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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> , ¹)	Case No. 19-_____ (____)
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Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
_____)	

**DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (A) ESTABLISHING
CERTAIN NOTICE, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEDURES AND (B) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Agera Energy LLC and the above-captioned debtors, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) in these chapter 11 cases (these “Chapter 11 Cases”), hereby submit this motion (this “Motion”) for entry of an order pursuant to sections 102(1), 105(a), and 105(d) of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rules 1015(c), 2002(m), 9006, 9007, 9014, and 9036 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Rules 9013-1(a) and 9074-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the “Local Rules”), substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Order”) (i)

¹ 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); Aequis 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.

approving and implementing certain notice, case management, and administrative procedures, attached as **Exhibit 1** to the Order (the “Case Management Procedures”), and (ii) granting related relief. In support of the Motion, the Debtors rely upon and fully incorporate by reference 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* (the “First Day Declaration”), filed with the Court on the date hereof. In further support of the Motion, the Debtors respectfully represent as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334(b), 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 under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

2. Venue of these cases and this Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Code sections 102(1), 105(a), and 105(d), Bankruptcy Rules 1015(c), 2002(m), 9006, 9007, and 9014, 9036, and Local Rules 9013-1(a) and 9074-1.

BACKGROUND

4. On the date hereof (the “Petition Date”), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

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

6. No trustee, examiner, creditors' committee, or other official committee has been appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases.

7. The factual background regarding the Debtors, including a description of the Debtors' business, capital structure, and the circumstances leading to these Chapter 11 Cases, is set forth in the First Day Declaration, which is incorporated herein by reference.

RELIEF REQUESTED

8. By this motion, the Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, (a) approving and implementing the Case Management Procedures,² and (b) granting related relief.

PROPOSED CASE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

9. The Case Management Procedures, among other things, (a) establish requirements for filing and serving Court Filings, (b) delineate standards for notices of hearings and agenda letters, (c) fix periodic omnibus hearing dates and articulate mandatory guidelines for the scheduling of hearings and objection deadlines, and (d) limit matters that are required to be heard by the Court.

10. Given the size and complexity of these Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors believe that implementing the Case Management Procedures will facilitate the fair and efficient administration of these Chapter 11 Cases and promote judicial economy. Specifically, the Case Management Procedures will benefit the Debtors, the Court, and all parties in interest by, among other things:

- a. reducing the need for emergency hearings and requests for expedited relief;

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meaning ascribed such terms in the Case Management Procedures.

- b. providing for omnibus hearings for the Court to consider motions, pleadings, applications, objections, and responses thereto;
- c. fostering consensual resolution of important matters;
- d. assuring prompt and appropriate notice of matters affecting parties' interests;
- e. allowing for electronic notice pursuant to the Court's electronic filing system;
- f. providing ample opportunity to parties in interest to prepare for and respond to matters before the Court;
- g. reducing the substantial administrative and financial burden that would otherwise be placed on the Debtors and other parties in interest who file documents in these Chapter 11 Cases; and
- h. reducing the administrative burdens on the Court and the Clerk of the Court.

11. To ensure that parties in interest in these Chapter 11 Cases are made aware of the Case Management Procedures, the Debtors propose to (a) serve the Case Management Procedures on the Master Service List, (b) publish the Case Management Procedures on the Debtors' restructuring website at <https://cases.stretto.com/agera> (the "Case Website"), and (c) make the Case Management Procedures readily available on request to the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent, Stretto ("Stretto").

BASIS FOR REQUESTED RELIEF

12. The Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules provide the Court with authority to approve notice, case management, and administrative procedures. Specifically, Bankruptcy Rule 2002(m) states that "[t]he court may from time to time enter orders designating the matters in respect to which, the entity to whom, and the form and manner in which notices shall be sent except as otherwise provided by these rules." *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(m); *see also* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9007 ("When notice is to be given under these rules, the

court shall designate, if not otherwise specified herein, the time within which, the entities to whom, and the form and manner in which the notice shall be given.”). In addition, Bankruptcy Rule 9036 authorizes parties in interest to request that “all or part of the information required to be contained in the notice be sent by a specified type of electronic transmission.” *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9036.

13. Bankruptcy Code section 102(1) provides that if the Bankruptcy Code requires an action to occur “after notice and a hearing,” such action may occur “after such notice as is appropriate in the particular circumstances, and such opportunity for a hearing as is appropriate in the particular circumstances.” 11 U.S.C. § 102(1)(A). Moreover, Bankruptcy Code section 105(a) states that “[t]he Court may issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of [the Bankruptcy Code].” 11 U.S.C. § 105(a); *see also* 11 U.S.C. § 105(d)(1) (allowing the court to schedule status conferences as necessary to further the resolution of the case).

14. In addition, Local Rule 9074-1 allows the Court to set appropriate notice requirements and objection deadlines in connection with the facts and circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases. *See, e.g.*, Local Rule 9074-1(c)(3), (4). Further, pursuant to the Court’s General Order M-399, *Electronic Means for Filing, Signing and Verification of Documents*, dated May 17, 2010, a party’s request for an electronic filing password and “[t]he Court’s issuance of a [CM/ECF] account to a System user constitutes waiver of conventional service with respect to that user.” General Order M-399 at § II.B.1.

15. The Case Management Procedures in these Chapter 11 Cases should be approved. Approval of the Case Management Procedures will promote the efficient and orderly administration of these Chapter 11 Cases by, among other things, (a) limiting service of Court

filings to those parties that have an interest in the subject matter thereof, (b) authorizing electronic service, and (c) fixing monthly omnibus hearings. The omnibus hearings and electronic notice requirements as provided in the Case Management Procedures will alleviate any notice or hearing burdens that may arise in these Chapter 11 Cases whenever possible by establishing set hearings and briefing schedules. Parties will then also be able to seek emergency relief as is necessary as provided by the Case Management Procedures. Moreover, General Order M-399 expressly provides that any party submitting a Court Filing with the Electronic Filing System already has consented to electronic service as provided by the proposed order and will not be prejudiced by electronic notice. Such registered participants will receive a “Notice of Electronic Filing” via email whenever a filing is made, which will provide additional notice to such parties. If a party cannot reasonably obtain access to email, then such party may seek an exemption from electronic service to receive paper copies of any Court Filing as set forth in the proposed order. Therefore, no party will be affected adversely by electronic service as set forth in the Case Management Procedures.

16. Courts in this district regularly grant relief similar to that requested herein to expedite case administration and to reduce the costs thereof. *See, e.g., In re Hollander Sleep Prods., LLC*, No. 19-11608 (MEW) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 19, 2019); *In re Windstream Holdings, Inc.*, No. 19-22312 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Apr. 22, 2019); *In re FULLBEAUTY Brands Holding Corp.*, No. 19-22185 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 7, 2019); *In re Aegean Marine Petroleum Network, Inc.*, No. 18-13374 (MEW) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 27, 2018); *In re Nine West Holdings, Inc.*, No. 18-10947 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Apr. 13, 2018); *In re Cenveo, Inc.*, No. 18-22178 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Mar. 15, 2018). Accordingly, the Debtors believe

that the proposed order is appropriate and should be approved and implemented in these Chapter 11 Cases.

MOTION PRACTICE

17. 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

18. The Debtors will provide notice of this motion to: (a) the United States Trustee; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (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

19. No prior request for the relief sought in this motion 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**, (a) approving and implementing the Case Management Procedures and (b) granting such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate..

Dated: October 4, 2019
New York, NY

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Proposed Order

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

AGERA ENERGY LLC, *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

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) Chapter 11

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) Case No. 19-____ (____)

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) (Jointly Administered)

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) **Re: Docket No. ____**

**ORDER (A) ESTABLISHING CERTAIN NOTICE, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND (B) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for the entry of an order (this “Order”) approving and implementing the notice, case management, and administrative procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** (the “Case Management Procedures”), all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day 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 January 31, 2012; and this Court having the power to enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtors’ notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing

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before this Court (the “Hearing”); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
2. The Case Management Procedures are approved and shall govern all applicable aspects of these Chapter 11 Cases, except as otherwise ordered by this Court.
3. The first four Omnibus Hearings are scheduled as follows:
 - ___:___ _m on the ____th day of _____;
 - ___:___ _m on the ____th day of _____;
 - ___:___ _m on the ____th day of _____; and
 - ___:___ _m on the ____th day of _____.
4. The Debtors’ claims and noticing agent, Stretto, is authorized to establish the Case Website, available at <https://cases.stretto.com/agera> where, among other things, electronic copies of all Court Filings, including proofs of claim and accompanying exhibits, will be posted and viewable free of charge.
5. Any notice sent by the Debtors or any other party to the Master Service List or the 2002 List, or to any parties required by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, the Case Management Procedures, or further order of this Court, shall be deemed sufficient and in compliance with thereof.
6. All time periods set forth in this Order or in the Case Management Procedures shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

7. Notice of the Motion as provided herein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

8. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

9. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: _____, 2019
White Plains, New York

THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Exhibit 1

Case Management Procedures

**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> , ¹)	Case No. 19-_____ (____)
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Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
_____)	

CASE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

On October 2, 2019 (the “Petition Date”), the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), filed voluntary petitions for relief (these “Chapter 11 Cases”) under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Court”). The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.²

On [_____], 2019, the Court entered an order [Docket No. _] (the “Order”) approving the case management procedures set forth herein (the “Case Management Procedures”) pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 102(1), 105(a), and 105(d), Rules 2002(m), 9007, 9036 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Rule 9074-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the “Local Rules”). Anyone may obtain a copy of the Order, as well as any Court Filing filed with the Court in these Chapter 11 Cases, by: (a) accessing the website maintained by Stretto (“Stretto” or

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the “Claims and Noticing Agent”), at <https://cases.stretto.com/agera> (the “Case Website”); (b) contacting Stretto directly at (877) 273-7276, email teamagera@stretto.com; or (c) accessing the PACER system on the Court’s website at <https://www.nysb.uscourts.gov> for a fee.

Pursuant to the Order, all notices, motions, applications, briefs, memoranda, affidavits, declarations, objections, responses, and other documents filed in these Chapter 11 Cases are subject to, and will not be deemed properly served unless they are served in accordance with, these Case Management Procedures. Additionally, while the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules apply to these Chapter 11 Cases, to the extent there is a conflict between the foregoing and these Case Management Procedures, these Case Management Procedures shall govern in all respects. *Accordingly, all parties in interest are strongly encouraged to review these Case Management Procedures in their entirety and consult their own legal counsel with respect to any of the matters discussed herein before filing any documents in these Chapter 11 Cases.*

Case Management Procedures

I. Hearing Procedures

1. *All Matters to Be Heard at Omnibus Hearings.* The Court shall schedule periodic omnibus hearings (the “Omnibus Hearings”) to consider all notices, motions, applications, and other requests for relief, briefs, memoranda, affidavits, declarations, replies, and other documents filed in support of such papers seeking relief (collectively, the “Requests for Relief”), and all objections and responses to such Requests for Relief (collectively, the “Objections” and, together with the Requests for Relief and all other filed documents, the “Court Filings”) pursuant to the following procedures:

2. ***Initial Omnibus Hearings.*** The first four Omnibus Hearings are scheduled as follows:

- ____:____ _m on the ____ day of _____;
- ____:____ _m on the ____ day of _____;
- ____:____ _m on the ____ day of _____; and
- ____:____ _m on the ____ day of _____.

3. ***Subsequent Omnibus Hearings.*** At or before the final Omnibus Hearing listed above, the Debtors shall request that the Court schedule additional Omnibus Hearings. The Court shall schedule such Omnibus Hearings and, upon scheduling, Stretto shall post the dates of the additional Omnibus Hearings on the Case Website. Parties may contact Stretto for information concerning all scheduled Omnibus Hearings.

4. ***Proposed Omnibus Hearing Agenda.*** Two business days before each Omnibus Hearing, the Debtors' counsel shall file a proposed agenda with regard to the matters scheduled to be heard at such Omnibus Hearing (the "Proposed Hearing Agenda"). The Proposed Hearing Agenda may include notice of matters that have been consensually adjourned to a later Omnibus Hearing in lieu of parties filing a separate notice of adjournment; *provided* that for all matters adjourned to a later Omnibus Hearing or some other future date, the Debtors also will electronically file (but need not serve) a notice of adjournment with respect to such matters.

5. ***Content of Proposed Hearing Agenda.*** The Proposed Hearing Agenda will include, to the extent known by Debtors' counsel: (a) the docket number and title of each matter scheduled to be heard at such Omnibus Hearing, including the initial filing and any objections, replies, or documents related thereto; (b) whether the matters are contested or uncontested; (c) whether the matters have settled or are proposed to be continued; (d) a suggestion for the order in which the matters should be addressed; and (e) any other comments that will assist the Court.

6. ***Bridge Order Not Required in Certain Circumstances.*** Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9006-2, when a motion to extend time to take any action is filed by the Debtors before the expiration of the period prescribed by the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Bankruptcy Rules, or order of the Court, the time shall be automatically extended until the Court acts on the motion, as long as the movant files the motion with a return date otherwise in compliance with these Procedures and that is no later than 14 days after the filing of such motion.

7. ***Evidentiary Hearings.*** With respect to any Court Filing, if Objections are filed, the Omnibus Hearing shall not be deemed an evidentiary hearing at which witnesses may testify unless the Proposed Hearing Agenda provides otherwise; *provided* that parties in interest may request the Court by email (and copying opposing parties) that such hearing be an evidentiary hearing. Additionally, any Court Filing requesting or requiring the Court to make a factual finding must be supported by competent evidence (*e.g.*, declarations, affidavits, and exhibits).

8. ***Telephonic Appearances.*** Parties who wish to participate in a hearing telephonically on a “live” line must submit a dial-in request to CourtSolutions at www.CourtSolutions.com. If the request is approved, the party will receive an email from CourtSolutions with dial-in information. Parties participating by phone must put their phones on “mute,” except when they need to be heard, and are not to put their phones on “hold” in any circumstances.

9. ***Listen-Only Lines.*** Parties who wish to “listen only” to a hearing telephonically (each, a “Listen-Only Line”) may do so by registering with CourtSolutions at www.CourtSolutions.com. For the avoidance of doubt, any party wishing to use a Listen-Only Line need not seek permission from the Debtors or the Court.

10. ***Matters that May Be Heard at Non-Omnibus Hearings.*** Subject to consultation with Chambers, hearings in connection with applications for professional compensation and reimbursement, pre-trial conferences, asset sales, and trials related to adversary proceedings, approval of a disclosure statement, confirmation of a plan, and any other Court Filing filed by the Debtors and not heard may be scheduled for dates other than the Omnibus Hearing dates; *provided, however*, that initial pre-trial conferences scheduled in connection with adversary proceedings involving the Debtors shall be set on the next available Omnibus Hearing date that is at least forty-five (45) calendar days after the filing of the complaint, except as otherwise ordered by the Court. Hearings on all other Requests for Relief filed by any party, except for those Requests for Relief requiring emergency relief, must be scheduled for an Omnibus Hearing.

II. Filing and Service Procedures.

10. All Court Filings filed in these Chapter 11 Cases shall be filed electronically with the Court on the docket of *In re Agera Energy LLC*, Case No. 19-_____ (RDD), in accordance with the Court's General Order M-399, by registered users of the Court's electronic case filing system (the "Electronic Filing System"). Further, pursuant to Local Rule 9070-1, at least one hard copy of any Court Filing (other than proofs of claim) shall be: (a) marked "Chambers Copy" and delivered in an unsealed envelope to the Chambers of the Honorable Judge Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York ("Chambers"), 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601-4140, so as to be recorded no later than the next business day following the date on which such Court Filing is electronically filed; and (b) delivered by first class mail to U.S. Trustee, U.S. Federal Office Building, 201 Varick

Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10014 (Attn: Andrea B. Schwartz, Esq. and Shannon Scott, Esq.) (the “United States Trustee”).

A. The Service List.

11. ***Parties Entitled to Service.*** All Court Filings (other than proofs of claim) shall be served on the following list of parties (the “Service List”), according to the following notice procedures.

- a. ***Master Service List.*** Stretto shall maintain a master service list (the “Master Service List”). The Master Service List shall be made available by (i) accessing the Case Website, (ii) contacting the Claims and Noticing Agent directly, or (iii) contacting the Debtors’ counsel directly. The Master Service List shall include the following parties:
 - i. the Debtors and their counsel;
 - ii. the official committee of unsecured creditors (if and when appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases (the “Committee”) and its counsel;
 - iii. holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis);³
 - iv. counsel to BP Energy Company; Haynes & Boone LLP, 1221 McKinney Street, Suite 2100, Houston, TX 77010 (Attn: Kelli S. Norfleet and Kathryn Shurin; kelli.norfleet@haynesboone.com and kathryn.shurin@haynesboone.com);
 - v. counsel to Exelon Generation Company, LLC, McGuireWoods LLP, 500 East Pratt Street, Suite 1000, Baltimore, MD 21202 (Attn: Cecil E. Martin III; cmartin@mcguirewoods.com);
 - vi. the U.S. Trustee, U.S. Federal Office Building, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10014 (Attn: Andrea B. Schwartz, Esq. and Shannon Scott, Esq.; andrea.b.schwartz@usdoj.gov and shannon.scott2@usdoj.gov)
 - vii. the Internal Revenue Service;

³ Once the Committee is appointed and counsel is retained, holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis) shall not be included in the Master Service List.

- viii. the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York;
and
 - ix. any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.
- b. **2002 List.** Stretto shall maintain a list of all parties that have filed a request to receive service of Court Filings pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 (the “2002 List”).
- i. ***Filing Requests for Documents Requires Email Address.*** A request for service of Court Filings pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 (each, a “2002 Notice Request”) filed with the Court shall be deemed proper only if it includes the following information with respect to the party filing such request: (a) name; (b) street address; (c) name of client(s), if applicable; (d) telephone number; (e) facsimile number; and (f) email address.
 - ii. ***Certification Opting Out of Email Service.*** Any party filing a 2002 Notice Request who does not maintain (and cannot practicably obtain) an email address and thereafter cannot receive service by email must include in the 2002 Notice Request a certification to that effect (each, a “Certification”). A Certification shall include a statement certifying that the party (a) does not maintain an email address and (b) cannot practicably obtain an email address at which the party could receive service. Such party will thereafter receive paper service in accordance with the Case Management Procedures.
 - iii. ***Email Address Required.*** If a 2002 Notice Request fails to include an email address or a Certification, the Debtors shall forward a copy of the Case Management Procedures to such party within five business days requesting an email address. If no email address or Certification is provided in response to such request, such party shall not be added to the 2002 List or served with copies of Court Filings unless such Court Filings directly affect such party.
 - iv. ***Changes in Information.*** Each party submitting a 2002 Notice Request is responsible for filing with the Court an updated 2002 Notice Request as necessary to reflect changes to any notice information and must serve a copy of such updated 2002 Notice Request upon the Debtors.
- c. ***Affected Entities.*** All entities with a particularized interest in the subject matter of a specific Court Filing, including the entity filing the Request for Relief is an “Affected Entity” and entitled to be served with all Court Filings relating to that interest.

12. ***Maintenance of the Service List.*** At least every fifteen (15) days during the first sixty (60) days of these Chapter 11 Cases, and at least every thirty (30) days thereafter, Stretto shall update the Service List by making any additions and deletions and post the updated Service List on the Case Website.

B. Filing and Service of Court Filings Generally.

13. ***Electronic Filing and Service.*** All Court Filings shall be filed electronically with the Court, using the Court's Electronic Filing System and served via email, other than service of a summons and complaint in an adversary proceeding, documents filed under seal, and any other Court Filing the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, or Local Rules require be served in hard copy form, including service on the United States Trustee, which shall be deemed to constitute proper service for all parties who are sent such email service; *provided*, that if a party entitled to notice of a Court Filing does not have an email address or an email address is not available, the party shall be served by U.S. mail, overnight delivery, or hand delivery. Subject to the limited exclusions provided herein, each party that files a notice of appearance and a 2002 Notice Request shall be deemed to have consented to electronic service of all Court Filings.

- a. ***Email Subject Line.*** With respect to the service of any Court Filing, the subject line of the email shall include (i) the Debtors' case name and number, *In re Agera Energy LLC*, Case No. 19-_____(RDD), (ii) the name of the party filing such Court Filing, and (iii) the title of the Court Filing being served, and (iv) a statement that attachments are also available on the Court's docket. If the title of the Court Filing is too long to fit within the subject line of the email, the subject line shall contain a shortened version of such title, and the text of the email shall contain the full title of such Court Filing.
- b. ***Email Attachments.*** All Court Filings served by email shall include the entire document, including any proposed form(s) of order and exhibits, attachments, or other materials, in PDF, readable by Adobe Acrobat or other equivalent document reader programs commonly available without cost. The relevant Court Filing shall either be attached to the email in a format specified above or the email shall contain a link to such filing in such format. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Court Filing cannot be

attached to an email (because of its size, technical difficulties, or other concerns), the filing party may serve the Court Filing by U.S. mail, including the proposed form(s) of order and any exhibits, attachments, and other relevant materials; *provided* that the Court Filing is served by hand or overnight delivery on the Service List.

14. ***Waiver of Filing Deadlines.*** If any Court Filing is filed and served electronically via the Electronic Filing System, the filing deadlines requiring three additional days' notice set forth in Rule 9006(f) shall not apply.

15. ***Form of Papers.*** Unless granted prior permission, motions, applications, and objections are limited to 40 pages and replies and statements are limited to 20 pages, in each case exclusive of the table of contents, table of authorities and exhibits. All Court Filings (other than exhibits) shall be double-spaced, 12-point font, with one-inch margins. This provision is subject to the Local Rules and any Chambers rules.

16. ***Certificates of Service.*** Certificates of service for all Court Filings, including the Service List, need only be filed with the Court.

17. ***Right to Request Special Notice Procedures.*** Nothing in the Case Management Procedures shall prejudice the right of any party to seek an amendment or waiver of the provisions of the Case Management Procedures upon a showing of good cause including, without limitation, the right to file a motion seeking emergency *ex parte* relief or relief upon shortened notice.

18. ***Section 342 Notice Requirements.*** Any notice sent by the Debtors or any other party in interest shall be deemed to comply with the requirements set forth in Bankruptcy Code section 342(c)(1).

C. Filing and Service of Requests for Relief.

19. ***Requests for Relief to Be Heard at Omnibus Hearing.*** In accordance with Local Rule 9006-1(b), if a party files and serves a Request for Relief at least fourteen (14) calendar

days before the next Omnibus Hearing, the matter shall be set for hearing at such Omnibus Hearing. If a Request for Relief is served by overnight delivery only, it must be filed and served at least fifteen (15) calendar days before the next Omnibus Hearing. If a Request for Relief is served by U.S. mail only, it must be filed and served at least seventeen (17) calendar days before the next Omnibus Hearing. All applications for reimbursement of fees and expenses by professionals retained by the estate must be filed and served at least twenty-one (21) calendar days before the next Omnibus Hearing. If a Request for Relief is filed by a party other than the Debtors and purports to set a hearing date inconsistent with these Case Management Procedures, the Request for Relief shall be heard, without the necessity of a Court order, at the first Omnibus Hearing after the applicable notice period has expired.

20. ***Emergency Scheduling Procedures.*** If a movant or applicant other than the Debtors determines that a Request for Relief requires emergency or expedited relief, the movant or applicant shall contact (a) the attorneys for (i) the Debtors and (ii) each Official Committee, if applicable, by telephone and request that the Request for Relief be considered on an expedited basis; and (b) the U.S. Trustee. If the Debtors or any Official Committee disagree with the movant's or applicant's request for emergency or expedited relief, the movant or applicant shall (a) inform the Court of the disagreement by telephone and (b) arrange by email to Chambers for a Chambers conference, telephonic or in-person, to discuss the disagreement. If the Court agrees with the movant or applicant regarding the necessity for expedited consideration, the movant or applicant may, by order to show cause, request an expedited hearing.

21. ***Notices of Requests for Relief.*** A notice shall be affixed to the front of each Request for Relief and shall set forth (a) the title of the Request for Relief, (b) the time and date of the objection deadline, (c) the parties on whom any objection is to be served, and (d) the

Omnibus Hearing date at which the party intends to present the Request for Relief. The notice may also include a statement that the relief requested therein may be granted, pursuant to Local Rule 9074-1, without a hearing if no objection is timely filed and served in accordance with the Case Management Procedures (each, a “Presentment Notice”). Subject to Section E of these Case Management Procedures, if the notice filed with a Request for Relief includes a Presentment Notice, after the objection deadline has passed and if no objection has been filed and served in accordance with these Case Management Procedures, counsel to the party who filed the Request for Relief may file a certification that no objection has been filed or served on them, and may request by email to Chambers that the Court grant the relief and enter an order without a hearing. A Presentment Notice must be emailed to the Court and include the underlying motion, the certificate of service, an electronic version of the proposed order in Word or WordPerfect format, and a cover note including a representation that (i) the movant sought relief by notice of presentment and (ii) the objection period has passed and no objections were filed to the Request for Relief or the due service and notice thereof.

22. ***Service of Requests for Relief.*** For any Court Filing for which particular notice is required to be served both on all creditors and on parties with a particular interest in the relief sought by any Request for Relief, including Bankruptcy Rules 2002(a)(2) and (3), 4001, 6004, 6007, and 9019, parties shall serve all such Court Filings only on the Service List in accordance with the following, unless otherwise ordered by the Court:

- a. in the case of any use, sale, lease, or abandonment of substantially all of the Debtors’ property, on each party asserting an interest in that property;
- b. in the case of any relief from or modification of the automatic stay, on each party asserting a lien or other encumbrance on the affected property;
- c. in the case of the use of cash collateral or obtaining of credit, on each party asserting an interest in the cash collateral or a lien or other interest in property upon which a lien or encumbrance is proposed to be granted;

- d. in the case of a motion under Bankruptcy Rule 9019, on all parties to the relevant compromise and settlement, or that may be directly affected by such compromise or settlement;
- e. in the case of assumption, assignment, or rejection of an executory contract or an unexpired lease, on each party to the executory contract or the unexpired lease;
- f. any objection, opposition, response, reply, or further document filed directly in response to another party's Court Filing, on such other party; and
- g. on all parties as required by the Bankruptcy Rules, unless otherwise directed by the Court.

23. ***Notice Provisions Not Applicable to Certain Matters.*** Except as set forth in the Case Management Procedures or otherwise provided by order of the Court, the notice provisions of the Case Management Procedures shall not apply to notices of the matters or proceedings described in the following Bankruptcy Rules:

- a. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(1) (meeting of creditors pursuant to section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code);
- b. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(2) (any proposed use, sale, or lease of property of the estate other than in the ordinary course of business, to the extent that such use, sale, or lease concerns all or substantially all of the Debtors' assets);
- c. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(4) (hearing on the dismissal of a case or cases or the conversion of a case to another chapter);
- d. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(5) (time fixed to accept or reject a proposed modification of a chapter 11 plan);
- e. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(7) (time fixed for filing a proof of claim pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c));
- f. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(b)(1) (time fixed for filing objections to and any hearing to consider approval of a disclosure statement);
- g. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(b)(2) (time fixed for filing objections to and any hearing to consider confirmation of a chapter 11 plan);
- h. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(d) (certain matters for which notice is to be provided to equity security holders);

- i. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(1) (entry of an order for relief);
- j. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(2) (dismissal or conversion of a case to another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code);
- k. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(3) (time allowed for filing claims pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3002);
- l. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(6) (waiver, denial, or revocation of a discharge as provided in Bankruptcy Rule 4006);
- m. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(7) (entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan); and
- n. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(8) (summary of the trustee's final report and account should a case be converted to chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code).

24. ***Requests for Relief to Include Proposed Order.*** Parties submitting written motions or other Requests for Relief shall be required to include a proposed order with such Request for Relief.

D. Filing and Service of Objections and Replies.

25. ***Deadline for Objections.*** Any Objection to a Request for Relief must be filed with the Court and served upon the party filing the Request for Relief and those parties on the Service List by the following deadlines (each, as applicable, the "Objection Deadline"):

- a. in the case of a Request for Relief filed fourteen (14) or more days before the applicable hearing, 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), three (3) calendar days before the applicable hearing;
- b. in the case of a Request for Relief set for hearing on an expedited basis and filed fewer than fourteen (14) days before the applicable hearing, 12:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the business day preceding the applicable hearing; or
- c. in any case, as otherwise ordered by the Court.

26. ***Extension of Objection Deadline.*** The Objection Deadline may be extended without order of the Court upon the consent of the party filing the Request for Relief, which consent may be granted via email.

27. ***Effect of Failure to File Objection by Objection Deadline.*** Failure to file an Objection by the Objection Deadline may cause the Court to disregard the Objection.

28. ***Service of Objections.*** All Objections shall be filed with the Court and served by the applicable Objection Deadline upon the party filing the Request for Relief, and those parties on the Service List including each Affected Entity; *provided* that if the Objection Deadline is after the date that is seven (7) calendar days before the applicable hearing, then Objections shall also be served by email, facsimile, hand delivery, or overnight mail upon the following parties: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis);⁴ (c) counsel to BP Energy Company; (d) counsel to Exelon Generation Company, LLC; (e) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; (f) the Internal Revenue Service; and (g) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

29. ***Service of Replies to Objections.*** If a Court Filing is a reply to an Objection, such reply shall be filed with the Court and served so as to actually be received by (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis);⁵ (c) counsel to BP Energy Company; (d) counsel to Exelon Generation Company, LLC; (e) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; (f) the Internal Revenue Service; and (g) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002., in each case by 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the business day preceding the applicable hearing date. Sur-replies shall be not permitted or considered unless authorized by the Court.

⁴ Once the Committee is appointed and counsel is retained, holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis) shall not need to be served with an Objection.

⁵ Once the Committee is appointed and counsel is retained, holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis) shall not need to be served with a reply to an Objection.

30. ***Settlements.*** If a matter is properly noticed for hearing and the parties reach a settlement of the dispute prior to the scheduled hearing, the parties may announce the settlement at the scheduled hearing. If the Court determines that the notice of the dispute and the hearing is adequate notice of the effects of the settlement (*i.e.*, that the terms of the settlement are not materially different from what parties in interest could have expected if the dispute were fully litigated), the Court may approve the settlement at the hearing without further notice of the terms of the settlement.

31. ***Supplemental Notice.*** In the event that the Court determines that additional or supplemental notice is required, the Debtors shall serve such notice in accordance with the Case Management Procedures, and a hearing to consider such settlement shall be held on the next hearing date deemed appropriate by the Court.

E. Granting a Request for Relief Without a Hearing.

32. ***Certificate of No Objection.*** If no Objection to a Request for Relief is filed after the Request for Relief is filed and served in a timely fashion and the Request for Relief prominently complies herewith (*i.e.*, states that if there are no objections the relief may be granted without a hearing), the movant shall (1) file a certificate of no objection (a “Certificate of No Objection”) stating that no Objection has been filed or served on the movant by the objection deadline and (2) email to chambers (a) the Certificate of No Objection, (b) the certificate of service for the underlying motion, (c) all of the underlying motion papers, including exhibits, (b) the proposed order in Word or WordPerfect format, and (e), if the proposed order materially differs from the proposed order attached to the underlying Request for Relief, a version of the currently proposed order marked to show changes from the previously proposed order. By filing such certification, counsel for the movant represents to the Court that the movant is unaware of

any Objection to the Request for Relief and that counsel has reviewed the Court's docket and no Objection appears thereon.

33. ***Order May Be Entered Without Hearing.*** Upon receipt of a Certificate of No Objection as provided in the preceding paragraph, the Court may enter an order granting the Request for Relief without further pleading, hearing, or request, and once an order granting such Request for Relief is entered, no further hearing on the Request for Relief shall be held.

34. ***Request for Relief May be Heard at a Hearing.*** After a Certificate of No Objection has been filed, the Request for Relief may be heard at the next Omnibus Hearing if the Court does not enter an order granting the Request for Relief before such Omnibus Hearing.

F. Filing and Service of Orders.

35. ***Service of Orders.*** All parties submitting orders shall serve a conformed copy of any entered order on (a) each Affected Entity, (b) the Debtors, and (c) Stretto, within two business days of entry of the applicable order. Stretto shall post all orders on the Case Website.

G. Filing and Service of Adversary Proceedings.

36. ***Serving Adversary Proceedings.*** All Court Filings in any adversary proceeding commenced in these Chapter 11 Cases shall be served upon each Affected Entity and any other parties required to be served under any applicable Bankruptcy Rule or Local Rule.

37. ***Discovery Rules in Contested Matters and Adversary Proceedings.*** Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) (initial disclosures), 26(a)(2) (disclosures with respect to expert testimony), 26(a)(3) (additional pretrial disclosures), and 26(f) (mandatory meeting before scheduling conference/discovery plan) are inapplicable in contested matters but are applicable to adversary proceedings arising under these Chapter 11 Cases, except as otherwise provided by Court order filed in any particular adversary proceeding.

38. ***Briefing Schedule in Adversary Proceedings.*** The parties to an adversary proceeding shall familiarize themselves with the Court’s standard form of pre-trial order on the chambers website and shall be prepared at the first pre-trial conference to discuss any desired variations to that order as well as a proposed discovery cutoff date for fact and expert discovery, if any.

H. Other Pleadings.

39. ***Joinders.*** Any party seeking to support any Court Filing may file an expression of support of such Court Filing (a “Joinder”). Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, filing a Joinder does not entitle such party to: (a) be an independent proponent of the Court Filing; (b) independently support or oppose any related Court Filings; (c) independently settle the underlying Request for Relief that is the subject of the applicable Court Filing; or (d) independently receive a ruling from the Court on the Court Filing. The Court may deem a Joinder to be a brief in support of the applicable Court Filing, but the Court shall not consider any arguments or factual allegations contained in a Joinder but not in the related Court Filing, and no party shall be required to separately respond to a Joinder.

40. ***Motion Practice for Lift Stay Actions.*** A motion filed by a non-debtor party seeking relief from the automatic stay (a “Stay Relief Motion”) in accordance with section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code shall be noticed for consideration on the Omnibus Hearing date that is at least twenty-one (21) calendar days after the Stay Relief Motion is filed and notice thereof is served upon the Debtors. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the objection deadline shall be seven (7) calendar days prior to the hearing scheduled with respect thereto.

41. ***Continuation of Automatic Stay.*** Notwithstanding section 362(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, if a Stay Relief Motion is scheduled in accordance with the Case Management Procedures for, or adjourned to, a hearing date thirty (30) calendar days after the filing of the

Stay Relief Motion, the moving party shall be deemed to have consented to the continuation of the automatic stay in effect pending the conclusion of, or as a result of, a final hearing and determination under section 362(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, and shall be deemed to have waived its right to assert the termination of the automatic stay under section 362(e) of the Bankruptcy Code.

42. ***Motions for Summary Judgment.*** Pursuant to Local Rule 7056-1, no motion for summary judgment may be made without first seeking a pre-motion conference. A request for such conference should be made by email, filed and served in accordance with the Case Management Procedures, setting forth the issues to be presented under the summary judgment motion.

43. ***Motions for Reargument.*** Motions for reargument must set forth concisely the matters or controlling decisions which the party believes the Court has not considered in accordance with Local Rule 9023-1. If, after review of the motion, the Court determines that it wishes a response, and/or hearing, it will notify the applicable parties accordingly.

44. ***Motions for Temporary Restraining Orders.*** Parties seeking a temporary restraining order (a “TRO”) must comply with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b). Applications for a TRO will generally be heard in open court, on the record, with a court reporter or audio recording. Parties wishing to oppose a TRO will be heard by telephone upon request. Applicants seeking TROs are reminded of the need to submit with their motion papers the written affidavit required under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b) confirming the notice provided to anyone who might wish to oppose the application. Any assertions that notice cannot or should not be given must likewise be supported by affidavit. Any request for a TRO must be preceded by an email and a telephone call to Chambers, advising

Chambers of the nature of the controversy, the need for emergency relief, why a noticed hearing for a preliminary injunction would be insufficient, when a hearing on the TRO application is needed, and when the motion papers will be forthcoming. Except in those rare cases where advance notice of the TRO application would vitiate the purpose of a TRO (and where that can be established by affidavit), immediate telephonic notice of the application must be provided to all parties reasonably expected to be affected by entry of the TRO, or provisions therein. In addition, the motion papers on any TRO application must be hand delivered, emailed, or faxed to any such parties at the same time that the papers are provided to Chambers.

45. ***Automatic Extension of Certain Time Periods.*** If a Request for Relief to extend the time to take any action is filed prior to the expiration of the time period provided by the Bankruptcy Code (including any Request for Relief pursuant to section 1121 of the Bankruptcy Code), the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, or any order of the Court, the time to so take action shall be automatically extended until the Court considers and rules upon the Request for Relief.

III. Additional Case Management Procedures.

47. ***Adequate Notice.*** Notice and service accomplished in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Case Management Procedures shall be deemed adequate in all respects pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules.

48. ***Computation of Time.*** Unless otherwise specified, all time periods referenced in the Case Management Procedures shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

49. ***Effect of the Case Management Procedures.*** The Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules shall continue to apply to all proceedings in these Chapter 11 Cases, except to the

extent that any provision of the Case Management Procedures by its terms supersedes or is inconsistent with such rules.

50. ***Promulgation of the Case Management Procedures.*** As soon as practicable after the entry of the proposed Order, a copy of the Case Management Procedures shall be served by the Debtors on each of the parties on the Master Service List. In addition, shortly after the end of each calendar month, Stretto shall serve a copy of the Case Management Procedures upon any party filing a 2002 Notice Request within such calendar month. To help ensure that all parties who may participate in these Chapter 11 Cases are aware of the terms of the Case Management Procedures, the Debtors will post the Case Management Procedures on the Case Website.

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