services described in the Application and set forth in the Engagement Agreement.
3. This Order shall not apply to any services Stretto has sought authorization to render pursuant to the Section 156(c) Application.
4. Stretto is authorized to take such other action as may be reasonable or necessary to comply with all duties set forth in the Application.
5. Stretto shall apply to the Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred after the Petition Date as Administrative Advisor pursuant to this Order and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules and any orders entered in these cases regarding professional compensation and reimbursement of expenses.
6. The Debtors shall indemnify Stretto under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, as modified pursuant to this Order.

7. Stretto shall not be entitled to indemnification, contribution or reimbursement pursuant to the Engagement Agreement for services other than the services provided under the Engagement Agreement, unless such services and the indemnification, contribution or reimbursement therefor are approved by the Court.

8. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Engagement Agreement, the Debtors shall have no obligation to indemnify Stretto, or provide contribution or reimbursement to Stretto, for any claim or expense that is either: (i) judicially determined (the determination having become final) to have arisen from Stretto's bad faith, gross negligence, or willful misconduct; (ii) for a contractual dispute in which the Debtors allege the breach of Stretto's contractual obligations if the Court determines that indemnification, contribution or reimbursement would not be permissible pursuant to *In re United Artists Theatre Co.*, 315 F.3d 217 (3d Cir. 2003); or (iii) settled prior to a judicial determination under (i) or (ii), but determined by this Court, after notice and a hearing, to be a claim or expense for which Stretto should not receive indemnity, contribution or reimbursement under the terms of the Engagement Agreement as modified by this Order.

9. If, before the earlier of (a) the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan in these Chapter 11 Cases (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal), or (b) the entry of an order closing these Chapter 11 Cases, Stretto believes that it is entitled to the payment of any amounts by the Debtors on account of the Debtors' indemnification, contribution, and/or reimbursement obligations under the Engagement Agreement (as modified by this Order), including the advancement of defense costs, Stretto must file an application therefor in this Court, and the Debtors may not pay any such amounts to Stretto before the entry of an order by this Court approving the payment. This paragraph is intended only to specify the period of time



under which the Court shall have jurisdiction over any request for fees and expenses by Stretto for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement, and not a provision limiting the duration of the Debtors' obligation to indemnify Stretto. All parties in interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by Stretto for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement.

10. The limitation of liability section in paragraph 10 of the Engagement Agreement is deemed to be of no force or effect with respect to the services to be provided pursuant to this Order.

11. The Debtors and Stretto are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.

12. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Order, any payment made by the Debtors pursuant to the authority granted herein shall be subject to and in compliance with any orders entered by the Court approving the Debtors' entry into any postpetition debtor in possession financing facility and any budget in connection therewith and/or authorizing the Debtors' use of cash collateral and any budget in connection therewith.

13. Notice of the Application as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Application and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

14. Notwithstanding any stay that might be imposed by Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) or otherwise, this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry hereof.

15. In the event of any inconsistency between the Engagement Agreement, the Application and this Order, this Order shall govern.

16. Notwithstanding any term in the Engagement Agreement to the contrary, the Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019  
White Plains, New York

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THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**Exhibit B**

**Vandell Declaration**



professionals have experience in noticing, claims administration, solicitation, balloting and facilitating other administrative aspects of chapter 11 cases and experience in matters of this size and complexity. Stretto's professionals have acted as debtor's counsel or official claims and noticing agent in many large bankruptcy cases in this District and in other districts nationwide. Stretto's active cases include: *In re Barneys New York, Inc.*, Case No. 19-36300 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Sept. 19, 2019); *In re Z Gallerie, LLC*, Case No. 19-10488 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 9, 2019); *In re Burkhalter Rigging, Inc.*, Case No. 19-30495 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Feb. 6, 2019); *In re Angel Medical Sys., Inc.*, Case No. 18-12903 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. Jan. 23, 2019); *In re Oklahoma ProCure Mgmt, LLC* Case No. 18-12622 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 27, 2018); *In re Sancillo Pharmaceuticals Co., Inc.*, Case No. 18-11333 (CSS) (Bankr D. Del. June 7, 2018); *In re BICOM NY, LLC*, Case No. 17-11906 (MEW) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 20, 2017).

4. As Administrative Advisor, Stretto will perform the bankruptcy administration services specified in the Application and the Engagement Agreement. In performing such services, Stretto will charge the Debtors the rates set forth in the Engagement Agreement, which is attached as **Exhibit 1** hereto.

5. Stretto is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, in that Stretto and its professional personnel:

- a. are not creditors, equity security holders, or insiders of the Debtors;
- b. are not and were not, within two years before the date of the filing of these cases, directors, officers, or employees of the Debtors; and
- c. do not have an interest materially adverse to the interest of the Debtors' estates or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the Debtors.

6. I caused to be submitted for review by our conflicts system the names of all

known potential parties-in-interest (the “Potential Parties in Interest”) in these Chapter 11 Cases. The list of Potential Parties in Interest was provided by the Debtors and included, among other parties, the Debtors, current and former directors and officers of the Debtors, significant stockholders, secured creditors, lenders, the Debtors’ thirty largest unsecured creditors on a consolidated basis, and other parties. The results of the conflict check were compiled and reviewed by Stretto professionals under my supervision. At this time, and as set forth in further detail herein, Stretto is not aware of any relationship that would present a disqualifying conflict of interest. Should Stretto discover any new relevant facts or relationships bearing on the matters described herein during the period of its retention, Stretto will use reasonable efforts to file promptly a supplemental declaration.

7. To the best of my knowledge, and based solely upon information provided to me by the Debtors, and except as provided herein, neither Stretto, nor any of its professionals, has any materially adverse connection to the Debtors, their creditors or other relevant parties. Stretto may have relationships with certain of the Debtors’ creditors as vendors or in connection with cases in which Stretto serves or has served as Claims and Noticing Agent and/or Administrative Advisor for another chapter 11 debtor. However, to the best of my knowledge, such relationships are materially unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases.

8. Stretto has and will continue to represent clients in matters unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases. In addition, Stretto has and will continue to have relationships in the ordinary course of its business with certain vendors, professionals, and other parties in interest that may be involved in these Chapter 11 Cases. There is also a possibility that Stretto will provide professional services to entities or persons that may be creditors or parties in interest in these

Chapter 11 Cases, though such services would not directly relate to, or have any direct connection with, these Chapter 11 Cases or the Debtors.

9. Stretto and its personnel in their individual capacities regularly utilize the services of law firms, investment banking and advisory firms, accounting firms, and financial advisors. Such firms engaged by Stretto or its personnel may appear in chapter 11 cases representing the Debtors or parties in interest. All engagements where such firms represent Stretto or its personnel in their individual capacities are unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases.

10. Certain of Stretto's professionals were partners of or formerly employed by firms that are providing or may provide professional services to parties in interest in this case. Except as may be disclosed herein, these professionals did not work on any matters involving the Debtor while employed by their previous firms. Moreover, these professionals were not employed by their previous firms when the Chapter 11 Case was filed.

11. In April 2017, Stretto was acquired by the Trident VI Funds managed by private equity firm Stone Point Capital LLC ("Stone Point"). Stone Point is a financial services-focused private equity firm based in Greenwich, Connecticut. The firm has raised and managed seven private equity funds – the Trident Funds – with aggregate committed capital of approximately \$19 billion. Stone Point targets investments in the global financial services industry, including investments in companies that provide outsourced services to financial institutions, banks and depository institutions, asset management firms, insurance and reinsurance companies, insurance distribution and other insurance-related businesses, specialty lending and other credit opportunities, mortgage services companies and employee benefits and healthcare companies.

12. The following disclosure is made out of an abundance of caution in an effort to comply with the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules. However, neither the Trident VI

Funds nor Stone Point have been identified on the parties in interest list in these Chapter 11 Cases as of the date hereof.

13. Stretto has searched the names of the Debtors and the names of the Potential Parties in Interest provided by the Debtors against Stone Point, its funds, and their respective investments as set forth in the list most recently provided to Stretto by Stone Point's internal compliance department. Based solely on the foregoing search, Stretto has determined, to the best of its knowledge, that there are no material connections that require disclosure. To the extent Stretto learns of any material connections between Stone Point's funds or investments included in the above-described conflicts search and the Debtors, Stretto will promptly file a supplemental disclosure. Stretto may have had, may currently have, or may in the future have business relationships unrelated to the Debtors with one or more Stone Point entities including, among others, portfolio companies of Stone Point.

14. From time to time, Stretto partners or employees personally invest in mutual funds, retirement funds, private equity funds, venture capital funds, hedge funds and other types of investment funds (the "Investment Funds"), through which such individuals indirectly acquire a debt or equity security of many companies, one of which may be one of the Debtors or their affiliates, often without Stretto's or its personnel's knowledge. Each Stretto partner or employee generally owns substantially less than one percent of such Investment Fund, does not manage or otherwise control such Investment Fund and has no influence over the Investment Fund's decision to buy, sell, or vote any particular security. Each Investment Fund is generally operated as a blind pool, meaning that when the Stretto partners or employees make an investment in the particular Investment Fund, he, she or they do not know what securities the blind pool Investment Fund will purchase or sell and have no control over such purchases or sales.



15. From time to time, Stretto partners or employees may personally directly acquire a debt or equity security of a company that may be one of the Debtors or their affiliates. Stretto has a policy prohibiting its partners and employees from using confidential information that may come to their attention in the course of their work. In this regard, subject to paragraph 14, all Stretto partners and employees are barred from trading in securities with respect to matters in which Stretto is retained. Subject to paragraph 14, upon information and belief, and upon reasonable inquiry, Stretto does not believe that any of its partners or employees own any debt or equity securities of a company that is a Debtor or of any of its affiliates.

16. To the best of my knowledge, neither Stretto nor any of its partners or employees hold or represent any interest materially adverse to the Debtors' estates with respect to any matter upon which Stretto is to be engaged. Based on the foregoing, I believe that Stretto is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

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

Executed on October 16, 2019

*/s/ Travis Vandell*

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Travis Vandell  
Managing Director

**Exhibit 1**

**Engagement Agreement**



# Corporate Restructuring Proposal

*Prepared for:*


McDermott Will & Emery LLP

07.17.2019

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## Executive Summary

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you our services. Enclosed, please find Stretto's Engagement Agreement as well as our pricing.

Clients rely on Stretto as a trusted service partner to orchestrate the administrative process. We offer deep-industry expertise and seamlessly integrate streamlined workflows and best-in-class technology. Clients expect top-notch service along with exceptional attention to detail, and Stretto delivers exactly that.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you, and we commit to providing the highest level of service so you can efficiently manage the day-to-day needs of your practice.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



Travis Vandell  
*Managing Director, Corporate Restructuring*  
310.710.6554 | [travis.vandell@stretto.com](mailto:travis.vandell@stretto.com)

## Engagement Agreement

This Engagement Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into as of July 23, 2019 between Bankruptcy Management Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Stretto ("Stretto") and Agera Holdings LLC (together with its affiliates and subsidiaries, the "Company").<sup>1</sup>

In consideration of the promises set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

### 1. Services

- (a) Stretto agrees to provide the Company with consulting services regarding legal noticing, claims management and reconciliation, plan solicitation, balloting, disbursements, preparation of schedules of assets and liabilities and statements of financial affairs, communications, confidential online workspaces or data rooms (publication to which shall not violate the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement) and any other services agreed upon by the parties or otherwise required by applicable law, governmental regulations or court rules or orders (all such services collectively, the "Services").
- (b) The Company acknowledges and agrees that Stretto will often take direction from the Company's representatives, employees, agents and/or professionals (collectively, the "Company Parties") with respect to providing Services hereunder. The parties agree that Stretto may rely upon, and the Company agrees to be bound by, any requests, advice or information provided by the Company Parties to the same extent as if such requests, advice or information were provided by the Company.
- (c) The Company agrees and understands that Stretto shall not provide the Company or any other party with legal advice.

### 2. Rates, Expenses and Payment

- (a) Stretto will provide the Services on an as-needed basis and upon request or agreement of the Company, in each case in accordance with the rate structure attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein (the "Rate Structure"). The Company agrees to pay for reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by Stretto in connection with providing Services hereunder.
- (b) The Rate Structure sets forth individual unit pricing for each of the Services. The Company may request separate Services or all of the Services.
- (c) Stretto will bill the Company no less frequently than monthly. All invoices shall be due and payable upon receipt. Where an expense or group of expenses to be incurred is expected to exceed \$10,000 (e.g., publication notice), Stretto may require advance or direct payment from the Company before the performance of Services hereunder. If any amount is unpaid as of 30 days after delivery of an invoice, the Company agrees to pay a late charge equal to 1.5% of the total amount unpaid every 30 days.

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<sup>1</sup> The Company shall include, to the extent applicable, the Company, as debtor and debtor in possession in any chapter 11 case, together with any affiliated debtors and debtors in possession whose chapter 11 cases are jointly administered with the Company's chapter 11 case.

- (d) In the case of a dispute with respect to an invoice amount, the Company shall provide a detailed written notice of such dispute to Stretto within 10 days of receipt of the invoice.
- (e) The undisputed portion of the invoice will remain due and payable immediately upon receipt thereof. Late charges shall not accrue on any amounts disputed in good faith.
- (f) The Company shall pay any fees and expenses for Services relating to, arising out of or resulting from any error or omission made by the Company or the Company Parties.
- (g) The Company shall pay or reimburse any taxes that are applicable to Services performed hereunder or that are measured by payments made hereunder and are required to be collected by Stretto or paid by Stretto to a taxing authority.
- (h) Upon execution of this Agreement, the Company shall pay Stretto an advance of \$25,000. Stretto may use such advance against unpaid fees and expenses hereunder. Stretto may use the advance against all prepetition fees and expenses. Company shall upon Stretto's request, which request may take the form of an invoice, replenish the advance to the original advance amount. Stretto may also, at its option hold such advance to apply against unpaid fees and expenses hereunder.
- (i) Stretto reserves the right to make reasonable increases to the Rate Structure on an annual basis effective on the first business day of each year. If such annual increases represent an increase greater than 10% from the previous year's levels, Stretto shall provide 30 days' notice to the Company of such increases.
- (j) Payments to Stretto under the terms of this Agreement for services rendered, may be remitted by Client using either (or both) of the following methods:
  - i. Wire Transmission  
Bank Name – Pacific Western Bank  
Bank Address – 110 West A Street, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92101  
ABA – 122238200  
Account Number – 1000681781  
Account Name – Bankruptcy Management Solutions, Inc.
  - ii. Check  
Stretto  
c/o Controller, Chris Mok  
410 Exchange, Suite 100  
Irvine, CA 92602

### **3. Retention in Bankruptcy Case**

- (a) If the Company commences a case pursuant to title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), the Company promptly shall file applications with the Bankruptcy Court to retain Stretto (i) as claims and noticing agent pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) and (ii) as administrative advisor pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code for all Services that fall outside the scope of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c). The form and substance of such applications and any order approving them shall be reasonably acceptable to Stretto.
- (b) If any Company chapter 11 case converts to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, Stretto will continue to be paid for Services pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) and the terms hereunder.

#### **4. Confidentiality**

- (a) The Company and Stretto agree to keep confidential all non-public records, systems, procedures, software and other information received from the other party in connection with the Services provided hereunder; provided, however, that if any such information was publicly available, already in the receiving party's possession or known to it, independently developed by the receiving party, lawfully obtained by the receiving party from a third party or required to be disclosed by law, then the receiving party shall bear no responsibility for publicly disclosing such information.
- (b) If either party reasonably believes that it is required to disclose any confidential information pursuant to an order from a governmental authority, (i) such party shall provide written notice to the other party promptly after receiving such order, to allow the other party sufficient time, if possible, to seek any remedy available under applicable law to prevent disclosure of the information; and (ii) such party will limit such disclosure to the extent the such party's counsel in good faith determines such disclosure can be limited.

#### **5. Property Rights**

Stretto reserves to itself and its agents all property rights in and to all materials, concepts, creations, inventions, works of authorship, improvements, designs, innovations, ideas, discoveries, know-how, techniques, programs, systems, specifications, applications, processes, routines, manuals, documentation and any other information or property (collectively, "Property") furnished by Stretto for itself or for use by the Company hereunder. The foregoing definition of Property shall include any and all data, from any source, downloaded, stored and maintained by Stretto's technology infrastructure. Fees and expenses paid by the Company do not vest in the Company any rights in such Property. Such Property is only being made available for the Company's use during and in connection with the Services provided by Stretto hereunder.

#### **6. Bank Accounts**

At the request of the Company or the Company Parties, Stretto shall be authorized to establish accounts with financial institutions in the name of and as agent for the Company to facilitate distributions pursuant to a chapter 11 plan or other transaction. To the extent that certain financial products are provided to the Company pursuant to Stretto's agreement with financial institutions, Stretto may receive compensation from such institutions for the services Stretto provides pursuant to such agreement.

#### **7. Term and Termination**

- (a) This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated by either party: (i) on 30 days' prior written notice to other party; or (ii) immediately upon written notice for Cause (as defined herein). "Cause" means (i) gross negligence or willful misconduct of Stretto that causes material harm to the Company's restructuring under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) the failure of the Company to pay Stretto invoices for more than 60 days from the date of invoice or (iii) the accrual of invoices or unpaid Services in excess of the advance held by Stretto where Stretto reasonably believes it likely will not be paid.



- (b) If this Agreement is terminated after Stretto is retained pursuant to Bankruptcy Court order, the Company promptly shall seek entry of a Bankruptcy Court order discharging Stretto of its duties under such retention, which order shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Stretto.
- (c) If this Agreement is terminated, the Company shall remain liable for all amounts then accrued and/or due and owing to Stretto hereunder.
- (d) If this Agreement is terminated, Stretto shall coordinate with the Company and, to the extent applicable, the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, to maintain an orderly transfer of record keeping functions, and Stretto shall provide the necessary staff, services and assistance required for such an orderly transfer. The Company agrees to pay for such Services pursuant to the Rate Structure.

## **8. No Representations or Warranties**

Stretto makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, regarding the services and products sold or licensed to the Company hereunder or otherwise with respect to this Agreement, including, without limitation, any express or implied warranty of merchantability, fitness or adequacy for a particular purpose or use, quality, productiveness or capacity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the above disclaimer is not enforceable under applicable law, such disclaimer will be construed by limiting it so as to be enforceable to the extent compatible with applicable law.

## **9. Indemnification**

- (a) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless Stretto and its members, directors, officers, employees, representatives, affiliates, consultants, subcontractors and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, judgments, liabilities and expenses, whether direct or indirect (including, without limitation, counsel fees and expenses) (collectively, "Losses") resulting from, arising out of or related to Stretto's performance hereunder. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Losses include any liabilities resulting from claims by any third parties against any Indemnified Party.
- (b) Stretto and the Company shall notify each other in writing promptly upon the assertion, threat or commencement of any claim, action, investigation or proceeding that either party becomes aware of with respect to the Services provided hereunder.
- (c) The Company's indemnification of Stretto hereunder shall exclude Losses resulting from Stretto's gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- (d) The Company's indemnification obligations hereunder shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

## **10. Limitations of Liability**

Except as expressly provided herein, Stretto's liability to the Company for any Losses, unless due to Stretto's gross negligence or willful misconduct, shall be limited to the total amount paid by the Company to Stretto for the portion of the particular work that gave rise to the alleged Loss. In no event shall Stretto be liable for any indirect, special or consequential damages (such as loss of anticipated profits or other economic loss) in connection with or arising out of the Services provided hereunder.

## **11. Company Data**

- (a) The Company is responsible for, and Stretto does not verify, the accuracy of the programs, data and other information it or any Company Party submits for processing to Stretto and for the output of such information, including, without limitation, with respect to preparation of statements of financial affairs and schedules of assets and liabilities (collectively, "SOFAs and Schedules"). Stretto bears no responsibility for the accuracy and content of SOFAs and Schedules, and the Company is deemed hereunder to have approved and reviewed all SOFAs and Schedules filed on its behalf.
- (b) The Company agrees, represents and warrants to Stretto that before delivery of any information to Stretto: (i) the Company has full authority to deliver such information to Stretto; and (ii) Stretto is authorized to use such information to perform Services hereunder and as otherwise set forth in this Agreement.
- (c) Any data, storage media, programs or other materials furnished to Stretto by the Company may be retained by Stretto until the Services provided hereunder are paid in full. The Company shall remain liable for all fees and expenses incurred by Stretto under this Agreement as a result of data, storage media or other materials maintained, stored or disposed of by Stretto. Any such disposal shall be in a manner requested by or acceptable to the Company; provided that if the Company has not utilized Stretto's Services for a period of 90 days or more, Stretto may dispose of any such materials in a manner to be determined in Stretto's sole reasonable discretion, and be reimbursed by the Company for the expense of such disposition, after giving the Company 30 days' notice. The Company agrees to initiate and maintain backup files that would allow the Company to regenerate or duplicate all programs, data or information provided by the Company to Stretto.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Stretto is retained pursuant to Bankruptcy Court order, disposal of any Company data, storage media or other materials shall comply with any applicable court orders and rules or clerk's office instructions.

## **12. Non-Solicitation**

The Company agrees that neither it nor any of its subsidiaries or affiliates shall directly or indirectly solicit for employment, employ or otherwise retain as employees, consultants or otherwise, any employees of Stretto during the term of this Agreement and for a period of 12 months after termination thereof unless Stretto provides prior written consent to such solicitation or retention.

## **13. Force Majeure**

Whenever performance by Stretto of any of its obligations hereunder is materially prevented or impacted by reason of any act of God, government requirement, strike, lock-out or other industrial or transportation disturbance, fire, flood, epidemic, lack of materials, law, regulation or ordinance, act of terrorism, war or war condition, or by reason of any other matter beyond Stretto's reasonable control, then such performance shall be excused.

## **14. Choice of Law**

The validity, enforceability and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

## 15. Arbitration

Any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach thereof shall be finally resolved by arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Arbitration Rules, and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. There shall be three arbitrators named in accordance with such rules. The arbitration shall be conducted in the English language in Irvine, California in accordance with the United States Arbitration Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon commencement of any chapter 11 case(s) by the Company, any disputes related to this Agreement shall be decided by the bankruptcy court assigned to such chapter 11 case(s).

## 16. Integration: Severability; Modifications: Assignment

- (a) Each party acknowledges that it has read this Agreement, understands it and agrees to be bound by its terms and further agrees that it is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the parties, which supersedes and merges all prior proposals, understandings, agreements and communications between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof.
- (b) If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall in no way be affected or impaired thereby.
- (c) This Agreement may be modified only by a writing duly executed by an authorized representative of the Company and an officer of Stretto.
- (d) This Agreement and the rights and duties hereunder shall not be assignable by the parties hereto except upon written consent of the other; provided, however, that Stretto may assign this Agreement to a wholly-owned subsidiary or affiliate without the Company's consent.

## 17. Effectiveness of Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement. This Agreement will become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other party, which delivery may be made by exchange of copies of the signature page by fax or email.

## 18. Notices

All notices and requests in connection with this Agreement shall be sufficiently given or made if given or made in writing via hand delivery, overnight courier, U.S. Mail (postage prepaid) or email, and addressed as follows:

If to Stretto:                      Stretto  
   410 Exchange, Ste. 100  
   Irvine, CA 92602  
   Attn: Sheryl Betance  
   Tel: 714.716.1872  
   Email: sheryl.betance@stretto.com

If to the Company: Agera Energy LLC  
Attn: Raina Jamal / LEGAL  
555 Pleasantville Road, S107  
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510

With a copy to: McDermott Will & Emery LLP / Attn: Darren Azman  
340 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10173

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective as of the date first above written.


Stretto



By: Travis Vandell

Title: Managing Director

[COMPANY] Agera Holdings LLC

By:   
Mark Linzenboed

Title: CFO