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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

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**Quarterly Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2004

**Transition Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File No. 1-13726

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**Chesapeake Energy Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Oklahoma**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**6100 North Western Avenue**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**73-1395733**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**73118**  
(Zip Code)

**(405) 848-8000**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code**

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES  NO

As of November 4, 2004, there were 269,912,045 shares of our \$0.01 par value common stock outstanding.

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**CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(Unaudited)

|  | September 30,<br>2004 | December 31,<br>2003 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
|  | (\$ in thousands)     |                      |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                       |                      |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>   |                       |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 49,073             | \$ 40,581            |
| Accounts receivable:   |                       |                      |
| Oil and gas sales  | 238,142               | 173,792              |
| Joint interest, net of allowances of \$4,484,000 and \$2,669,000, respectively   | 60,098                | 37,789               |
| Related parties  | 7,372                 | 2,983                |
| Other  | 34,295                | 26,830               |
| Deferred income tax asset  | 100,129               | 36,705               |
| Short-term derivative instruments  | 1,034                 | 4,467                |
| Inventory and other  | 30,375                | 19,257               |
|  | <u>520,518</u>        | <u>342,404</u>       |
| <b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:</b>   |                       |                      |
| Oil and gas properties, at cost based on full-cost accounting:   |                       |                      |
| Evaluated oil and gas properties   | 8,807,355             | 6,221,576            |
| Unevaluated properties   | 629,210               | 227,331              |
| Less: accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization of oil and gas properties   | (2,887,192)           | (2,480,261)          |
|  | <u>6,549,373</u>      | <u>3,968,646</u>     |
| Other property and equipment   | 321,233               | 225,891              |
| Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization of other property and equipment  | (77,879)              | (61,420)             |
|  | <u>6,792,727</u>      | <u>4,133,117</u>     |
| <b>OTHER ASSETS:</b>   |                       |                      |
| Long-term derivative instruments   | —                     | 17,493               |
| Long-term investments  | 43,589                | 31,544               |
| Other assets   | 69,457                | 47,733               |
|  | <u>113,046</u>        | <u>96,770</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>  | <b>\$ 7,426,291</b>   | <b>\$ 4,572,291</b>  |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>  |                       |                      |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>  |                       |                      |
| Accounts payable   | \$ 348,421            | \$ 164,264           |
| Accrued interest   | 46,696                | 46,648               |
| Short-term derivative instruments  | 270,875               | 92,651               |
| Other accrued liabilities  | 154,266               | 108,020              |
| Revenues and royalties due others  | 152,752               | 101,573              |
|  | <u>973,010</u>        | <u>513,156</u>       |
| <b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:</b>  |                       |                      |
| Long-term debt, net  | 2,762,425             | 2,057,713            |
| Revenues and royalties due others  | 22,112                | 13,921               |
| Asset retirement obligation  | 68,166                | 48,812               |
| Long-term derivative instruments   | 21,694                | 4,736                |
| Deferred income tax liability  | 740,895               | 191,026              |
| Other liabilities  | 14,674                | 10,117               |
|  | <u>3,629,966</u>      | <u>2,326,325</u>     |
| <b>CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS (Note 3)</b>  |                       |                      |
| <b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>   |                       |                      |
| Preferred Stock, 20,000,000 and 10,000,000 shares authorized as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively:   |                       |                      |
| 6.75% cumulative convertible preferred stock, 2,714,200 and 2,998,000 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively, entitled in liquidation to \$135,710,000 and \$149,900,000 | 135,710               | 149,900              |
| 6.00% cumulative convertible preferred stock, 4,600,000 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, entitled in liquidation to \$230,000,000   | 230,000               | 230,000              |
| 5.00% cumulative convertible preferred stock, 1,725,000 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2004 and   | 172,500               | 172,500              |

|   |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| December 31, 2003, entitled in liquidation to \$172,500,000   |                     |                     |
| 4.125% cumulative convertible preferred stock, 313,250 and 0 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, entitled in liquidation to \$313,250,000   | 313,250             | —                   |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, 500,000,000 and 350,000,000 shares authorized, 274,790,035 and 221,855,894 shares issued as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively | 2,748               | 2,218               |
| Paid-in capital   | 2,074,691           | 1,389,212           |
| Accumulated earnings (deficit)  | 73,379              | (168,617)           |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax of \$68,863,000 and \$12,449,000, respectively   | (122,423)           | (20,312)            |
| Unearned compensation   | (34,449)            | —                   |
| Less: treasury stock, at cost; 5,072,121 and 5,071,571 common shares as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively   | (22,091)            | (22,091)            |
| <b>Total Stockholders' Equity</b>   | <b>2,823,315</b>    | <b>1,732,810</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   | <b>\$ 7,426,291</b> | <b>\$ 4,572,291</b> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

**CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(Unaudited)

|   | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |                  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |                   |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
|   | 2004                                | 2003             | 2004                               | 2003              |
| (\$ in thousands, except per share data)  |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| <b>REVENUES:</b>  |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| Oil and gas sales   | \$450,936                           | \$345,587        | \$1,270,394                        | \$ 951,125        |
| Oil and gas marketing sales   | 178,860                             | 108,962          | 496,823                            | 309,566           |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>   | <b>629,796</b>                      | <b>454,549</b>   | <b>1,767,217</b>                   | <b>1,260,691</b>  |
| <b>OPERATING COSTS:</b>   |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| Production expenses   | 54,102                              | 35,944           | 148,500                            | 101,664           |
| Production taxes  | 30,872                              | 21,638           | 68,559                             | 57,336            |
| General and administrative expenses:  |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| General and administrative (excluding stock based compensation)                         | 8,361                               | 4,726            | 23,947                             | 15,740            |
| Stock based compensation  | 584                                 | 147              | 3,125                              | 512               |
| Oil and gas marketing expenses  | 175,426                             | 105,849          | 486,205                            | 302,064           |
| Oil and gas depreciation, depletion and amortization                                    | 153,586                             | 97,947           | 410,237                            | 266,131           |
| Depreciation and amortization of other assets   | 7,700                               | 4,841            | 20,155                             | 12,647            |
| Provision for legal settlements   | —                                   | 716              | —                                  | 1,002             |
| <b>Total Operating Costs</b>  | <b>430,631</b>                      | <b>271,808</b>   | <b>1,160,728</b>                   | <b>757,096</b>    |
| <b>INCOME FROM OPERATIONS</b>   | <b>199,165</b>                      | <b>182,741</b>   | <b>606,489</b>                     | <b>503,595</b>    |
| <b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):</b>  |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| Interest and other income   | 885                                 | (188)            | 3,563                              | 1,356             |
| Interest expense  | (48,689)                            | (40,851)         | (124,040)                          | (115,891)         |
| Loss on repurchases or exchanges of Chesapeake debt                                     | —                                   | —                | (6,925)                            | —                 |
| <b>Total Other Income (Expense)</b>   | <b>(47,804)</b>                     | <b>(41,039)</b>  | <b>(127,402)</b>                   | <b>(114,535)</b>  |
| <b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX AND CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGE</b>              | <b>151,361</b>                      | <b>141,702</b>   | <b>479,087</b>                     | <b>389,060</b>    |
| <b>INCOME TAX EXPENSE:</b>  |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| Current   | —                                   | 330              | —                                  | 330               |
| Deferred  | 54,489                              | 53,513           | 172,470                            | 147,511           |
| <b>Total Income Tax Expense</b>   | <b>54,489</b>                       | <b>53,843</b>    | <b>172,470</b>                     | <b>147,841</b>    |
| <b>NET INCOME BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGE</b>                         | <b>96,872</b>                       | <b>87,859</b>    | <b>306,617</b>                     | <b>241,219</b>    |
| <b>CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGE, NET OF INCOME TAXES OF \$1,464,000</b>       | <b>—</b>                            | <b>—</b>         | <b>—</b>                           | <b>2,389</b>      |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>   | <b>96,872</b>                       | <b>87,859</b>    | <b>306,617</b>                     | <b>243,608</b>    |
| <b>PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS</b>  | <b>(11,287)</b>                     | <b>(5,979)</b>   | <b>(30,799)</b>                    | <b>(15,484)</b>   |
| <b>NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS</b>                                      | <b>\$ 85,585</b>                    | <b>\$ 81,880</b> | <b>\$ 275,818</b>                  | <b>\$ 228,124</b> |
| <b>EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE — BASIC:</b>   |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| Income before cumulative effect of accounting change                                    | \$ 0.33                             | \$ 0.38          | \$ 1.13                            | \$ 1.08           |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change  | —                                   | —                | —                                  | 0.01              |
|   | <b>\$ 0.33</b>                      | <b>\$ 0.38</b>   | <b>\$ 1.13</b>                     | <b>\$ 1.09</b>    |
| <b>EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE — ASSUMING DILUTION:</b>                                   |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| Income before cumulative effect of accounting change                                    | \$ 0.29                             | \$ 0.33          | \$ 0.98                            | \$ 0.95           |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change  | —                                   | —                | —                                  | 0.01              |
|   | <b>\$ 0.29</b>                      | <b>\$ 0.33</b>   | <b>\$ 0.98</b>                     | <b>\$ 0.96</b>    |
| <b>CASH DIVIDEND DECLARED PER COMMON SHARE</b>  | <b>\$ 0.045</b>                     | <b>\$ 0.035</b>  | <b>\$ 0.125</b>                    | <b>\$ 0.100</b>   |
| <b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON AND COMMON EQUIVALENT SHARES OUTSTANDING (in thousands):</b> |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |

|                   |                |                |                |                |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Basic             | <u>257,096</u> | <u>216,080</u> | <u>245,087</u> | <u>209,394</u> |
| Assuming dilution | <u>319,473</u> | <u>265,545</u> | <u>307,438</u> | <u>253,567</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

**CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**(Unaudited)**

|  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |             |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|
|  | 2004                               | 2003        |
|  | (\$ in thousands)                  |             |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>   |                                    |             |
| NET INCOME   | \$ 306,617                         | \$ 243,608  |
| <b>ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE NET INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>               |                                    |             |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization   | 426,404                            | 273,479     |
| Deferred income taxes  | 172,470                            | 149,305     |
| Unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives   | 72,512                             | (28,335)    |
| Amortization of loan costs and bond discount   | 7,288                              | 6,358       |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change   | —                                  | (3,853)     |
| Loss on repurchases or exchanges of Chesapeake debt  | 6,925                              | —           |
| Income from equity investments   | (786)                              | 259         |
| Stock-based compensation   | 3,125                              | —           |
| Other  | 569                                | 670         |
|  | <hr/>                              | <hr/>       |
| Cash provided by operating activities before changes in assets and liabilities                         | 995,124                            | 641,491     |
| Changes in assets and liabilities  | 43,082                             | 12,026      |
|  | <hr/>                              | <hr/>       |
| Cash provided by operating activities  | 1,038,206                          | 653,517     |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>   |                                    |             |
| Acquisitions of oil and gas companies, proved properties and unproved properties, net of cash acquired | (1,657,481)                        | (1,022,975) |
| Exploration and development of oil and gas properties  | (888,288)                          | (518,799)   |
| Additions to buildings and other fixed assets  | (77,073)                           | (54,430)    |
| Divestitures of oil and gas properties   | 271                                | 21,218      |
| Cash paid for investments and other assets   | (26,740)                           | (25,917)    |
| Additions to drilling rig equipment  | (19,315)                           | (123)       |
| Other  | 385                                | 258         |
|  | <hr/>                              | <hr/>       |
| Cash used in investing activities  | (2,668,241)                        | (1,600,768) |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>   |                                    |             |
| Proceeds from long-term borrowings   | 1,413,000                          | 485,000     |
| Payments on long-term borrowings   | (1,261,000)                        | (413,000)   |
| Proceeds from issuance of senior notes, net of offering costs  | 582,889                            | 290,939     |
| Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock, net of offering costs                                       | 304,936                            | 222,893     |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of offering costs  | 624,187                            | 177,444     |
| Cash paid to purchase or exchange senior notes, including redemption premium                           | (57,320)                           | —           |
| Cash paid for common stock dividend  | (26,886)                           | (19,679)    |
| Cash paid for preferred stock dividend   | (30,257)                           | (14,872)    |
| Net increase in outstanding payments in excess of cash balances  | 89,321                             | 6,341       |
| Cash paid for financing cost of credit facilities  | (8,737)                            | (2,403)     |
| Cash received from exercise of stock options   | 9,047                              | 7,787       |
| Cash paid for treasury stock   | —                                  | (2,109)     |
| Other financing costs  | (653)                              | (249)       |
|  | <hr/>                              | <hr/>       |
| Cash provided by financing activities  | 1,638,527                          | 738,092     |
|  | <hr/>                              | <hr/>       |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents   | 8,492                              | (209,159)   |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period   | 40,581                             | 247,637     |
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| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period   | \$ 49,073                          | \$ 38,478   |
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

**CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**(Unaudited)**

|   | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |            | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |            |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|   | 2004                                | 2003       | 2004                               | 2003       |
|   | (\$ in thousands)                   |            |                                    |            |
| Net Income  | \$ 96,872                           | \$ 87,859  | \$ 306,617                         | \$ 243,608 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of income tax: Change in fair value of derivative instruments, net of income taxes of (\$20,586,000), \$37,112,000, (\$83,149,000), and \$14,521,000 | (36,598)                            | 60,551     | (147,820)                          | 23,692     |
| Reclassification of loss (gain) on settled contracts, net of income taxes of \$7,917,000, (\$8,600,000), \$19,586,000 and \$24,099,000  | 14,075                              | (14,032)   | 34,819                             | 39,320     |
| Ineffective portion of derivatives qualifying for cash flow hedge accounting, net of income taxes of \$643,000, (\$2,029,000), \$6,126,000 and (\$2,205,000)                                | 1,143                               | (3,311)    | 10,890                             | (3,597)    |
| Comprehensive Income  | \$ 75,492                           | \$ 131,067 | \$ 204,506                         | \$ 303,023 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

**CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Unaudited)**

**1. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Principles of Consolidation*

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Chesapeake Energy Corporation and its subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q as prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission. All material adjustments (consisting solely of normal recurring adjustments) which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods have been reflected. Certain reclassifications have been made to the condensed consolidated financial statements for 2003 to conform to the presentation used for the 2004 condensed consolidated financial statements. The results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. This Form 10-Q relates to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 (the "Current Quarter" and "Current Period", respectively) and the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003 (the "Prior Quarter" and "Prior Period", respectively).

*Stock Based Compensation*

*Stock Options* - Chesapeake has elected to follow APB No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related interpretations in accounting for its employee and director stock options. Under APB No. 25, compensation expense is recognized for the difference between the option price and market value on the measurement date. The original issuance of stock options has not resulted in the recognition of compensation expense because the exercise price of the stock options granted under the plans has equaled the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant. Pursuant to Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 44 (FIN 44), however, we recognized stock based compensation expense (a sub-category of general and administrative costs) in the condensed consolidated statements of operations of \$0.3 million, \$0.1 million, \$0.5 million and \$0.5 million in the Current Quarter, Prior Quarter, Current Period and Prior Period, respectively, as a result of modifications to fixed-price stock options that were made during 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2004.

Presented below is pro forma financial information assuming Chesapeake had applied the fair value method under SFAS No. 123:

|   | Three Months Ended<br>September 30,         |                 | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |                  |
|---|---|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
|   | 2004  | 2003            | 2004                               | 2003             |
|   | (\$ in thousands, except per share amounts) |                 |                                    |                  |
| <b>Net Income</b>   |   |                 |                                    |                  |
| As reported   | \$96,872                                    | \$87,859        | \$306,617                          | \$243,608        |
| Add stock based compensation expense included in net income, net of tax | 374   | 91              | 2,000                              | 317              |
| Less pro forma compensation expense, net of tax                         | (3,152)                                     | (3,078)         | (10,647)                           | (8,317)          |
| <b>Pro Forma</b>  | <b>\$94,094</b>                             | <b>\$84,872</b> | <b>\$297,970</b>                   | <b>\$235,608</b> |
| <b>Basic earnings per common share</b>                                  |   |                 |                                    |                  |
| As reported   | \$ 0.33                                     | \$ 0.38         | \$ 1.13                            | \$ 1.09          |
| <b>Pro Forma</b>  | <b>\$ 0.32</b>                              | <b>\$ 0.37</b>  | <b>\$ 1.09</b>                     | <b>\$ 1.05</b>   |
| <b>Diluted earnings per common share</b>                                |   |                 |                                    |                  |
| As reported   | \$ 0.29                                     | \$ 0.33         | \$ 0.98                            | \$ 0.96          |
| <b>Pro Forma</b>  | <b>\$ 0.28</b>                              | <b>\$ 0.32</b>  | <b>\$ 0.95</b>                     | <b>\$ 0.93</b>   |

For purposes of the pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the options is amortized to expense over the options' vesting period, which is four years.

*Restricted Stock* - During the Current Period, Chesapeake issued 2.7 million shares of restricted common stock to employees. The total value of restricted shares granted is recorded as unearned compensation in stockholders' equity based on the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant. This value is amortized over the vesting period, which is four years from the date of grant. To the extent amortization of compensation cost relates to employees directly involved in acquisition, exploration and development activities, such amounts are capitalized to oil and gas properties. Amounts not associated with oil and gas properties are recognized in stock based compensation expense (a sub-category of general and administrative costs). Chesapeake recognized

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amortization of compensation cost related to restricted stock totaling \$0.4 million and \$3.9 million in the Current Quarter and Current Period, respectively. Of these amounts, \$0.3 million and \$2.6 million are reflected in stock based compensation expense (a sub-category of general and administrative costs) in the Current Quarter and Current Period, respectively, with the remaining \$0.1 million and \$1.3 million capitalized to oil and gas properties. As of September 30, 2004, the unamortized balance of unearned compensation recorded as a reduction of stockholders' equity was \$34.4 million.

### *Critical Accounting Policies*

We consider accounting policies related to stock options, hedging, oil and gas properties, income taxes and business combinations to be critical policies. These policies are summarized in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, except for our accounting policy related to stock options which is summarized in Note 1 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, *Business Combinations* and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, *Goodwill and Intangible Assets*, were issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board in June 2001 and became effective for us on July 1, 2001 and January 1, 2002, respectively. SFAS 141 requires all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001 to be accounted for using the purchase method. Additionally, SFAS 141 requires companies to disaggregate and report separately from goodwill certain intangible assets. SFAS 142 sets forth guidelines for accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets. Under SFAS 142, goodwill and certain other intangible assets are not amortized, but rather are reviewed annually for impairment. Consistent with oil and gas accounting and industry practice, Chesapeake classifies the cost of oil and gas mineral rights as property and equipment and not as intangible assets.

In September 2004, the FASB finalized FASB Staff Position, FSP SFAS 142-2, *Application of FASB Statement No. 142 to Oil and Gas Producing Entities*. The FSP clarifies that an exception in SFAS 142 includes the balance sheet classification and disclosures for drilling and mineral rights of oil and gas producing entities. The FASB staff acknowledges that the existing accounting framework for oil and gas producers is based on the level of established reserves, not whether an asset is tangible or intangible. The FSP confirms Chesapeake's historical treatment of these costs.

## **2. Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities**

### *Oil and Gas Hedging Activities*

Our results of operations and operating cash flows are impacted by changes in market prices for oil and gas. To mitigate a portion of the exposure to adverse market changes, we have entered into various derivative instruments. As of September 30, 2004, our oil and gas derivative instruments were comprised of swaps, cap-swaps, basis protection swaps, call options and collars. These instruments allow us to predict with greater certainty the effective oil and gas prices to be received for our hedged production. Although derivatives often fail to achieve 100% effectiveness for accounting purposes, we believe our derivative instruments continue to be highly effective in achieving the risk management objectives for which they were intended.

- For swap instruments, Chesapeake receives a fixed price for the hedged commodity and pays a floating market price, as defined in each instrument, to the counterparty. The fixed-price payment and the floating-price payment are netted, resulting in a net amount due to or from the counterparty.
- For cap-swaps, Chesapeake receives a fixed price and pays a floating market price. The fixed price received by Chesapeake includes a premium in exchange for a "cap" limiting the counterparty's exposure. In other words, there is no limit to Chesapeake's exposure but there is a limit to the downside exposure of the counterparty. Because this derivative includes a written put option (i.e., the cap), cap-swaps do not qualify for designation as cash flow hedges (in accordance with SFAS 133) since the combination of the hedged item and the written put option does not provide as much potential for favorable cash flows as exposure to unfavorable cash flows.
- Basis protection swaps are arrangements that guarantee a price differential of oil or gas from a specified delivery point. Chesapeake receives a payment from the counterparty if the price differential is greater than the stated terms of the contract and pays the counterparty if the price differential is less than the stated terms of the contract.

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- For call options, Chesapeake receives a cash premium from the counterparty in exchange for the sale of a call option. If the market price exceeds the fixed price of the call option, Chesapeake pays the counterparty such excess. If the market price settles below the fixed price of the call option, no payment is due from Chesapeake.
- Collars contain a fixed floor price (put) and ceiling price (call). If the market price exceeds the call strike price or falls below the put strike price, Chesapeake receives the fixed price and pays the market price. If the market price is between the call and the put strike price, no payments are due from either party.

Chesapeake enters into counter-swaps from time to time for the purpose of locking in the value of a swap. Under the counter-swap, Chesapeake receives a floating price for the hedged commodity and pays a fixed price to the counterparty. The counter-swap is 100% effective in locking in the value of a swap since subsequent changes in the market value of the swap are entirely offset by subsequent changes in the market value of the counter-swap. We refer to this locked-in value as a locked swap. At the time Chesapeake enters into a counter-swap, Chesapeake removes the original swap's designation as a cash flow hedge and classifies the original swap as a non-qualifying hedge under SFAS 133. The reason for this designation is that collectively the swap and the counter-swap no longer hedge the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows. Instead, the swap and counter-swap effectively lock in a specific gain (or loss) that will be unaffected by subsequent variability in oil and gas prices. Any locked-in gain or loss is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income and reclassified to oil and gas sales in the month of related production.

With respect to counter-swaps that are designed to lock-in the value of cap-swaps, the counter-swap is effective in locking-in the value of the cap-swap until the floating price reaches the cap (or floor) stipulated in the cap-swap agreement. The value of a counter-swap will increase (or decrease), but in the opposite direction, as the value of the cap-swap decreases (or increases) until the floating price reaches the pre-determined cap (or floor) stipulated in the cap-swap agreement. However, because of the written put option embedded in the cap-swap, the changes in value of the cap-swap are not completely effective in offsetting changes in the value of the corresponding counter-swap. Changes in the value of cap-swaps and the counter-swaps are recorded as adjustments to oil and gas sales.

In accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 39, Chesapeake nets the value of its derivative arrangements with the same counterparty in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets, to the extent that a legal right of setoff exists.

Gains or losses from derivative transactions are reflected as adjustments to oil and gas sales on the condensed consolidated statements of operations. Pursuant to SFAS 133, certain derivatives do not qualify for designation as cash flow hedges. Changes in the fair value of these non-qualifying derivatives that occur prior to their maturity (i.e., temporary fluctuations in value) are reported currently in the condensed consolidated statements of operations as unrealized gains (losses) within oil and gas sales. Unrealized gains (losses) included in oil and gas sales were (\$32.5) million, \$0.6 million, (\$66.6) million and \$33.7 million in the Current Quarter, Prior Quarter, Current Period and Prior Period, respectively. These amounts include the gains (losses) on ineffectiveness discussed below.

Following provisions of SFAS 133, changes in the fair value of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges, to the extent they are effective in offsetting cash flows attributable to the hedged risk, are recorded in other comprehensive income until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. Any change in fair value resulting from ineffectiveness is recognized currently in oil and gas sales as an unrealized gain (loss). We recorded a gain (loss) on ineffectiveness of (\$1.8) million, \$5.3 million, (\$17.0) million and \$5.8 million in the Current Quarter, Prior Quarter, Current Period and Prior Period, respectively.

The estimated fair values of our oil and gas derivative instruments as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003 are provided below. The associated carrying values of these instruments are equal to the estimated fair values.

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|                                  | September 30,<br>2004 | December 31,<br>2003 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| (\$ in thousands)                |                       |                      |
| Derivative assets (liabilities): |                       |                      |
| Fixed-price gas swaps            | \$ (119,060)          | \$ (44,794)          |
| Fixed-price gas locked swaps     | (81,291)              | 1,777                |
| Fixed-price gas cap-swaps        | (86,621)              | (18,608)             |
| Fixed-price gas counter-swaps    | 4,439                 | —                    |
| Gas basis protection swaps       | 91,346                | 46,205               |
| Gas call options (a)             | (13,484)              | (17,876)             |
| Fixed-price gas collars          | (11,290)              | —                    |
| Fixed-price oil swaps            | (7,660)               | —                    |
| Fixed-price oil cap-swaps        | (33,600)              | (11,692)             |
| Estimated fair value             | <u>\$ (257,221)</u>   | <u>\$ (44,988)</u>   |

(a) After adjusting for the remaining \$5.7 million and \$16.8 million premium paid to Chesapeake by the counterparty, the cumulative unrealized loss related to these call options as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003 was (\$7.8) million and (\$1.1) million, respectively.

Based upon the market prices as of September 30, 2004, we expect to transfer a loss of approximately \$97.3 million from accumulated other comprehensive income to earnings during the next 12 months when the hedged transactions actually close. All hedged transactions as of September 30, 2004 are expected to mature by December 31, 2007, with the exception of the basis protection swaps which extend through 2009.

In May 2004, we entered into a secured natural gas hedging facility with a nationally recognized counterparty. Under this hedging facility, which matures in May 2009, we can enter into cash-settled natural gas commodity transactions, valued by the counterparty, for up to \$600 million. Outstanding transactions under the facility are collateralized by certain oil and gas properties, exclusive of the oil and gas properties that collateralize our revolving bank credit facility. The hedging facility is subject to an annual fee of 0.30% of the maximum total capacity and a 1.0% exposure fee, which is assessed quarterly on the average of the daily negative fair market value amounts, if any, during the quarter. As of September 30, 2004, the fair market value of the natural gas hedging transactions related to the hedging facility was (\$7.2) million.

The hedging facility contains the standard representations and default provisions that are typical of such agreements. The agreement also contains various restrictive provisions which govern the aggregate gas production volumes that we are permitted to hedge under all of our agreements at any one time. The hedging facility is guaranteed by Chesapeake and all of its subsidiaries.

*Interest Rate Derivatives*

We also utilize hedging strategies to manage our exposure to changes in interest rates. To the extent the interest rate swaps have been designated as fair value hedges, changes in the fair value of the derivative instrument and the corresponding debt are reflected as adjustments to interest expense in the corresponding months covered by the derivative agreement. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments not qualifying as fair value hedges are recorded currently as adjustments to interest expense.

In the Current Quarter, we entered into the following interest rate swaps to convert a portion of our long-term fixed rate debt to floating rate debt:

| Term                          | Notional<br>Amount | Fixed<br>Rate | Floating Rate                                  | Fair Value as of<br>September 30, 2004 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--|--|
| (\$ in thousands)             |                    |               |  |  |
| September 2004 – August 2012  | \$75,000,000       | 9.00%         | 6-month LIBOR plus 452 basis points            | \$ 988                                 |
| September 2004 – January 2015 | \$75,000,000       | 7.75%         | 6-month LIBOR plus 293.75 basis points         | \$ (781)                               |
| August 2004 – June 2014       | \$75,000,000       | 7.50%         | 6-month LIBOR in arrears plus 254 basis points | \$ 46                                  |
| August 2004 – August 2014     | \$75,000,000       | 7.00%         | 6-month LIBOR in arrears plus 191 basis points | —                                      |

In September 2004, we closed the 7.00% interest rate swap listed above and received a cash settlement of \$1.0 million. In October 2004, we closed the 7.50% and 7.75% interest rate swaps listed above and received cash settlements of \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. Such settlement amounts will be amortized as a reduction to realized interest expense over the remaining terms of our 7.00%, 7.50% and 7.75% senior notes.

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In March 2004, Chesapeake entered into an interest rate swap which requires Chesapeake to pay a fixed rate of 8.68% while the counterparty pays Chesapeake a floating rate of six month LIBOR plus 0.75% on a notional amount of \$142.7 million. The counterparty may elect to terminate the swap and cause it to be settled at the then current estimated fair value of the interest rate swap on March 15, 2005 and annually thereafter through March 15, 2011. The interest rate swap expires on March 15, 2012. Chesapeake may elect to terminate the swap and cause it to be settled at the then current estimated fair value of the interest rate swap at any time during the term of the swap.

As of September 30, 2004, the fair value of the interest rate swap was a liability of \$34.3 million. Because the interest rate swap is not designated as a fair value hedge, changes in the fair value of the swap are recorded as adjustments to interest expense. The Current Quarter and Current Period include an unrealized loss of \$5.9 million and \$4.8 million, respectively, and a realized loss of \$0.7 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, in interest expense.

In January 2004, Chesapeake acquired a \$50 million interest rate swap as part of the purchase of Concho Resources Inc. Under the terms of the interest rate swap, the counterparty pays Chesapeake a floating three month LIBOR rate and Chesapeake pays a fixed rate of 2.875%. Payments are made quarterly and the interest rate swap extends through September 2005. An initial liability of \$0.6 million was recorded based on the fair value of the interest rate swap at the time of acquisition. As of September 30, 2004, the interest rate swap had a fair value of (\$0.2) million. Because this instrument is not designated as a fair value hedge, an unrealized loss of \$0.2 million and a negligible unrealized gain were recognized in the Current Quarter and Current Period, respectively, as part of interest expense.

### *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

The following disclosure of the estimated fair value of financial instruments is made in accordance with the requirements of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 107, *Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments*. We have determined the estimated fair value amounts by using available market information and valuation methodologies. Considerable judgment is required in interpreting market data to develop the estimates of fair value. The use of different market assumptions or valuation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

The carrying values of items comprising current assets and current liabilities approximate fair values due to the short-term maturities of these instruments. We estimate the fair value of our long-term, fixed-rate debt using primarily quoted market prices. Our carrying amount for such debt, excluding premium (discount) for interest rate swaps, as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003 was \$2,609.2 million and \$2,058.1 million, respectively, compared to approximate fair values of \$2,892.4 million and \$2,279.5 million, respectively. The carrying amounts for our 6.75% convertible preferred stock, 6.00% convertible preferred stock, 5.00% convertible preferred stock and 4.125% convertible preferred stock as of September 30, 2004 were \$135.7 million, \$230.0 million, \$172.5 million and \$313.3 million, respectively, with a fair value of \$249.7 million, \$322.0 million, \$199.5 million and \$313.3 million, respectively.

### *Concentration of Credit Risk*

A significant portion of our liquidity is concentrated in cash and cash equivalents and derivative instruments that enable us to hedge a portion of our exposure to price volatility from producing oil and natural gas. These arrangements expose us to credit risk from our counterparties. Other financial instruments which potentially subject us to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of equity investments and accounts receivable. Our accounts receivable are primarily from purchasers of oil and natural gas products and exploration and production companies which own interests in properties we operate. The industry concentration has the potential to impact our overall exposure to credit risk, either positively or negatively, in that our customers may be similarly affected by changes in economic, industry or other conditions. We generally require letters of credit for receivables from customers which are judged to have sub-standard credit, unless the credit risk can otherwise be mitigated. Cash and cash equivalents are deposited with major banks or institutions and generally exceed the federally insured limits.

### **3. Contingencies and Commitments**

*Litigation.* Chesapeake is currently involved in various disputes incidental to its business operations. Management, after consultation with legal counsel, is of the opinion that the final resolution of currently pending or threatened litigation is not likely to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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*Employment Agreements with Officers.* Chesapeake has employment agreements with its chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer and various other senior management personnel, which provide for annual base salaries, bonus compensation and various benefits. The agreements provide for the continuation of salary and benefits for varying terms in the event of termination of employment without cause. The agreements with the chief executive officer and chief operating officer have terms of five years commencing January 1, 2004. The term of each agreement is automatically extended for one additional year on each January 31 unless the company provides 30 days prior notice of non-extension or the parties otherwise terminate the agreement. The agreements with the chief financial officer and other senior managers expire on September 30, 2006. The company's employment agreements with the executive officers provide for payments in the event of a change in control. The chief executive officer and chief operating officer are each entitled to receive a payment in the amount of five times their base compensation and the prior year's benefits, plus a tax gross-up payment, and the chief financial officer and other officers are each entitled to receive a payment in the amount of two times the sum of their base compensation and bonuses paid during the prior year.

*Environmental Risk.* Due to the nature of the oil and gas business, Chesapeake and its subsidiaries are exposed to possible environmental risks. Chesapeake has implemented various policies and procedures to avoid environmental contamination and risks from environmental contamination. Chesapeake conducts periodic reviews, on a company-wide basis, to identify changes in our environmental risk profile. These reviews evaluate whether there is a probable liability, its amount, and the likelihood that the liability will be incurred. The amount of any potential liability is determined by considering, among other matters, incremental direct costs of any likely remediation and the proportionate cost of employees who are expected to devote a significant amount of time directly to any possible remediation effort. We manage our exposure to environmental liabilities on properties to be acquired by identifying existing problems and assessing the potential liability. Depending on the extent of an identified environmental problem, Chesapeake may exclude a property from the acquisition, require the seller to remediate the property to our satisfaction, or agree to assume liability for the remediation of the property. Chesapeake has historically not experienced any significant environmental liability, and is not aware of any potential material environmental issues or claims as of September 30, 2004.

#### **4. Net Income Per Share**

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128, *Earnings Per Share (EPS)*, requires presentation of "basic" and "diluted" earnings per share, as defined, on the face of the statements of operations for all entities with complex capital structures. SFAS 128 requires a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the basic and diluted EPS computations.

The following securities were not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share, as the effect was antidilutive:

- For the Prior Quarter and Prior Period, outstanding warrants to purchase 0.4 million shares of common stock at a weighted-average exercise price of \$14.55 were antidilutive because the exercise price of the warrants was greater than the average market price of the common stock.
- For the Current Quarter, the Prior Quarter, Current Period and Prior Period, outstanding options to purchase 0.2 million, 0.2 million, 0.1 million and 1.3 million shares of common stock at a weighted-average exercise price of \$22.72, \$19.21, \$23.58 and \$11.60, respectively, were antidilutive because the exercise prices of the options were greater than the average market price of the common stock.

Under SFAS 128, we did not assume the conversion of our 4.125% cumulative convertible preferred stock into 18,812,385 common shares (at a conversion price of \$16.65 per share) because the holders did not have the right to convert. A holder's right to convert will only arise when the closing sales price of our common stock reaches, or the trading price of the preferred stock falls below, specified thresholds or upon the occurrence of specified corporate transactions.

The Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue 04-8, *The Effect of Contingently Convertible Instruments on Diluted Earnings Per Share*, which was issued in September 2004, provides new guidance on when the dilutive effect of contingently convertible securities with a market price trigger should be included in diluted EPS. The new guidance states that these securities should be included in the diluted EPS computation regardless of whether the market price trigger has been met. The guidance in EITF 04-8 is effective for all periods ending after December 15, 2004 and would be applied by retrospectively restating previously reported EPS. Accordingly, effective December 15, 2004, the company will assume the conversion of the 4.125% convertible preferred shares (if dilutive) for purposes of determining earnings per share assuming dilution. The company has determined that the impact of this new guidance on prior period earnings per share is not material.

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During the Current Quarter, holders of our 6.75% preferred stock converted 283,600 shares into 1,841,556 shares of common stock (at a conversion price of \$7.70 per share). During November 2004, we expect to cause conversion of the remaining 6.75% preferred stock into 17,624,657 shares of common stock.

Reconciliations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 are as follows:

|   | Income<br>(Numerator) | Shares<br>(Denominator) | Per Share<br>Amount |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| (in thousands, except per share data)   |                       |                         |                     |
| <b>For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2004:</b>   |                       |                         |                     |
| Basic EPS:  |                       |                         |                     |
| Income available to common shareholders   | \$ 85,585             | 257,096                 | \$ 0.33             |
| <b>Effect of Dilutive Securities</b>  |                       |                         |                     |
| Assumed conversion as of the beginning of the period of preferred shares outstanding during the period:       |                       |                         |                     |
| Common shares assumed issued for 5.00% convertible preferred stock  | —                     | 10,516                  |                     |
| Common shares assumed issued for 6.00% convertible preferred stock  | —                     | 22,358                  |                     |
| Common shares assumed issued for 6.75% convertible preferred stock  | —                     | 17,625                  |                     |
| Common stock equivalent of preferred stock outstanding prior to conversion, 6.75% convertible preferred stock | —                     | 1,621                   |                     |
| Preferred stock dividends   | 11,287                | —                       |                     |
| Preferred stock dividends on 4.125% convertible preferred stock   | (3,230)               | —                       |                     |
| Employee stock options  | —                     | 9,992                   |                     |
| Restricted stock  | —                     | 249                     |                     |
| Warrants assumed in Gothic Acquisition  | —                     | 16                      |                     |
| <b>Diluted EPS Income available to common shareholders and assumed conversions</b>                            | <b>\$ 93,642</b>      | <b>319,473</b>          | <b>\$ 0.29</b>      |
| <b>For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2003:</b>   |                       |                         |                     |
| Basic EPS:  |                       |                         |                     |
| Income available to common shareholders   | \$ 81,880             | 216,080                 | \$ 0.38             |
| <b>Effect of Dilutive Securities</b>  |                       |                         |                     |
| Assumed conversion as of the beginning of the period of preferred shares outstanding during the period:       |                       |                         |                     |
| Common shares assumed issued for 6.00% convertible preferred stock  | —                     | 22,358                  |                     |
| Common shares assumed issued for 6.75% convertible preferred stock  | —                     | 19,468                  |                     |
| Preferred stock dividends   | 5,979                 | —                       |                     |
| Employee stock options  | —                     | 7,639                   |                     |
| <b>Diluted EPS Income available to common shareholders and assumed conversions</b>                            | <b>\$ 87,859</b>      | <b>265,545</b>          | <b>\$ 0.33</b>      |
| <b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004:</b>  |                       |                         |                     |
| Basic EPS:  |                       |                         |                     |
| Income available to common shareholders   | \$ 275,818            | 245,087                 | \$ 1.13             |
| <b>Effect of Dilutive Securities</b>  |                       |                         |                     |
| Assumed conversion as of the beginning of the period of preferred shares outstanding during the period:       |                       |                         |                     |
| Common shares assumed issued for 5.00% convertible preferred stock  | —                     | 10,516                  |                     |
| Common shares assumed issued for 6.00% convertible preferred stock  | —                     | 22,358                  |                     |
| Common shares assumed issued for 6.75% convertible preferred stock  | —                     | 17,625                  |                     |
| Common stock equivalent of preferred stock outstanding prior to conversion, 6.75% convertible preferred stock | —                     | 1,774                   |                     |
| Preferred stock dividends   | 30,799                | —                       |                     |
| Preferred stock dividends on 4.125% convertible preferred stock   | (6,470)               | —                       |                     |
| Employee stock options  | —                     | 9,927                   |                     |
| Restricted stock  | —                     | 142                     |                     |
| Warrants assumed in Gothic Acquisition  | —                     | 9                       |                     |
| <b>Diluted EPS Income available to common shareholders and assumed conversions</b>                            | <b>\$ 300,147</b>     | <b>307,438</b>          | <b>\$ 0.98</b>      |

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|  | Income<br>(Numerator) | Shares<br>(Denominator) | Per Share<br>Amount |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| (in thousands, except per share data)  |                       |                         |                     |
| <b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003:</b>   |                       |                         |                     |
| Income before cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax   | \$ 241,219            |                         |                     |
| Preferred stock dividends  | (15,484)              |                         |                     |
| <b>Basic EPS:</b>  |                       |                         |                     |
| Income available to common shareholders before cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax                    | \$ 225,735            | 209,394                 | \$ 1.08             |
| <b>Effect of Dilutive Securities</b>   |                       |                         |                     |
| Assumed conversion as of the beginning of the period of preferred shares outstanding during the period:              |                       |                         |                     |
| Common shares assumed issued for 6.00% convertible preferred stock   | —                     | 17,198                  |                     |
| Common shares assumed issued for 6.75% convertible preferred stock   | —                     | 19,468                  |                     |
| Preferred stock dividends  | 15,484                | —                       |                     |
| Employee stock options   | —                     | 7,507                   |                     |
| <b>Diluted EPS Income available to common shareholders before cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax</b> | <b>\$ 241,219</b>     | <b>253,567</b>          | <b>\$ 0.95</b>      |

**5. Notes Payable and Revolving Credit Facility**

Our long-term debt consisted of the following as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003:

|   | September 30,<br>2004 | December 31,<br>2003 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| (\$ in thousands)                                       |                       |                      |
| 8.375% Senior Notes due 2008                            | \$ 209,815            | \$ 209,815           |
| 8.125% Senior Notes due 2011                            | 245,407               | 728,255              |
| 9.0% Senior Notes due 2012                              | 300,000               | 300,000              |
| 7.5% Senior Notes due 2013                              | 363,823               | 363,823              |
| 7.0% Senior Notes due 2014                              | 300,000               | —                    |
| 7.5% Senior Notes due 2014                              | 300,000               | —                    |
| 7.75% Senior Notes due 2015                             | 300,408               | 236,691              |
| 6.875% Senior Notes due 2016                            | 670,437               | 200,000              |
| 7.875% Senior Notes due 2004                            | —                     | 42,137               |
| 8.5% Senior Notes due 2012                              | —                     | 4,290                |
| Revolving bank credit facility                          | 152,000               | —                    |
| Discount on senior notes                                | (80,661)              | (26,959)             |
| Premium (discount) for interest rate swaps and swaption | 1,196                 | (339)                |
| <b>Total notes payable and long-term debt</b>           | <b>\$ 2,762,425</b>   | <b>\$ 2,057,713</b>  |

On August 2, 2004, we issued \$300 million principal amount of 7.0% Senior Notes due 2014 in a private placement. These notes were exchanged on October 19, 2004 for substantially identical notes registered under the Securities Act of 1933.

On May 27, 2004, we issued \$300 million principal amount of 7.5% Senior Notes due 2014 in a private placement. These notes were exchanged on August 6, 2004 for substantially identical notes registered under the Securities Act of 1933.

On January 14, 2004, we completed a public exchange offer in which we retired \$458.5 million of our 8.125% Senior Notes due 2011 and \$10.8 million of accrued interest and issued \$72.8 million of our 7.75% Senior Notes due 2015 and \$2.8 million of accrued interest and \$433.5 million of our 6.875% Senior Notes due 2016 and \$4.1 million of accrued interest. In connection with this exchange, we recorded a pre-tax charge of \$6.0 million, consisting of a \$5.7 million underwriter's fee and \$0.3 million in other transaction costs.

In January and February of 2004, we issued an additional \$37.0 million of our 6.875% Senior Notes due 2016 and \$0.5 million of accrued interest in exchange for \$24.3 million of our 8.125% Senior Notes due 2011 and \$0.7 million of accrued interest and \$9.1 million of our 7.75% Senior Notes due 2015 and \$0.1 million of accrued interest in four private exchange transactions.

On November 12, 2003, we commenced a tender offer to purchase for cash our \$110.7 million aggregate principal amount of 8.5% Senior Notes due 2012 and concurrently conducted a consent solicitation to amend the indenture governing the 8.5% Senior Notes. On December 10, 2003, we purchased \$106.4 million principal amount of 8.5% Senior Notes tendered, which represented approximately 96% of the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 8.5% Senior Notes, and we amended the indentures eliminating substantially all of the restrictive

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covenants. We redeemed the remaining \$4.3 million of 8.5% Senior Notes on March 15, 2004. In connection with the redemption, we recorded a pre-tax loss of \$0.9 million, consisting of \$0.2 million of redemption premium, \$0.1 million of unamortized debt issue costs and discount on senior notes and \$0.6 million carried as a discount on the 8.5% Senior Notes based on the hedging relationship between the notes and a swaption.

On March 15, 2004, we paid \$42.1 million to retire the balance outstanding on our 7.875% Senior Notes that matured on that date.

The senior note indentures permit us to redeem the senior notes at any time at specified make-whole or redemption prices. The indentures contain covenants limiting us and our subsidiaries with respect to asset sales; the incurrence of additional indebtedness and the issuance of preferred stock; liens; sale and leaseback transactions; lines of business; dividend and other payment restrictions; mergers or consolidations; and transactions with affiliates.

Chesapeake is a holding company and owns no operating assets and has no significant operations independent of its subsidiaries. Our obligations under our outstanding senior notes have been fully and unconditionally guaranteed, on a joint and several basis, by all of our subsidiaries including Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P., for which the guarantee became effective on September 21, 2004.

We have a \$600 million revolving bank credit facility (with current bank commitments of \$500 million) which matures in June 2008. As of September 30, 2004, we had \$152.0 million of outstanding borrowings under this facility and utilized \$73.9 million of the facility for various letters of credit. Borrowings under the facility are collateralized by certain producing oil and gas properties and bear interest at either (i) the greater of the reference rate of Union Bank of California, N.A. or the federal funds effective rate plus 0.50% or (ii) the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), at our option, plus a margin that varies according to our senior unsecured long-term debt ratings. The collateral value and borrowing base are redetermined periodically. The unused portion of the facility is subject to an annual commitment fee that also varies according to our senior unsecured long-term debt ratings. Currently, the annual commitment fee rate is 0.30%. Interest is payable quarterly or, if LIBOR applies, it may be payable at more frequent intervals. We plan to increase the commitments under the revolving bank credit facility to \$600 million in November 2004.

The credit facility agreement contains various covenants and restrictive provisions which govern our ability to incur additional indebtedness, sell properties, purchase or redeem our capital stock, make investments or loans, and create liens. The credit facility agreement requires us to maintain a current ratio (as defined) of at least 1 to 1 and a fixed charge coverage ratio (as defined) of at least 2.5 to 1. As of September 30, 2004, our current ratio was 1.13 to 1 and our fixed charge coverage ratio was 5.19 to 1. If we should fail to perform our obligations under these and other covenants, the revolving credit commitment could be terminated and any outstanding borrowings under the facility could be declared immediately due and payable. Such acceleration, if involving a principal amount of \$10 million or more, would constitute an event of default under our senior note indentures, which could in turn result in the acceleration of our senior note indebtedness. The credit facility agreement also has cross default provisions that apply to other indebtedness we may have with an outstanding principal amount in excess of \$35.0 million.

## **6. Segment Information**

In accordance with SFAS 131, *Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*, we have identified two reportable operating segments. These segments are managed separately because of the nature of their products and services. Chesapeake's two segments are the exploration and production segment and the marketing segment. The exploration and production segment is responsible for finding and producing natural gas and crude oil. The marketing segment is responsible for gathering, processing, transporting, and selling natural gas and crude oil production primarily from Chesapeake operated wells. Revenues from the marketing segment's sale of oil and gas related to Chesapeake's ownership interests are reflected as exploration and production revenues. Such amounts totaled \$349.6 million and \$224.8 million for the Current Quarter and Prior Quarter, respectively, and \$932.0 million and \$654.7 million for the Current Period and Prior Period, respectively.

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Management has determined that these are its only two segments and any assets that do not support the marketing segment are considered part of the exploration and production segment. Management evaluates each segment's performance based upon income before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change. The following table presents information about each segment's operations:

|   | Exploration<br>and<br>Production | Marketing  | Total        |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|
|   | (\$ in thousands)                |            |              |
| <b>Three months ended September 30, 2004:</b>                         |                                  |            |              |
| Revenues  | \$ 450,936                       | \$ 178,860 | \$ 629,796   |
| Income before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change | 151,714                          | (353)      | 151,361      |
| <b>Three months ended September 30, 2003:</b>                         |                                  |            |              |
| Revenues  | \$ 345,587                       | \$ 108,962 | \$ 454,549   |
| Income before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change | 140,253                          | 1,449      | 141,702      |
| <b>Nine months ended September 30, 2004:</b>                          |                                  |            |              |
| Revenues  | \$ 1,270,394                     | \$ 496,823 | \$ 1,767,217 |
| Income before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change | 478,127                          | 960        | 479,087      |
| <b>Nine months ended September 30, 2003:</b>                          |                                  |            |              |
| Revenues  | \$ 951,125                       | \$ 309,566 | \$ 1,260,691 |
| Income before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change | 385,120                          | 3,940      | 389,060      |
| <b>As of September 30, 2004:</b>                                      |                                  |            |              |
| Total assets  | \$ 7,188,526                     | \$ 237,765 | \$ 7,426,291 |
| <b>As of December 31, 2003:</b>                                       |                                  |            |              |
| Total assets  | \$ 4,376,558                     | \$ 195,733 | \$ 4,572,291 |

## 7. Acquisitions and Related Financing

We completed the acquisition of Concho Resources Inc. in January 2004 to acquire oil and gas interests primarily in the Permian Basin and the Mid-Continent. We paid \$420 million in cash for these assets, \$10 million of which was paid in 2003. We also paid \$12 million in employee severance and other transaction costs at closing. We recorded a \$127 million deferred tax liability to reflect the tax effect of the cost in excess of the tax basis acquired. We also completed an acquisition of Texas Gulf Coast properties in January 2004 from a private company. We paid \$65 million for these assets, \$3.3 million of which was paid in 2003. On January 14, 2004, we issued 23,000,000 shares of common stock at a price to the public of \$13.51 per share. We used the net proceeds of approximately \$298.1 million to finance a portion of the acquisitions completed in January 2004.

On March 30, 2004, we issued 275,000 shares of 4.125% convertible preferred stock having a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share in a private placement. In April 2004, the original purchasers exercised their option to purchase an additional 38,250 shares of 4.125% convertible preferred stock on the same terms and conditions. We used the net proceeds from these issuances of approximately \$304.9 million to pay the outstanding borrowings under our bank credit facility which were incurred to finance a portion of the acquisitions completed in the first quarter of 2004. As of September 30, 2004, 18.8 million shares of common stock were reserved for issuance upon conversion of the 4.125% convertible preferred stock.

We completed a \$425 million acquisition of privately-held Greystone Petroleum, LLC in June 2004 to acquire natural gas assets in the Ark-La-Tex region of northern Louisiana. We recorded a \$46 million deferred tax liability to reflect the tax effect of the cost in excess of the tax basis acquired. On May 27, 2004, we issued \$300.0 million principal amount of 7.5% senior notes due 2014 in a private placement. We used the net proceeds of approximately \$288.6 million, along with borrowings from the bank credit facility and cash on hand, to finance the Greystone acquisition.

We completed a \$335 million acquisition of Bravo Natural Resources, Inc. in August 2004 to acquire oil and gas interests in the Anadarko Basin. We recorded a \$177 million deferred tax liability to reflect the tax effect of the cost in excess of the tax basis acquired. We also completed the acquisition of South Texas oil and gas assets from Legend Natural Gas, LLP in August 2004. We paid \$215 million in cash for these assets which are located primarily in Zapata County, Texas. In addition, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the Mid-Continent oil and gas assets of Tilford Pinson Exploration, LLC in July 2004. We paid \$20 million in cash for these assets.

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In August 2004, we completed a private offering of \$300 million principal amount of 7.0% Senior Notes due 2014 and issued 23 million shares of common stock at a price to the public of \$14.75 per share. Net proceeds of \$620.5 million from these transactions were used to finance the Bravo, Legend and Tilford Pinson acquisitions and to repay amounts outstanding under our bank credit facility.

In addition to the acquisitions mentioned previously, we invested approximately \$190 million to acquire various other oil and gas properties during the Current Period. These acquisitions are primarily located in the Mid-Continent region and include both corporate and asset purchases.

### **8. Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In September 2004, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued Staff Accounting Bulletin 106 which summarizes the views of the staff regarding the application of SFAS 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations*, by oil and gas producing companies following the full cost accounting method. This bulletin will be effective in the fourth quarter of 2004. Implementation of this pronouncement is not expected to have a material effect on our financial statements.

In September 2004, the Emerging Issues Task Force issued EITF No. 04-8, *The Effect of Contingently Convertible Instruments on Diluted Earnings per Share*. EITF No. 04-8 provides new guidance on when the dilutive effect of contingently convertible securities with a market price trigger should be included in diluted EPS. The guidance in EITF No. 04-8 is effective for all periods ending after December 15, 2004 and Chesapeake will comply by retrospectively restating previously reported EPS. The effect of this pronouncement on diluted EPS is more fully described in Note 4 to these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**
**ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**
**Overview**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the production volumes, oil and gas sales, average sales prices received and expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 (the "Current Quarter" and "Current Period", respectively) and the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003 (the "Prior Quarter" and "Prior Period", respectively) :

|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |                  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |                   |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2004                                | 2003             | 2004                               | 2003              |
| <b>Net Production:</b>   |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| Oil (m bbl)  | 1,834                               | 1,216            | 4,972                              | 3,500             |
| Gas (mmcf)   | 83,219                              | 63,684           | 229,827                            | 174,066           |
| Gas equivalent (mmcfe)   | 94,223                              | 70,980           | 259,659                            | 195,066           |
| <b>Oil and Gas Sales (\$ in thousands):</b>                                      |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| Oil sales  | \$ 73,921                           | \$ 33,908        | \$ 181,882                         | \$ 101,811        |
| Oil derivatives – realized gains (losses)  | (20,464)                            | (2,045)          | (41,672)                           | (8,924)           |
| Oil derivatives – unrealized gains (losses)                                      | (14,436)                            | 185              | (21,925)                           | (993)             |
| <b>Total oil sales</b>   | <b>39,021</b>                       | <b>32,048</b>    | <b>118,285</b>                     | <b>91,894</b>     |
| Gas sales  | 447,466                             | 293,309          | 1,222,783                          | 889,598           |
| Gas derivatives – realized gains (losses)  | (17,514)                            | 19,781           | (25,976)                           | (65,028)          |
| Gas derivatives – unrealized gains (losses)                                      | (18,037)                            | 449              | (44,698)                           | 34,661            |
| <b>Total gas sales</b>   | <b>411,915</b>                      | <b>313,539</b>   | <b>1,152,109</b>                   | <b>859,231</b>    |
| <b>Total oil and gas sales</b>   | <b>\$450,936</b>                    | <b>\$345,587</b> | <b>\$1,270,394</b>                 | <b>\$951,125</b>  |
| <b>Average Sales Price (excluding all gains (losses) on derivatives):</b>        |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| Oil (\$ per bbl)   | \$ 40.31                            | \$ 27.88         | \$ 36.58                           | \$ 29.09          |
| Gas (\$ per mcf)   | \$ 5.38                             | \$ 4.61          | \$ 5.32                            | \$ 5.11           |
| Gas equivalent (\$ per mcfe)   | \$ 5.53                             | \$ 4.61          | \$ 5.41                            | \$ 5.08           |
| <b>Average Sales Price (excluding unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives):</b> |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| Oil (\$ per bbl)   | \$ 29.15                            | \$ 26.20         | \$ 28.20                           | \$ 26.54          |
| Gas (\$ per mcf)   | \$ 5.17                             | \$ 4.92          | \$ 5.21                            | \$ 4.74           |
| Gas equivalent (\$ per mcfe)   | \$ 5.13                             | \$ 4.86          | \$ 5.15                            | \$ 4.70           |
| <b>Expenses (\$ per mcfe):</b>   |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| Production expenses  | \$ 0.57                             | \$ 0.51          | \$ 0.57                            | \$ 0.52           |
| Production taxes (a)   | \$ 0.33                             | \$ 0.30          | \$ 0.26                            | \$ 0.29           |
| General and administrative expenses:   |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| General and administrative expenses (excluding stock based compensation)         | \$ 0.09                             | \$ 0.07          | \$ 0.09                            | \$ 0.08           |
| Stock based compensation   | \$ 0.01                             | \$ —             | \$ 0.01                            | \$ —              |
| Oil and gas depreciation, depletion and amortization                             | \$ 1.63                             | \$ 1.38          | \$ 1.58                            | \$ 1.36           |
| Depreciation and amortization of other assets                                    | \$ 0.08                             | \$ 0.07          | \$ 0.08                            | \$ 0.06           |
| Interest expense (b)   | \$ 0.45                             | \$ 0.53          | \$ 0.46                            | \$ 0.57           |
| <b>Interest Expense (\$ in thousands):</b>                                       |                                     |                  |                                    |                   |
| Interest expense   | \$ 42,258                           | \$ 38,855        | \$ 118,335                         | \$ 113,011        |
| Interest rate derivatives – realized (gains) losses                              | 221                                 | (1,097)          | (184)                              | (2,453)           |
| Interest rate derivatives – unrealized (gains) losses                            | 6,210                               | 3,093            | 5,889                              | 5,333             |
| <b>Total interest expense</b>  | <b>\$ 48,689</b>                    | <b>\$ 40,851</b> | <b>\$ 124,040</b>                  | <b>\$ 115,891</b> |
| <b>Net Wells Drilled</b>   | <b>181</b>                          | <b>130</b>       | <b>420</b>                         | <b>326</b>        |
| <b>Net Producing Wells as of the End of Period</b>                               | <b>7,838</b>                        | <b>5,710</b>     | <b>7,838</b>                       | <b>5,710</b>      |

(a) Current Period includes a pre-tax benefit of \$6.8 million, or \$0.03 per mcfe, from prior period severance tax credits.

(b) Includes the effects of realized gains or (losses) from hedging, but does not include the effects of unrealized gains or (losses) from hedging.

Chesapeake is the fifth largest independent producer of natural gas in the U.S. and owns interests in approximately 19,000 (7,838 net) producing oil and gas wells. Our primary operating area is the Mid-Continent region of the United States, which includes Oklahoma, western Arkansas, southwestern Kansas and the Texas Panhandle, and we are building significant operating areas in the Permian Basin of western Texas and eastern New Mexico, in the Ark-La-Tex area of eastern Texas and northern Louisiana and in the South Texas and Texas Gulf Coast regions.

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Oil and natural gas production for the Current Quarter was 94.2 bcfe, an increase of 23.2 bcfe, or 33%, over the 71.0 bcfe produced in the Prior Quarter. The 23.2 bcfe increase in production consisted of approximately 9.3 bcfe generated from organic growth through drilling and approximately 13.9 bcfe generated from acquisitions.

We have increased our production for 15 consecutive years and the Current Quarter was Chesapeake's 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarter of sequential production growth. During these 13 quarters, Chesapeake's production has increased 141%, for an average compound quarterly growth rate of 7% and an average compound annual growth rate of 31%.

In addition to increased oil and natural gas production, the prices we received were higher in the Current Quarter than in the Prior Quarter. On a natural gas equivalent basis, weighted average prices (excluding the effect of unrealized gains or losses on derivatives) were \$5.13 per mcfe in the Current Quarter compared to \$4.86 per mcfe in the Prior Quarter. The increase in prices resulted in an increase in revenue of \$25.4 million, and increased production resulted in an increase in revenue of \$113.1 million, for a total increase in revenue of \$138.5 million (excluding the effect of unrealized gains or losses on derivatives).

Chesapeake began the Current Quarter with estimated proved reserves of 3,805 bcfe and ended the quarter with 4,455 bcfe. Taking into account production of 94.2 bcfe, reserve replacement during the Current Quarter was 744 bcfe, or 789%, at a finding and acquisition cost of \$756 million, or \$1.02 per mcfe (excluding \$66 million of leasehold and seismic purchases, \$187 million of acquisition costs allocated to unevaluated leasehold, \$177 million of deferred tax step-up incurred in connection with certain corporate acquisitions and \$17 million of other additions). Reserve replacement through the drillbit was 364 bcfe (including 91 bcfe from performance revisions and 18 bcfe from oil and natural gas price increases), or 49% of the total increase, and reserve replacement through acquisitions was 380 bcfe, or 51% of the total increase.

Chesapeake drilled 182 (143 net) operated wells and participated in another 292 (38 net) wells operated by other companies during the Current Quarter. Chesapeake's drilling costs were \$224 million for operated wells and \$68 million for non-operated wells. The company's success rate was 98% for operated wells and 96% for non-operated wells. Our investment in leasehold and 3-D seismic data totaled \$66 million and our acquisition expenditures totaled \$650 million during the Current Quarter.

During the Current Period, we received net proceeds of \$1,512 million through issuances of \$650 million of common equity, \$313 million of preferred equity (4.125% convertible preferred stock), \$300 million principal amount of 7.5% Senior Notes due 2014 and \$300 million principal amount of 7.0% Senior Notes due 2014. As of September 30, 2004, the company's total debt as a percentage of total capitalization (total capitalization is the sum of total debt and stockholders' equity) was 49%, compared to 56% as of September 30, 2003. Additionally, through debt repurchases and exchanges completed in the second half of 2003 and the Current Period, we have extended the average maturity of our long-term debt to over nine years and have lowered our average interest rate to 7.6%.

During the Current Quarter, holders of our 6.75% preferred stock converted 283,600 shares into 1,841,556 shares of common stock (at a conversion price of \$7.70 per share). During November 2004, we expect to cause conversion of the remaining 6.75% preferred stock into 17,624,657 shares of common stock.

Our revenues, operating results, profitability and future growth depend on our ability to find, develop and acquire oil and gas reserves that are economically recoverable based on prevailing prices for natural gas and oil. The company favors gas over oil, strives to establish regional dominance in our operating areas, grows through a combination of drilling and acquisitions and manages price risk through opportunistic oil and natural gas hedging.

We intend to continue to focus on improving the strength of our balance sheet. The company's revolving bank credit facility is currently rated as investment grade by one rating agency. We believe our business strategy and operational performance will lead to an investment grade credit rating for our unsecured debt in the future.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Sources of Liquidity

Our primary source of liquidity to meet operating expenses and fund capital expenditures (other than for large acquisitions) is cash flow from operations. Based on our current production, price and expense assumptions, we expect cash flow from operations will exceed our budgeted drilling capital expenditures in the fourth quarter of 2004 and in 2005. Our budget for drilling, land and seismic activities is currently \$300 million to \$325 million for the 2004 fourth quarter and \$1.2 billion to \$1.3 billion for 2005. While we believe this level of exploration and development will be sufficient to increase our reserves in the fourth quarter of 2004 and in 2005 and achieve our target of year-over-year production growth of 33% in 2004 and 14% in 2005, higher drilling and field operating costs, drilling results that alter planned development schedules, acquisitions or other factors could cause us to revise our drilling program, which is largely discretionary. Any cash flow from operations not needed to fund our drilling program will be available for acquisitions, debt repayment or other general corporate purposes.

Cash flows from operating activities, excluding changes in assets and liabilities, were \$995.1 million in the Current Period, compared to \$641.5 million in the Prior Period. The \$353.6 million increase in the Current Period was due primarily to higher realized prices and higher volumes of oil and gas production. We expect that production volumes in the 2004 fourth quarter and full-year 2005 will be higher than in the 2003 fourth quarter and full-year 2004, respectively, and that cash flows from operating activities in the 2004 fourth quarter and full-year 2005 will be higher than in the 2003 fourth quarter and full-year 2004, respectively. While a precipitous decline in oil and gas prices would significantly affect the amount of cash flow that would be generated from operations, we have 96% of our expected oil production in the 2004 fourth quarter hedged at an average NYMEX price of \$30.10 per barrel of oil and 86% of our expected natural gas production in the 2004 fourth quarter hedged at an average NYMEX price of \$5.77 per mcf. In addition, we have 30% of our expected oil production in 2005 hedged at an average NYMEX price of \$40.20 per barrel of oil and 35% of our expected natural gas production in 2005 hedged at an average NYMEX price of \$5.96 per mcf. This level of hedging provides certainty of the cash flow we will receive for a substantial portion of our remaining 2004 production and approximately one-third of our 2005 production. Depending on changes in oil and gas futures markets and management's view of underlying oil and natural gas supply and demand trends, however, we may increase or decrease our current hedging positions.

Based on fluctuations in natural gas and oil prices, our hedging counterparties may require us to deliver cash collateral or other assurances of performance from time to time. To mitigate the liquidity impact of those collateral requirements, we have negotiated caps on the amount of collateral that we might be required to post with five of our counterparties. All of our existing commodity hedges that are not under our secured hedging facility are with these counterparties and the maximum amount of collateral that we would be required to post with these counterparties is capped at \$250 million.

Another source of liquidity is our \$600 million revolving bank credit facility (with current bank commitments of \$500 million) which matures in June 2008. We had \$152 million and \$253 million of outstanding borrowings under the bank credit facility as of September 30, 2004 and November 4, 2004, respectively. We use the facility to fund daily operating activities and acquisitions as needed. We borrowed \$1,413 million and repaid \$1,261 million in the Current Period and borrowed \$485 million and repaid \$413 million in the Prior Period under the bank credit facility. We plan to increase the commitments under the revolving bank credit facility to \$600 million in November 2004.

We believe that our available cash, cash flows from operating activities and funds available under our bank credit facility will be sufficient to fund our operating, interest and general and administrative expenses, our capital expenditure budget, our short-term contractual obligations and dividend payments at current levels for the foreseeable future.

The public and institutional markets have been our principal source of capital to finance large acquisitions. We have issued debt and equity in both public and private offerings in the past, and we expect that these sources of capital will continue to be available to us in the future for acquisitions. Nevertheless, we caution you that ready access to capital on reasonable terms and the availability of desirable acquisition targets at attractive prices are subject to many uncertainties, as explained under "Risk Factors" in Item 1—Business of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003. The following table reflects the proceeds from sales of securities we issued in the Current Period and the Prior Period (\$ in millions):

|   | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, |                  |                 |                 |
|---|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | 2004                                    |                  | 2003            |                 |
|   | Total Proceeds                          | Net Proceeds     | Total Proceeds  | Net Proceeds    |
| Convertible preferred stock                       | \$ 313.3                                | \$ 304.9         | \$ 230.0        | \$ 222.9        |
| Common stock                                      | 650.0                                   | 624.2            | 186.3           | 177.4           |
| Unsecured senior notes guaranteed by subsidiaries | 600.0                                   | 582.9            | 300.0           | 290.9           |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>\$1,563.3</b>                        | <b>\$1,512.0</b> | <b>\$ 716.3</b> | <b>\$ 691.2</b> |

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We filed a \$600 million “universal shelf” registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 28, 2004. Securities issued under this shelf may be in the form of common stock, preferred stock, depository shares representing fractional shares of preferred stock or debt securities of Chesapeake. A prospectus supplement will be prepared at the time of a debt or equity offering and will contain specific information about the security issued and the use of proceeds. We have not issued any securities under this shelf registration.

In June 2004, we amended our certificate of incorporation to increase authorized capital stock. The number of authorized shares of our common stock increased from 350 million to 500 million and the number of authorized shares of our preferred stock increased from 10 million to 20 million.

We paid common stock dividends of \$26.9 million and \$19.7 million in the Current Period and in the Prior Period, respectively, and we paid dividends of \$30.3 million and \$14.9 million on our preferred stock in the Current Period and in the Prior Period, respectively. We received \$9.0 million and \$7.8 million from the exercise of employee and director stock options in the Current Period and in the Prior Period, respectively. We used \$2.1 million to purchase treasury stock in the Prior Period to fund our matching contributions to the 401(k) Make-Up Plan.

Outstanding payments from certain disbursement accounts in excess of funded cash balances where no legal right of setoff exist increased by \$89.3 million in the Current Period. All disbursement accounts are funded the next business day using available cash on hand or draws on our credit facility.

Historically, we have used significant amounts of funds to purchase and retire our obligations under outstanding Senior Notes. In March 2004, we retired \$42.1 million of our 7.875% Senior Notes at maturity and we redeemed the remaining \$4.3 million of our 8.5% Senior Notes for \$4.5 million, including a redemption premium of \$0.2 million. We paid \$4.6 million of cash in lieu of issuing fractional notes on our exchange of \$458.5 million of 8.125% Senior Notes for \$72.8 million of 7.75% Senior Notes and \$433.5 million of 6.875% Senior Notes in January 2004. We paid \$6.0 million in transaction costs related to this exchange.

Cash used in investing activities increased to \$2,668.2 million during the Current Period, compared to \$1,600.8 million during the Prior Period. The following table shows our capital expenditures during these periods (\$ in millions):

|  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |                  |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|
|  | 2004                               | 2003             |
| Acquisitions of oil and gas companies, proved properties and unproved properties, net of cash acquired | \$1,657.5                          | \$1,023.0        |
| Exploration and development of oil and gas properties  | 888.3                              | 518.8            |
| Additions to building and other fixed assets   | 77.1                               | 54.4             |
| Divestitures of oil and gas properties   | (0.3)                              | (21.2)           |
| Cash paid for investments and other assets   | 26.7                               | 25.9             |
| Additions to drilling rig equipment  | 19.3                               | 0.1              |
| Other  | (0.4)                              | (0.2)            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$2,668.2</b>                   | <b>\$1,600.8</b> |

Our accounts receivable are primarily from purchasers of oil and natural gas (\$238.1 million as of September 30, 2004) and exploration and production companies which own interests in properties we operate (\$60.1 million as of September 30, 2004). This industry concentration has the potential to impact our overall exposure to credit risk, either positively or negatively, in that our customers may be similarly affected by changes in economic, industry or other conditions. We generally require letters of credit for receivables from customers which are judged to have sub-standard credit, unless the credit risk can otherwise be mitigated.

Our liquidity is not dependent on the use of off-balance sheet financing arrangements, such as the securitization of receivables or obtaining access to assets through special purpose entities. We have not relied on off-balance sheet financing arrangements in the past and we do not intend to rely on such arrangements in the future as a source of liquidity. We are not a commercial paper issuer.

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### *Investing and Financing Transactions*

The following describes significant investing and financing transactions that we completed in the Current Period:

#### *Investing Transactions:*

##### Third Quarter 2004

- Acquired Bravo Natural Resources, Inc. (Mid-Continent oil and gas assets) and Mid-Continent gas properties from Tilford Pinson Exploration, LLC. for cash consideration of approximately \$355 million.
- Acquired South Texas oil and gas assets from Legend Natural Gas, LLP for cash consideration of approximately \$215 million.
- Acquired Mid-Continent oil and gas assets in various smaller transactions for total cash consideration of approximately \$90 million.

##### Second Quarter 2004

- Acquired Greystone Petroleum, LLC (natural gas assets in Ark-La-Tex region of northern Louisiana) for cash consideration of approximately \$425 million.
- Acquired Permian Resources Holdings, Inc. (Permian Basin oil and gas assets) for cash consideration of approximately \$69 million.
- Acquired Mid-Continent oil and gas assets in three smaller transactions for total cash consideration of approximately \$31 million.

##### First Quarter 2004

- Acquired Concho Resources Inc. (Permian Basin and Mid-Continent oil and gas assets) for cash consideration of approximately \$420 million, of which \$10 million was paid in 2003. We also paid \$12 million in employee severance and other transaction costs at closing.
- Acquired Texas Gulf Coast properties for cash consideration of approximately \$65 million, of which \$3.3 million was paid in 2003.

#### *Financing Transactions:*

##### Third Quarter 2004

- Completed a public offering of 23 million shares of common stock at \$14.75 per share. Net proceeds of approximately \$326.2 million were used to finance a portion of the Bravo, Legend and Tilford Pinson acquisitions and to repay amounts outstanding under our bank credit facility.
- Completed a private placement of \$300 million 7.0% Senior Notes due 2014. Net proceeds of approximately \$294.3 million were used to finance a portion of the Bravo, Legend and Tilford Pinson acquisitions and to repay amounts outstanding under our bank credit facility.

##### Second Quarter 2004

- Completed a private placement of \$300 million 7.5% Senior Notes due 2014. Net proceeds of approximately \$288.6 million were used to finance a portion of the Greystone acquisition completed in June 2004.
- Issued an additional 38,250 shares of 4.125% convertible preferred stock upon exercise of an option we granted to the purchasers in a March 2004 private placement for net proceeds of \$37.2 million.

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### First Quarter 2004

- Completed a public offering of 23 million shares of common stock at \$13.51 per share. Net proceeds of approximately \$298.1 million were used to finance a portion of the acquisitions completed in January 2004.
- Issued 275,000 shares of 4.125% convertible preferred stock at \$1,000 per share in a private placement. Net proceeds of approximately \$267.7 million were used to pay outstanding borrowings under our revolving bank credit facility which were incurred as a result of acquisitions completed in the first quarter of 2004.
- Completed a public exchange offer in which we retired \$458.5 million of our 8.125% Senior Notes due 2011 and \$10.8 million of accrued interest and issued \$72.8 million of our 7.75% Senior Notes due 2015 and \$2.8 million of accrued interest and \$433.5 million of our 6.875% Senior Notes due 2016 and \$4.1 million of accrued interest.
- Issued an additional \$37.0 million of our 6.875% Senior Notes due 2016 and \$0.5 million of accrued interest in exchange for \$24.3 million of our 8.125% Senior Notes due 2011 and \$0.7 million of accrued interest and \$9.1 million of our 7.75% Senior Notes due 2015 and \$0.1 million of accrued interest in four private exchange transactions.
- Paid \$4.5 million (including a premium of \$0.2 million) to redeem \$4.3 million of 8.5% Senior Notes due 2012 representing all outstanding notes which were not tendered pursuant to a cash tender offer completed in December 2003.
- Paid \$42.1 million representing the balance outstanding on our 7.875% Senior Notes that matured on March 15, 2004.

### *Contractual Obligations*

We have a \$600 million revolving bank credit facility (with current bank commitments of \$500 million) which matures in June 2008. As of September 30, 2004, we had \$152.0 million of outstanding borrowings under this facility and utilized \$73.9 million of the facility for various letters of credit. The outstanding borrowings under this facility and the letters of credit were \$253 million and \$148 million, respectively, as of November 4, 2004. Borrowings under the facility are collateralized by certain producing oil and gas properties and bear interest at either (i) the greater of the reference rate of Union Bank of California, N.A. or the federal funds effective rate plus 0.50% or (ii) the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), at our option, plus a margin that varies according to our senior unsecured long-term debt ratings. The collateral value and borrowing base are redetermined periodically. The unused portion of the facility is subject to an annual commitment fee that also varies according to our senior unsecured long-term debt ratings. Currently the annual commitment fee rate is 0.30%. Interest is payable quarterly or, if LIBOR applies, it may be payable at more frequent intervals. We plan to increase the commitments under the revolving bank credit facility to \$600 million in November 2004.

The credit facility agreement contains various covenants and restrictive provisions which govern our ability to incur additional indebtedness, sell properties, purchase or redeem our capital stock, make investments or loans and create liens. In addition, the agreement requires us to maintain a current ratio (as defined) of at least 1 to 1 and a fixed charge coverage ratio (as defined) of at least 2.5 to 1. As of September 30, 2004, our current ratio was 1.13 to 1 and our fixed charge coverage ratio was 5.19 to 1. If we should fail to perform our obligations under these and other covenants, the revolving credit commitment could be terminated and any outstanding borrowings under the facility could be declared immediately due and payable. Such acceleration, if involving a principal amount of \$10 million or more, would constitute an event of default under our senior note indentures, which could in turn result in the acceleration of our senior note indebtedness. The credit facility agreement also has cross default provisions that apply to other indebtedness we may have with an outstanding principal amount in excess of \$35.0 million.

Some of our commodity price and financial risk management arrangements require us to deliver cash collateral or other assurances of performance to the counterparties in the event that our payment obligations exceed certain levels. As of September 30, 2004, we were required to post \$72 million of collateral in the form of letters of credit with respect to such derivative transactions. These collateral requirements were \$146 million as of November 4, 2004. Future collateral requirements are uncertain and will depend on arrangements with our counterparties and

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fluctuations in natural gas and oil prices and interest rates. We currently have arrangements with five of our counterparties which limit the amount of collateral that we would be required to post with a counterparty to \$50 million each.

In May 2004, we entered into a secured natural gas hedging facility with a nationally recognized counterparty. Under this hedging facility, which matures in May 2009, we can enter into cash-settled natural gas commodity transactions, valued by the counterparty, for up to \$600 million. Outstanding transactions under the facility are collateralized by certain oil and gas properties, exclusive of the oil and gas properties that collateralize our revolving bank credit facility. The hedging facility is subject to an annual fee of 0.30% of the maximum total capacity and a 1.0% exposure fee, which is assessed quarterly on the average of the daily negative fair market value amounts, if any, during the quarter. As of September 30, 2004, the fair market value of the natural gas hedging transactions related to the hedging facility was (\$7.2) million.

The hedging facility contains the standard representations and default provisions that are typical of such agreements. The agreement also contains various restrictive provisions which govern the aggregate gas production volumes that we are permitted to hedge under all of our agreements at any one time. The hedging facility is guaranteed by Chesapeake and all our subsidiaries.

In addition to outstanding revolving bank credit facility borrowings discussed above, as of September 30, 2004, our long-term debt included senior notes, as listed below (\$ in thousands):

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 8.375% senior notes due 2008    | \$ 209,815  |
| 8.125% senior notes due 2011    | 245,407     |
| 9.0% senior notes due 2012      | 300,000     |
| 7.5% senior notes due 2013      | 363,823     |
| 7.0% senior notes due 2014      | 300,000     |
| 7.5% senior notes due 2014      | 300,000     |
| 7.75% senior notes due 2015     | 300,408     |
| 6.875% senior notes due 2016    | 670,437     |
| Discount on senior notes        | (80,661)    |
| Premium for interest rate swaps | 1,196       |
|                                 | <hr/>       |
|                                 | \$2,610,425 |

No scheduled principal payments are required on any of the senior notes until 2008, when \$209.8 million is due.

Debt ratings for the senior notes are Ba3 by Moody's Investor Service, BB- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and BB by Fitch Ratings. Debt ratings for our secured bank credit facility are BB+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and BBB- by Fitch Ratings.

Our senior notes are unsecured senior obligations of Chesapeake and rank equally with all of our other unsecured indebtedness. All of our wholly-owned subsidiaries guarantee the notes including Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P., for which the guarantee became effective September 21, 2004. The indentures permit us to redeem the senior notes at any time at specified make-whole or redemption prices. The indentures contain covenants limiting our ability and our subsidiaries' ability to incur additional indebtedness; pay dividends on our capital stock or redeem, repurchase or retire our capital stock or subordinated indebtedness; make investments and other restricted payments; incur liens; engage in transactions with affiliates; sell assets; and consolidate, merge or transfer assets. The debt incurrence covenants do not affect our ability to borrow under or expand our secured credit facility. As of September 30, 2004, we estimate that secured bank indebtedness of approximately \$1.64 billion could have been incurred under the most restrictive indenture covenant.

### **Results of Operations — Three Months Ended September 30, 2004 vs. September 30, 2003**

*General.* For the Current Quarter, Chesapeake had net income of \$96.9 million, or \$0.29 per diluted common share, on total revenues of \$629.8 million. This compares to net income of \$87.9 million, or \$0.33 per diluted common share, on total revenues of \$454.5 million during the Prior Quarter. The Current Quarter net income includes, on a pre-tax basis, \$38.7 million in net unrealized losses on oil and gas and interest rate derivatives. The Prior Quarter net income included, on a pre-tax basis, \$2.5 million in net unrealized losses on oil and gas and interest rate derivatives.

*Oil and Gas Sales.* During the Current Quarter, oil and gas sales were \$450.9 million compared to \$345.6 million in the Prior Quarter. In the Current Quarter, Chesapeake produced 94.2 bcf at a weighted average price of

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\$5.13 per mcf, compared to 71.0 bcfe produced in the Prior Quarter at a weighted average price of \$4.86 per mcf (weighted average prices for both quarters exclude the effect of unrealized gains or (losses) on derivatives of (\$32.5) million and \$0.6 million in the Current Quarter and Prior Quarter, respectively). The increase in prices in the Current Quarter resulted in an increase in revenue of \$25.4 million and increased production resulted in a \$113.1 million increase, for a total increase in revenues of \$138.5 million (excluding unrealized gains or losses on oil and gas derivatives). The increase in production from the Prior Quarter to the Current Quarter is due to the combination of production growth generated from drilling as well as acquisitions completed in 2003 and in 2004.

The change in oil and gas prices has a significant impact on our oil and gas revenues and cash flows. Assuming the Current Quarter production levels, a change of \$0.10 per mcf of gas sold would have resulted in an increase or decrease in revenues and cash flow of approximately \$8.3 million and \$7.8 million, respectively, and a change of \$1.00 per barrel of oil sold would have resulted in an increase or decrease in revenues and cash flow of approximately \$1.8 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, without considering the effect of derivative activities.

For the Current Quarter, we realized an average price per barrel of oil of \$29.15, compared to \$26.20 in the Prior Quarter (weighted average prices for both quarters discussed exclude the effect of unrealized gains or losses on derivatives). Natural gas prices realized per mcf (excluding unrealized gains or losses on derivatives) were \$5.17 and \$4.92 in the Current Quarter and Prior Quarter, respectively. Realized gains or losses from our oil and gas derivatives resulted in a net decrease in oil and gas revenues of \$38.0 million or \$0.40 per mcf in the Current Quarter and a net increase of \$17.7 million or \$0.25 per mcf in the Prior Quarter.

The following table shows our production by region for the Current Quarter and the Prior Quarter:

|                                  | For the Three Months Ended September 30, |             |               |             |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|                                  | 2004                                     |             | 2003          |             |
|                                  | Mmcf                                     | Percent     | Mmcf          | Percent     |
| Mid-Continent                    | 68,254                                   | 73%         | 62,909        | 89%         |
| South Texas and Texas Gulf Coast | 12,438                                   | 13          | 4,987         | 7           |
| Permian Basin                    | 7,967                                    | 8           | 2,063         | 3           |
| Ark-La-Tex                       | 4,890                                    | 5           | 279           | —           |
| Williston Basin and Other        | 674                                      | 1           | 742           | 1           |
| <b>Total Production</b>          | <b>94,223</b>                            | <b>100%</b> | <b>70,980</b> | <b>100%</b> |

Natural gas production represented approximately 88% of our total production volume on an equivalent basis in the Current Quarter, compared to 90% in the Prior Quarter.

*Oil and Gas Marketing Sales and Expenses.* Chesapeake realized \$178.9 million in oil and gas marketing sales in the Current Quarter, with corresponding oil and gas marketing expenses of \$175.4 million, for a net margin of \$3.5 million. Marketing activities are substantially for third parties that are owners in Chesapeake operated wells. This compares to sales of \$109.0 million, expenses of \$105.8 million and a net margin of \$3.2 million in the Prior Quarter. In the Current Quarter, Chesapeake realized an increase in oil and gas marketing sales volumes and an increase in oil and gas prices.

*Production Expenses.* Production expenses, which include lifting costs and ad valorem taxes, were \$54.1 million in the Current Quarter compared to \$35.9 million in the Prior Quarter. On a unit-of-production basis, production expenses were \$0.57 per mcf in the Current Quarter compared to \$0.51 per mcf in the Prior Quarter. The increase in the Current Quarter was primarily due to higher field service costs. We expect that production expenses per mcf during the remainder of 2004 will range from \$0.57 to \$0.62.

*Production Taxes.* Production taxes were \$30.9 million and \$21.6 million in the Current Quarter and the Prior Quarter, respectively. On a unit-of-production basis, production taxes were \$0.33 per mcf in the Current Quarter compared to \$0.30 per mcf in the Prior Quarter. The increase in production taxes in the Current Quarter is due primarily to approximately 23.2 bcfe of increased production. In general, production taxes are calculated using value-based formulas that produce higher per unit costs when oil and gas prices are higher. We expect production taxes per mcf to range from \$0.40 to \$0.44 during the remainder of 2004 based on an assumption that oil and natural gas wellhead prices will range from \$6.00 to \$7.00 per mcf.

*General and Administrative Expenses (excluding stock based compensation).* General and administrative expenses, which are net of internal payroll and non-payroll costs capitalized in our oil and gas properties, were \$8.4 million, or \$0.09 per mcf, in the Current Quarter and \$4.7 million, or \$0.07 per mcf, in the Prior Quarter. The increase in the Current Quarter of \$3.7 million is the result of additional costs associated with the company's growth. This growth has resulted in an increase in the number of employees and related compensation, facilities and other costs. We anticipate that general and administrative expenses for the remainder of 2004 will be between \$0.10 and \$0.11 per mcf produced, which is approximately the same level as the Current Quarter.

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Chesapeake follows the full-cost method of accounting under which all costs associated with property acquisition, exploration and development activities are capitalized. We capitalize internal costs that can be directly identified with our acquisition, exploration and development activities and do not include any costs related to production, general corporate overhead or similar activities. We capitalized \$12.0 million and \$9.9 million of internal costs in the Current Quarter and the Prior Quarter, respectively, directly related to our oil and gas exploration and development efforts.

*Stock Based Compensation.* Stock based compensation was \$0.6 million in the Current Quarter and \$0.1 million in the Prior Quarter. During the Current Quarter, 1.5 million shares of restricted stock were issued to employees. The cost of all outstanding restricted shares is amortized over a four-year period which resulted in the recognition of \$0.4 million of stock based compensation costs during the Current Quarter. Of this amount, \$0.3 million was reflected as stock based compensation expense (a sub-category of general and administrative costs) in the condensed consolidated statements of operations, and the remaining \$0.1 million was capitalized to oil and gas properties. Chesapeake's stock based compensation did not include restricted stock awards prior to 2004. Additionally, we recognized \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million in stock based compensation expense in the Current Quarter and Prior Quarter, respectively, as a result of modifications made to previously issued stock options. Stock based compensation was \$0.01 per mcf for the Current Quarter and \$0.00 per mcf for the Prior Quarter. We anticipate that stock based compensation expense for the remainder of 2004 will be between \$0.02 and \$0.04 per mcf produced.

*Oil and Gas Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization.* Depreciation, depletion and amortization of oil and gas properties was \$153.6 million and \$97.9 million during the Current Quarter and the Prior Quarter, respectively. The average DD&A rate per mcf, which is a function of capitalized costs, future development costs, and the related underlying reserves in the periods presented, was \$1.63 and \$1.38 in the Current Quarter and in the Prior Quarter, respectively. The \$0.25 increase in the average DD&A rate is primarily the result of higher drilling costs and higher costs associated with acquisitions, including the recognition of the tax effect of acquisition costs in excess of tax basis acquired in certain corporate acquisitions. We expect the DD&A rate for the remainder of 2004 to be between \$1.65 and \$1.70 per mcf produced.

*Depreciation and Amortization of Other Assets.* Depreciation and amortization of other assets was \$7.7 million in the Current Quarter, compared to \$4.8 million in the Prior Quarter. The increase in the Current Quarter was primarily the result of higher depreciation costs resulting from the acquisition of a processing plant, various gathering facilities, construction of new buildings at our corporate headquarters and the purchase of additional information technology equipment and software in 2003 and the Current Period. Property and equipment costs are depreciated on a straight-line basis. Buildings are depreciated over 39 years, drilling rigs are depreciated over 15 years and all other property and equipment are depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from two to fifteen years. To the extent drilling rigs are used to drill our wells, a substantial portion of the depreciation is capitalized in oil and gas properties as exploration or development costs. We expect depreciation and amortization of other assets to be between \$0.08 and \$0.10 per mcf produced for the remainder of 2004.

*Provision for Legal Settlements.* During the Prior Quarter, we accrued and subsequently paid into the court \$0.7 million related to a legal proceeding brought against us by certain royalty owners. The case was subsequently dismissed pursuant to a settlement agreement effective December 31, 2003. The settlement is described in note 4 to the consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

*Interest and Other Income.* Interest and other income was \$0.9 million in the Current Quarter compared to a loss of \$0.2 million in the Prior Quarter. The Current Quarter income consisted of \$0.6 million of interest income, \$0.3 million related to losses of equity investees, and \$0.6 million of miscellaneous income. The Prior Quarter income consisted of \$0.2 million of interest income, \$0.3 million related to losses of equity investees, and \$0.1 million of miscellaneous losses.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense increased from \$40.9 million in the Prior Quarter to \$48.7 million in the Current Quarter. The increase in interest expense was partially due to an increase in the average long-term borrowings under our senior notes of \$553 million in the Current Quarter in comparison to the Prior Quarter, as well as an increase in amortization of bond discount from \$0.4 million in the Prior Quarter to \$1.2 million in the Current Quarter. This increase in interest expense was partially offset by a \$7.1 million increase in the capitalized interest

from \$3.4 million in the Prior Quarter to \$10.5 in the Current Quarter. Interest is capitalized on significant investments in unproved properties that are not currently being depreciated, depleted or amortized and on which exploration activities are in progress based on the weighted average effective interest rate on our outstanding borrowings. In addition, the increase in interest expense in the Current Quarter was also due to an increase in unrealized losses on interest rate derivatives from \$3.1 million in the Prior Quarter to \$6.2 million in the Current Quarter. Interest expense also increased due to a decline in realized gains related to interest rate derivatives. Realized gains on interest rate derivatives were \$1.1 million in the Prior Quarter and realized losses on interest rate derivatives were \$0.2 million in the Current Quarter. In total, interest expense increased by \$4.4 million in the Current Quarter compared to the Prior Quarter with respect to interest rate derivatives.

From time to time, we enter into derivative instruments designed to mitigate our exposure to the volatility in interest rates. For interest rate derivative instruments designated as fair value hedges (in accordance with SFAS 133), changes in fair value of interest rate derivatives are recorded on the condensed consolidated balance sheets as assets (liabilities) and the debt's carrying value amount is adjusted by the change in the fair value of the debt subsequent to the initiation of the derivative. Any resulting differences are recorded currently as ineffectiveness in the condensed consolidated statements of operations as an adjustment to interest expense. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments not qualifying as fair value hedges are recorded currently as adjustments to interest expense. A detailed explanation of our interest rate derivative activity appears below in Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Interest expense, excluding unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives, was \$0.45 per mcf in the Current Quarter compared to \$0.53 per mcf in the Prior Quarter. We expect interest expense for the remainder of 2004 to be between \$0.45 and \$0.49 per mcf produced (before considering the effects of derivatives).

*Income Tax Expense.* Chesapeake recorded income tax expense of \$54.5 million in the Current Quarter, compared to income tax expense of \$53.8 million in the Prior Quarter. During the Current Quarter, our effective income tax rate decreased to 36% compared to 38% in the Prior Quarter to reflect our assessment of the impact state income taxes have on our overall effective rates. The Current Quarter income tax expense was completely deferred.

### **Results of Operations — Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004 vs. September 30, 2003**

*General.* For the Current Period, Chesapeake had net income of \$306.6 million, or \$0.98 per diluted common share, on total revenues of \$1,767.2 million. This compares to net income of \$243.6 million, or \$0.96 per diluted common share, on total revenues of \$1,260.7 million during the Prior Period. The Current Period net income includes, on a pre-tax basis, a \$6.9 million loss on repurchases or exchanges of debt and \$72.5 million in net unrealized losses on oil and gas and interest rate derivatives. The Prior Period net income included, on a pre-tax basis, \$28.3 million in net unrealized gains on oil and gas and interest rate derivatives.

*Oil and Gas Sales.* During the Current Period, oil and gas sales were \$1,270.4 million compared to \$951.1 million in the Prior Period. In the Current Period, Chesapeake produced 259.7 bcfe at a weighted average price of \$5.15 per mcf, compared to 195.1 bcfe produced in the Prior Period at a weighted average price of \$4.70 per mcf (weighted average prices for both periods exclude the effect of unrealized gains or (losses) on derivatives of (\$66.6) million and \$33.7 million in the Current Period and Prior Period, respectively). The increase in prices in the Current Period resulted in an increase in revenue of \$116.9 million and increased production resulted in a \$302.7 million increase, for a total increase in revenues of \$419.6 million (excluding unrealized gains or losses on oil and gas derivatives). The increase in production from the Prior Period to the Current Period is due to the combination of production growth generated from drilling as well as acquisitions completed in 2003 and the Current Period.

The change in oil and gas prices has a significant impact on our oil and gas revenues and cash flows. Assuming the Current Period production levels, a change of \$0.10 per mcf of gas sold would have resulted in an increase or decrease in revenues and cash flow of approximately \$23.0 million and \$21.8 million, respectively, and a change of \$1.00 per barrel of oil sold would have resulted in an increase or decrease in revenues and cash flow of approximately \$5.0 million and \$4.7 million, respectively, without considering the effect of derivative activities.

For the Current Period, we realized an average price per barrel of oil of \$28.20, compared to \$26.54 in the Prior Period (weighted average prices for both periods discussed exclude the effect of unrealized gains or losses on derivatives). Natural gas prices realized per mcf (excluding unrealized gains or losses on derivatives) were \$5.21 and \$4.74 in the Current Period and Prior Period, respectively. Realized gains or losses from our oil and gas derivatives resulted in a net decrease in oil and gas revenues of \$67.6 million or \$0.26 per mcf in the Current Period and a net decrease of \$74.0 million or \$0.38 per mcf in the Prior Period.

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The following table shows our production by region for the Current Period and the Prior Period:

|                                  | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, |             |                |             |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------|----------------|-------------|
|                                  | 2004                                    |             | 2003           |             |
|                                  | Mmcfe                                   | Percent     | Mmcfe          | Percent     |
| Mid-Continent                    | 194,897                                 | 75%         | 170,898        | 88%         |
| South Texas and Texas Gulf Coast | 34,514                                  | 13          | 15,035         | 8           |
| Permian Basin                    | 21,391                                  | 8           | 6,049          | 3           |
| Ark-La-Tex                       | 6,877                                   | 3           | 836            | —           |
| Williston Basin and Other        | 1,980                                   | 1           | 2,248          | 1           |
| <b>Total Production</b>          | <b>259,659</b>                          | <b>100%</b> | <b>195,066</b> | <b>100%</b> |

Natural gas production represented approximately 89% of our total production volume on an equivalent basis in the Current Period and in the Prior Period.

*Oil and Gas Marketing Sales and Expenses.* Chesapeake realized \$496.8 million in oil and gas marketing sales in the Current Period, with corresponding oil and gas marketing expenses of \$486.2 million, for a net margin of \$10.6 million. Marketing activities are substantially for third parties that are owners in Chesapeake operated wells. This compares to sales of \$309.6 million, expenses of \$302.1 million and a net margin of \$7.5 million in the Prior Period. In the Current Period, Chesapeake realized an increase in oil and gas marketing sales volumes and an increase in oil and gas prices.

*Production Expenses.* Production expenses, which include lifting costs and ad valorem taxes, were \$148.5 million in the Current Period compared to \$101.7 million in the Prior Period. On a unit-of-production basis, production expenses were \$0.57 per mcfe in the Current Period compared to \$0.52 per mcfe in the Prior Period. The increase in the Current Period was primarily due to higher field service costs. We expect that production expenses per mcfe during the remainder of 2004 will range from \$0.57 to \$0.62.

*Production Taxes.* Production taxes were \$68.6 million and \$57.3 million in the Current Period and the Prior Period, respectively. On a unit-of-production basis, production taxes were \$0.26 per mcfe in the Current Period compared to \$0.29 per mcfe in the Prior Period. Included in the Current Period is a credit of \$6.8 million, or \$0.03 per mcfe, related to certain Oklahoma severance tax abatements for the period July 2003 through December 2003. In April 2004, the Oklahoma Tax Commission concluded that a pre-determined oil and gas price cap for 2003 sales had not been exceeded (on a statewide basis) and notified the company that it was eligible to receive certain severance tax abatements for the period from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The company had previously estimated that the average oil and gas sales prices in Oklahoma (on a statewide basis) could exceed the price cap, and did not reflect the benefit from these potential severance tax abatements until the first quarter of 2004. In general, production taxes are calculated using value-based formulas that produce higher per unit costs when oil and gas prices are higher. We expect production taxes per mcfe to range from \$0.40 to \$0.44 during the remainder of 2004 based on an assumption that oil and natural gas wellhead prices will range from \$6.00 to \$7.00 per mcfe.

*General and Administrative Expenses (excluding stock based compensation).* General and administrative expenses, which are net of internal payroll and non-payroll costs capitalized in our oil and gas properties, were \$23.9 million in the Current Period, or \$0.09 per mcfe, and \$15.7 million in the Prior Period, or \$0.08 per mcfe. The increase in the Current Period of \$8.2 million is the result of additional costs associated with the company's growth. This growth has resulted in an increase in the number of employees and related compensation, facilities and other costs. We anticipate that general and administrative expenses for the remainder of 2004 will be between \$0.10 and \$0.11 per mcfe produced, which is approximately the same level as the Current Period.

Chesapeake follows the full-cost method of accounting under which all costs associated with property acquisition, exploration and development activities are capitalized. We capitalize internal costs that can be directly identified with our acquisition, exploration and development activities and do not include any costs related to production, general corporate overhead or similar activities. We capitalized \$35.3 million and \$25.7 million of internal costs in the Current Period and the Prior Period, respectively, directly related to our oil and gas exploration and development efforts.

*Stock Based Compensation.* Stock based compensation was \$3.1 million in the Current Period and \$0.5 million in the Prior Period. During the Current Period, 2.7 million shares of restricted stock were issued to employees. The cost of all outstanding restricted shares is amortized over a four-year period which resulted in the recognition of \$3.9 million of stock based compensation costs during the Current Period. Of this amount, \$2.6 million was reflected as stock based compensation expense (a sub-category of general and administrative costs) in the condensed consolidated statements of operations, and the remaining \$1.3 million was capitalized to oil and gas

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properties. Chesapeake's stock based compensation did not include restricted stock awards prior to 2004. Additionally, we recognized \$0.5 million in stock based compensation expense in the Current Period and Prior Period, respectively, as a result of modifications made to previously issued stock options. Stock based compensation was \$0.01 per mcfe for the Current Period and \$0.00 per mcfe for the Prior Period. We anticipate that stock based compensation expense for the remainder of 2004 to be between \$0.02 and \$0.04 per mcfe produced.

*Provision for Legal Settlements.* During the Prior Period, we accrued and subsequently paid into the court \$1.0 million related to a legal proceeding brought against us by certain royalty owners. The case was subsequently dismissed pursuant to a settlement agreement effective December 31, 2003. The settlement is described in note 4 to the consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

*Oil and Gas Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization.* Depreciation, depletion and amortization of oil and gas properties was \$410.2 million and \$266.1 million during the Current Period and the Prior Period, respectively. The average DD&A rate per mcfe, which is a function of capitalized costs, future development costs, and the related underlying reserves in the periods presented, was \$1.58 and \$1.36 in the Current Period and in the Prior Period, respectively. The \$0.22 increase in the average rate is primarily the result of higher drilling costs and higher costs associated with acquisitions including the recognition of the tax effect of acquisition costs in excess of tax basis acquired in certain corporate acquisitions. We expect the DD&A rate for the remainder of 2004 to be between \$1.65 and \$1.70 per mcfe produced.

*Depreciation and Amortization of Other Assets.* Depreciation and amortization of other assets was \$20.2 million in the Current Period, compared to \$12.6 million in the Prior Period. The increase in the Current Period was primarily the result of higher depreciation costs resulting from the acquisition of a processing plant, various gathering facilities, construction of new buildings at our corporate headquarters and the purchase of additional information technology equipment and software in 2003 and the Current Period. Property and equipment costs are depreciated on a straight-line basis. Buildings are depreciated over 39 years, drilling rigs are depreciated over 15 years and all other property and equipment are depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from two to fifteen years. To the extent drilling rigs are used to drill our wells, a substantial portion of the depreciation is capitalized in oil and gas properties as exploration or development costs. We expect depreciation and amortization of other assets to be between \$0.08 and \$0.10 per mcfe produced for the remainder of 2004.

*Interest and Other Income.* Interest and other income was \$3.6 million and \$1.4 million in the Current Period and the Prior Period, respectively. The Current Period income consisted of \$1.5 million of interest income, \$0.8 million of income related to earnings of equity investees, and \$1.3 million of miscellaneous income. The Prior Period income consisted of \$0.9 million of interest income, \$0.3 million related to losses of equity investees, and \$0.8 million of miscellaneous income.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense increased from \$115.9 million in the Prior Period to \$124.0 million in the Current Period. The increase in interest expense was partially due to an increase in average long-term borrowings under our senior notes of \$413 million in the Current Period in comparison to the Prior Period, as well as an increase in amortization of bond discount from \$1.1 million in the Prior Period to \$3.3 million in the Current Period. This increase in interest expense was partially offset by an increase in capitalized interest of \$14.4 million from \$8.8 million in the Prior Period to \$23.2 million in the Current Period. Interest is capitalized on significant investments in unproved properties that are not currently being depreciated, depleted or amortized and on which exploration activities are in progress and is based on the weighted average effective interest rate on our outstanding borrowings. In addition, the increase in interest expense in the Current Period was also due to an increase in unrealized losses on interest rate derivatives from \$5.3 million in the Prior Period to \$5.9 million in the Current Period. Interest expense also increased due to a decline in realized gains related to interest rate derivatives. Realized gains on interest rate derivatives were \$2.5 million in the Prior Period and were \$0.2 million in the Current Period. In total, interest expense increased by \$2.9 million in the Current Period compared to the Prior Period with respect to interest rate derivatives.

From time to time, we enter into derivative instruments designed to mitigate our exposure to the volatility in interest rates. For interest rate derivative instruments designated as fair value hedges (in accordance with SFAS 133), changes in fair value of interest rate derivatives are recorded on the condensed consolidated balance sheets as assets (liabilities) and the debt's carrying value amount is adjusted by the change in the fair value of the debt subsequent to the initiation of the derivative. Any resulting differences are recorded currently as ineffectiveness in the condensed consolidated statements of operations as an adjustment to interest expense. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments not qualifying as fair value hedges are recorded currently as adjustments to interest expense. A detailed explanation of our interest rate derivative activity appears below in Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

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Interest expense, excluding unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives, was \$0.46 per mcf in the Current Period compared to \$0.57 per mcf in the Prior Period. We expect interest expense for the remainder of 2004 to be between \$0.45 and \$0.49 per mcf produced (before considering the effect of interest rate derivatives).

*Loss on Repurchases or Exchanges of Debt.* In the Current Period, we completed a public exchange offer in which we retired \$458.5 million of our 8.125% Senior Notes due 2011 and \$10.8 million of accrued interest and issued \$72.8 million of our 7.75% Senior Notes due 2015 and \$2.8 million of accrued interest and \$433.5 million of our 6.875% Senior Notes due 2016 and \$4.1 million of accrued interest. In connection with this exchange, we recorded a pre-tax loss of \$6.0 million, consisting of \$5.7 million of underwriting fees and \$0.3 million in other transaction costs. During the Current Period, we redeemed \$4.3 million of our 8.5% Senior Notes due 2012 for a total consideration of \$4.5 million. In connection with this transaction, we recorded a pre-tax loss of \$0.9 million, consisting of \$0.2 million of redemption premium, \$0.1 million of unamortized debt issue costs and discount on senior notes and \$0.6 million carried as a discount on the 8.5% Senior Notes based on the hedging relationship between the notes and a swaption.

*Income Tax Expense.* Chesapeake recorded income tax expense of \$172.5 million in the Current Period, compared to income tax expense of \$147.8 million in the Prior Period. During the Current Period, our effective income tax rate decreased to 36% compared to 38% in the Prior Period to reflect our assessment of the impact state income taxes have on our overall effective rates. The Current Period income tax expense was completely deferred.

*Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change.* Effective January 1, 2003, Chesapeake adopted SFAS No. 143, *Accounting For Asset Retirement Obligations*. Upon adoption of SFAS 143 in the Prior Period, we recorded the discounted fair value of our expected future obligations of \$30.5 million, a cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle, as an increase to earnings of \$2.4 million (net of income taxes) and an increase in net oil and gas properties of \$34.3 million.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

We consider accounting policies related to stock options, hedging, oil and gas properties, income taxes and business combinations to be critical policies. These policies are summarized in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, except for our accounting policy related to stock options which is summarized in Note 1 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, *Business Combinations* and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, *Goodwill and Intangible Assets* were issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board in June 2001 and became effective for us on July 1, 2001 and January 1, 2002, respectively. SFAS 141 requires all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001 to be accounted for using the purchase method. Additionally, SFAS 141 requires companies to disaggregate and report separately from goodwill certain intangible assets. SFAS 142 sets forth guidelines for accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets. Under SFAS 142, goodwill and certain other intangible assets are not amortized, but rather are reviewed annually for impairment. Consistent with oil and gas accounting and industry practice, Chesapeake classifies the cost of oil and gas mineral rights as property and equipment and not as intangible assets.

In September 2004, the FASB finalized FASB Staff Position, FSP SFAS 142-2, *Application of FASB Statement No. 142 to Oil and Gas Producing Entities*. The FSP clarifies that an exception in SFAS 142 includes the balance sheet classification and disclosures for drilling and mineral rights of oil and gas producing entities. The FASB staff acknowledges that the existing accounting framework for oil and gas producers is based on the level of established reserves, not whether an asset is tangible or intangible. The FSP confirms Chesapeake's historical treatment of these costs.

### **Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In September 2004, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued Staff Accounting Bulletin 106 which summarizes the views of the staff regarding the application of SFAS 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations*, by oil and gas producing companies following the full cost accounting method. This bulletin will be effective in the fourth quarter of 2004. Implementation of this pronouncement is not expected to have a material effect on our financial statements.

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In September 2004, the Emerging Issues Task Force issued EITF No. 04-8, *The Effect of Contingently Convertible Instruments on Diluted Earnings per Share*. EITF No. 04-8 provides new guidance on when the dilutive effect of contingently convertible securities with a market price trigger should be included in diluted EPS. The guidance in EITF No. 04-8 is effective for all periods ending after December 15, 2004 and Chesapeake will comply by retrospectively restating previously reported EPS. The effect of this pronouncement on diluted EPS is more fully described in Note 4 to the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This report includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements give our current expectations or forecasts of future events. They include estimates of oil and gas reserves, expected oil and gas production and future expenses, projections of future oil and gas prices, planned capital expenditures for drilling, leasehold acquisitions and seismic data, and statements concerning anticipated cash flow and liquidity, our business strategy and other plans and objectives for future operations. In addition, statements concerning the fair value of derivative contracts and their estimated contribution to our future results of operations are based upon market information as of a specific date. These market prices are subject to significant volatility.

Although we believe the expectations and forecasts reflected in these and other forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance they will prove to have been correct. They can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expected results are described under “Supplemental Risk Factors” in our prospectus dated September 10, 2004 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 10, 2004. They include:

- the volatility of oil and gas prices;
- adverse effects our substantial indebtedness and preferred stock obligations could have on our operations and future growth and on our ability to make debt service and preferred stock dividend payments as they become due;
- our ability to compete effectively against strong independent oil and gas companies and majors;
- financial losses and significant collateral requirements as a result of our commodity price and interest rate risk management activities;
- uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of oil and gas reserves, including reserves we acquire, projecting future rates of production and the timing of development expenditures;
- exposure to potential liabilities of acquired properties and companies;
- our ability to replace reserves;
- the availability of capital;
- writedowns of oil and gas carrying values if commodity prices decline;
- environmental and other claims in excess of insured amounts resulting from drilling and production operations; and
- the loss of key personnel.

We caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report, and we undertake no obligation to update this information. We urge you to carefully review and consider the disclosures made in this and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission that attempt to advise interested parties of the risks and factors that may affect our business.

**ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

*Oil and Gas Hedging Activities*

Our results of operations and operating cash flows are impacted by changes in market prices for oil and gas. To mitigate a portion of the exposure to adverse market changes, we have entered into various derivative instruments. As of September 30, 2004, our oil and gas derivative instruments were comprised of swaps, cap-swaps, basis protection swaps, call options and collars. These instruments allow us to predict with greater certainty the effective oil and gas prices to be received for our hedged production. Although derivatives often fail to achieve 100% effectiveness for accounting purposes, we believe our derivative instruments continue to be highly effective in achieving the risk management objectives for which they were intended.

- For swap instruments, Chesapeake receives a fixed price for the hedged commodity and pays a floating market price, as defined in each instrument, to the counterparty. The fixed-price payment and the floating-price payment are netted, resulting in a net amount due to or from the counterparty.
- For cap-swaps, Chesapeake receives a fixed price and pays a floating market price. The fixed price received by Chesapeake includes a premium in exchange for a “cap” limiting the counterparty’s exposure. In other words, there is no limit to Chesapeake’s exposure but there is a limit to the downside exposure of the counterparty. Because this derivative includes a written put option (i.e., the cap), cap-swaps do not qualify for designation as cash flow hedges (in accordance with SFAS 133) since the combination of the hedged item and the written put option do not provide as much potential for favorable cash flows as exposure to unfavorable cash flows.
- Basis protection swaps are arrangements that guarantee a price differential of oil or gas from a specified delivery point. Chesapeake receives a payment from the counterparty if the price differential is greater than the stated terms of the contract and pays the counterparty if the price differential is less than the stated terms of the contract.
- For call options, Chesapeake receives a cash premium from the counterparty in exchange for the sale of a call option. If the market price exceeds the fixed price of the call option, Chesapeake pays the counterparty such excess. If the market price settles below the fixed price of the call option, no payment is due from Chesapeake.
- Collars contain a fixed floor price (put) and ceiling price (call). If the market price exceeds the call strike price or falls below the put strike price, Chesapeake receives the fixed price and pays the market price. If the market price is between the call and the put strike price, no payments are due from either party.

Chesapeake enters into counter-swaps from time to time for the purpose of locking in the value of a swap. Under the counter-swap, Chesapeake receives a floating price for the hedged commodity and pays a fixed price to the counterparty. The counter-swap is 100% effective in locking in the value of a swap since subsequent changes in the market value of the swap are entirely offset by subsequent changes in the market value of the counter-swap. We refer to this locked-in value as a locked swap. At the time Chesapeake enters into a counter-swap, Chesapeake removes the original swap’s designation as a cash flow hedge and classifies the original swap as a non-qualifying hedge under SFAS 133. The reason for this designation is that collectively the swap and the counter-swap no longer hedge the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows. Instead, the swap and counter-swap effectively lock in a specific gain (or loss) that will be unaffected by subsequent variability in oil and gas prices. Any locked-in gain or loss is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income and reclassified to oil and gas sales in the month of related production.

With respect to counter-swaps that are designed to lock-in the value of cap-swaps, the counter-swap is effective in locking-in the value of the cap-swap until the floating price reaches the cap (or floor) stipulated in the cap-swap agreement. The value of a counter-swap will increase (or decrease), but in the opposite direction, as the value of the cap-swap decreases (or increases) until the floating price reaches the pre-determined cap (or floor) stipulated in the cap-swap agreement. However, because of the written put option embedded in the cap-swap, the changes in value of the cap-swap are not completely effective in offsetting changes in the value of the corresponding counter-swap. Changes in the value of cap-swaps and the counter-swaps are recorded as adjustments to oil and gas sales.

In accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 39, Chesapeake nets the value of its derivative arrangements with the same counterparty in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets, to the extent that a legal right of setoff exists.

Gains or losses from derivative transactions are reflected as adjustments to oil and gas sales on the condensed consolidated statements of operations. Pursuant to SFAS 133, certain derivatives do not qualify for designation as cash flow hedges. Changes in the fair value of these non-qualifying derivatives that occur prior to their maturity

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(i.e., temporary fluctuations in value) are reported currently in the condensed consolidated statements of operations as unrealized gains (losses) within oil and gas sales. Unrealized gains (losses) included in oil and gas sales were (\$32.5) million, \$0.6 million, (\$66.6) million and \$33.7 million in the Current Quarter, Prior Quarter, Current Period and Prior Period, respectively. These amounts include gains (losses) on ineffectiveness discussed below.

Following provisions of SFAS 133, changes in the fair value of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges, to the extent they are effective in offsetting cash flows attributable to the hedged risk, are recorded in other comprehensive income until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. Any change in fair value resulting from ineffectiveness is recognized currently in oil and gas sales as unrealized gains (losses). We recorded a gain (loss) on ineffectiveness of (\$1.8) million, \$5.3 million, (\$17.0) million and \$5.8 million in the Current Quarter, Prior Quarter, Current Period and Prior Period, respectively.

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As of September 30, 2004, we had the following open oil and gas derivative instruments designed to hedge a portion of our oil and gas production for periods after September 2004:

|                                  | Volume<br>mmbtu/bbls | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Fixed<br>Price to be<br>Received (Paid) | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Put<br>Fixed<br>Price | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Call<br>Fixed<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Differential | SFAS 133<br>Hedge | Premiums<br>Received | Fair<br>Value at<br>September<br>30, 2004<br>(\$ in<br>thousands) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| <b>Natural Gas (mmbtu):</b>      |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   |                      |   |
| Swaps:                           |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   |                      |   |
| 2004                             | 61,560,000           | 5.83  | —   | —  | —                                   | Yes               | \$ —                 | \$ (47,619)   |
| 2005                             | 61,045,000           | 6.11  | —   | —  | —                                   | Yes               | —                    | (71,441)  |
| Basis Protection Swaps:          |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   |                      |   |
| 2004                             | 39,560,000           | —   | —   | —  | (0.17)                              | No                | —                    | 14,284  |
| 2005                             | 175,200,000          | —   | —   | —  | (0.25)                              | No                | —                    | 30,226  |
| 2006                             | 113,150,000          | —   | —   | —  | (0.30)                              | No                | —                    | 10,990  |
| 2007                             | 107,675,000          | —   | —   | —  | (0.26)                              | No                | —                    | 14,972  |
| 2008                             | 107,970,000          | —   | —   | —  | (0.25)                              | No                | —                    | 13,549  |
| 2009                             | 80,300,000           | —   | —   | —  | (0.28)                              | No                | —                    | 7,325   |
| Cap-Swaps:                       |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   |                      |   |
| 2004                             | 13,340,000           | 5.78  | 4.33  | —  | —                                   | No                | —                    | (11,507)  |
| 2005                             | 52,925,000           | 5.80  | 4.16  | —  | —                                   | No                | —                    | (64,315)  |
| 2006                             | 21,050,000           | 6.20  | 4.73  | —  | —                                   | No                | —                    | (10,799)  |
| Counter Swaps:                   |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   |                      |   |
| 2006                             | (7,300,000)          | (5.59)  | —   | —  | —                                   | No                | —                    | 4,439   |
| Call Options:                    |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   |                      |   |
| 2004                             | 5,490,000            | —   | —   | 6.67   | —                                   | No                | 2,489                | (4,840)   |
| 2005                             | 7,300,000            | —   | —   | 6.00   | —                                   | No                | 3,249                | (8,644)   |
| Collars:                         |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   |                      |   |
| 2004                             | 1,104,000            | —   | 3.10  | 4.44   | —                                   | Yes               | —                    | (2,124)   |
| 2005                             | 4,380,000            | —   | 3.10  | 4.44   | —                                   | Yes               | —                    | (9,166)   |
| Locked Swaps:                    |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   |                      |   |
| 2004                             | 11,040,000           | —   | —   | —  | —                                   | No                | —                    | (8,462)   |
| 2005                             | 35,550,000           | —   | —   | —  | —                                   | No                | —                    | (38,602)  |
| 2006                             | 25,550,000           | —   | —   | —  | —                                   | No                | —                    | (22,601)  |
| 2007                             | 25,550,000           | —   | —   | —  | —                                   | No                | —                    | (11,626)  |
| <b>Total Natural Gas</b>         |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   | <b>5,738</b>         | <b>(215,961)</b>  |
| <b>Oil (bbls):</b>               |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   |                      |   |
| Swaps:                           |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   |                      |   |
| 2004                             | 460,000              | 32.26   | —   | —  | —                                   | Yes               | —                    | (7,660)   |
| Cap-Swaps:                       |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   |                      |   |
| 2004                             | 1,058,000            | 29.15   | 22.35   | —  | —                                   | No                | —                    | (20,924)  |
| 2005                             | 1,995,500            | 40.20   | 31.44   | —  | —                                   | No                | —                    | (12,676)  |
| <b>Total Oil</b>                 |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   | <b>—</b>             | <b>(41,260)</b>   |
| <b>Total Natural Gas and Oil</b> |                      |   |   |  |                                     |                   | <b>\$ 5,738</b>      | <b>\$(257,221)</b>  |

We have established the fair value of all derivative instruments using estimates of fair value reported by our counterparties and subsequently evaluated internally using established index prices and other sources. The actual contribution to our future results of operations will be based on the market prices at the time of settlement and may be more or less than the fair value estimates used as of September 30, 2004.

Based upon the market prices as of September 30, 2004, we expect to transfer approximately \$97.3 million of the loss included in the balance in accumulated other comprehensive income to earnings during the next 12 months when the hedged transactions actually occur. All hedge transactions as of September 30, 2004 are expected to mature by December 31, 2007, with the exception of the basis protection swaps which extend through 2009.

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Additional information concerning changes in the fair value of our oil and gas derivative instruments is as follows:

|   | 2004                |
|---|---------------------|
|   | (\$ in thousands)   |
| Fair value of contracts outstanding as of January 1             | \$ (44,988)         |
| Change in fair value of contracts during the period             | (278,245)           |
| Contracts realized or otherwise settled during the period       | 67,648              |
| Fair value of new contracts when entered into during the period | (5,369)             |
| Fair value of contracts when closed during the period           | 3,733               |
| <b>Fair value of contracts outstanding as of September 30</b>   | <b>\$ (257,221)</b> |

The change in the fair value of our derivative instruments since January 1, 2004 resulted from an increase in market prices for natural gas and oil relative to the hedged prices. Derivative instruments reflected as current in the condensed consolidated balance sheets represent the estimated fair value of derivative instrument settlements scheduled to occur over the subsequent twelve-month period based on market prices for oil and gas as of the condensed consolidated balance sheet date. The derivative settlement amounts are not due and payable until the month in which the related underlying hedged transaction occurs.

### Interest Rate Risk

The table below presents principal cash flows and related weighted average interest rates by expected maturity dates. The fair value of the fixed-rate long-term debt has been estimated based on quoted market prices.

|  | September 30, 2004 |      |      |          |      |            |               | Fair Value |
|--|--------------------|------|------|----------|------|------------|---------------|------------|
|  | Years of Maturity  |      |      |          |      |            | Total         |            |
|  | 2005               | 2006 | 2007 | 2008     | 2009 | Thereafter |               |            |
|  | (\$ in millions)   |      |      |          |      |            |               |            |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                                    |                    |      |      |          |      |            |               |            |
| Long-term debt, including current portion — fixed-rate | \$ —               | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 209.8 | \$ — | \$ 2,480.1 | \$ 2,689.9(1) | \$ 2,892.4 |
| Average interest rate                                  | —                  | —    | —    | 8.4%     | —    | 7.5%       | 7.6%          | 7.6%       |
| Long-term debt-variable-rate                           | \$ —               | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 152.0 | \$ — | \$ —       | \$ 152.0      | \$ 152.0   |
| Average interest rate                                  | —                  | —    | —    | 4.8%     | —    | —          | 4.8%          | 4.8%       |

<sup>(1)</sup> This amount does not include the discount included in long-term debt of (\$80.7) million and premium for interest rate swaps of \$1.2 million.

Changes in interest rates affect the amount of interest we earn on our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments and the interest rate we pay on borrowings under our revolving credit facility. All of our other long-term indebtedness is fixed-rate and therefore does not expose us to the risk of earnings or cash flow loss due to changes in market interest rates. However, changes in interest rates do affect the fair value of our fixed-rate debt.

### Interest Rate Derivatives

We also utilize hedging strategies to manage our exposure to changes in interest rates. To the extent the interest rate swaps have been designated as fair value hedges, changes in the fair value of the derivative instrument and the corresponding debt are reflected as adjustments to interest expense in the corresponding months covered by the derivative agreement. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments not qualifying as fair value hedges are recorded currently as adjustments to interest expense.

In the Current Quarter, we entered into the following interest rate swaps to convert a portion of our long-term fixed-rate debt to floating rate debt:

| Term                          | Notional Amount | Fixed Rate | Floating Rate                                  | Fair Value as of September 30, 2004 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|                               |                 |            |  |                                     |
|                               |                 |            | (\$ in thousands)                              |                                     |
| September 2004 – August 2012  | \$75,000,000    | 9.00%      | 6-month LIBOR plus 452 basis points            | \$ 988                              |
| September 2004 – January 2015 | \$75,000,000    | 7.75%      | 6-month LIBOR plus 293.75 basis points         | \$ (781)                            |
| August 2004 – June 2014       | \$75,000,000    | 7.50%      | 6-month LIBOR in arrears plus 254 basis points | \$ 46                               |
| August 2004 – August 2014     | \$75,000,000    | 7.00%      | 6-month LIBOR in arrears plus 191 basis points | —                                   |

In September 2004, we closed the 7.00% interest rate swaps listed above and received a cash settlement of \$1.0 million. In October 2004, we closed the 7.50% and 7.75% interest rate swaps listed above and received cash settlements of \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. Such settlement amounts will be amortized as a reduction to realized interest expense over the remaining terms of our 7.00%, 7.50% and 7.75% senior notes.

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In March 2004, Chesapeake entered into an interest rate swap which requires Chesapeake to pay a fixed rate of 8.68% while the counterparty pays Chesapeake a floating rate of six month LIBOR plus 0.75% on a notional amount of \$142.7 million. The counterparty may elect to terminate the swap and cause it to be settled at the then current estimated fair value of the interest rate swap on March 15, 2005 and annually thereafter through March 15, 2011. The interest rate swap expires on March 15, 2012. Chesapeake may elect to terminate the swap and cause it to be settled at the then current estimated fair value of the interest rate swap at any time during the term of the swap.

As of September 30, 2004, the fair value of the interest rate swap was a liability of \$34.3 million. Because the interest rate swap is not designated as a fair value hedge, changes in the fair value of the swap are recorded as adjustments to interest expense. The Current Quarter and Current Period include an unrealized loss of \$5.9 million and \$4.8 million, respectively, and a realized loss of \$0.7 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, in interest expense.

In January 2004, Chesapeake acquired a \$50 million interest rate swap as part of the purchase of Concho Resources Inc. Under the terms of the interest rate swap, the counterparty pays Chesapeake a floating three month LIBOR rate and Chesapeake pays a fixed rate of 2.875%. Payments are made quarterly and the interest rate swap extends through September 2005. An initial liability of \$0.6 million was recorded based on the fair value of the interest rate swap at the time of acquisition. As of September 30, 2004, the interest rate swap had a fair value of (\$0.2) million. Because this instrument is not designated as a fair value hedge, an unrealized loss of \$0.2 million and a negligible unrealized gain were recognized in the Current Quarter and Current Period, respectively, as part of interest expense.

### **ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures**

Our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of September 30, 2004, have concluded the company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective. No changes in the company's internal control over financial reporting occurred during the Current Quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

Chesapeake is currently involved in various disputes incidental to its business operations. Management is of the opinion that the final resolution of such currently pending or threatened litigation is not likely to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

Certain of our employees have purchased shares of our common stock in 401(k) plans maintained by the company which were not registered under the Securities Act of 1933. These include shares in the Chesapeake 401(k) plan which exceeded the number of shares previously registered under Form S-8 registration statements for the plan. Plan participants purchased 20,909 shares at prices ranging from \$14.29 to \$16.25 between July 1, 2004 and August 16, 2004. Participants in the 401(k) plan of our wholly-owned subsidiary Nomac Drilling Corporation purchased an additional 686 unregistered shares at prices ranging from \$15.08 to \$16.67 between July 1, 2004 and August 16, 2004. All such shares were acquired by the trustee of the plans on behalf of participants through open market purchases, and the company received no proceeds from these transactions. We filed registration statements on Form S-8 to increase the shares of Chesapeake common stock registered for the Chesapeake 401(k) plan and to register shares for the 401(k) plan of Nomac Drilling Corporation on August 17, 2004.

The following table presents information about repurchases of our common stock during the three months ended September 30, 2004:

| Period                                       | Total Number of Shares Purchased <sup>(1)</sup> | Average Price Paid Per Share <sup>(1)</sup> | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(2)</sup> |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| July 1, 2004 through July 31, 2004           | 80,274  | \$ 15.364                                   | —  | —   |
| August 1, 2004 through August 31, 2004       | 64,596  | \$ 14.507                                   | —  | —   |
| September 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004 | 60,033  | \$ 15.104                                   | —  | —   |
| Total  | 204,903   | \$ 15.018                                   | —  | —   |

- (1) Includes 120,194 shares purchased in the open market for the matching contributions we make to our 401(k) plans, the deemed surrender to the Company of 84,159 shares of common stock to pay the exercise price in connection with the exercise of employee stock options and the surrender to the company of 550 shares of common stock to pay the withholding taxes in connection with the vesting of restricted stock.
- (2) We make matching contributions to our 401(k) plans and 401(k) make-up plan using Chesapeake common stock which is held in treasury or is purchased by the respective plan trustees in the open market. The plans contain no limitation on the number of shares that may be purchased for purposes of Company contributions. There are no other repurchase plans or programs currently authorized by the Board of Directors.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

Not applicable.

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Other Information**

Not applicable.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By:                                 /s/ AUBREY K. MCCLENDON

Aubrey K. McClendon  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

By:                                 /s/ MARCUS C. ROWLAND

Marcus C. Rowland  
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Date: November 9, 2004

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RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Corporation"), a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act (the "Act"), for the purpose of restating its certificate of incorporation, does hereby submit the following:

- A. The name of the Corporation is Chesapeake Energy Corporation. The name under which the Corporation was originally incorporated was Chesapeake Oklahoma Corporation.
- B. The original Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation was filed with the Secretary of State of Oklahoma on November 19, 1996 (as amended from time to time, the "Certificate of Incorporation").
- C. This Restated Certificate of Incorporation was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 1080 of the Act after being adopted by the directors and only restates and integrates, but does not further amend, the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation as amended and supplemented as of this date, there being no discrepancy between those provisions and the provisions hereof.
- D. The Certificate of Designations of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of the Corporation, filed with the Secretary of State of Oklahoma on July 17, 1998, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A," will remain in full force and effect.
- E. The Certificate of Incorporation is hereby restated to read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Corporation is:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

ARTICLE II

Registered Office and Agent

The address of the Corporation's registered office in the State of Oklahoma is 735 First National Building, 120 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. The Corporation's registered agent at such address is The Corporation Company.

ARTICLE III

Purposes

The nature of the business and the purpose of the Corporation shall be to engage in any lawful act or activity and to pursue any lawful purpose for which a corporation may be formed under the Oklahoma General Corporation Act (the "Act"). The Corporation is authorized to exercise and enjoy all powers, rights and privileges which corporations organized under the Act may have as in force from time to time, including, without limitation, all powers, rights and privileges necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

Capital Stock

The total number of shares of capital stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is Three Hundred Sixty Million (360,000,000) shares, consisting of Ten Million (10,000,000) shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and Three Hundred Fifty

Million (350,000,000) shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share. The preferences, qualifications, limitations, restrictions and the special or relative rights in respect of the shares of each class are as follows:

Section 1. Preferred Stock. The Preferred Stock may be issued from time to time in one or more series. All shares of Preferred Stock shall be of equal rank and shall be identical, except in respect of the matters that may be fixed and determined by the Board of Directors as hereinafter provided, and each share of each series shall be identical with all other shares of such series, except as to the date from which dividends are cumulative. The Board of Directors hereby is authorized to cause such shares to be issued in one or more series and with respect to each such series prior to the issuance thereof to fix and determine the designation, powers, preferences and rights of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof.

The authority of the Board of Directors with respect to each series shall include, but not be limited to, determination of the following:

- A. The number of shares constituting a series, the distinctive designation of a series and the stated value of the series, if different from the par value;
- B. Whether the shares of a series are entitled to any fixed or determinable dividends, the dividend rate (if any) on the shares, whether the dividends are cumulative and the relative rights of priority of dividends on shares of that series;
- C. Whether a series has voting rights in addition to the voting rights provided by law and the terms and conditions of such voting rights;
- D. Whether a series will have or receive conversion or exchange privileges and the terms and conditions of such conversion or exchange privileges;

Dividends on outstanding shares of Preferred Stock shall be paid or set apart for payment before any dividends shall be paid or declared or set apart for payment on the common shares with respect to the same dividend period.

If upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation the assets available for distribution to holders of shares of Preferred Stock of all series shall be insufficient to pay such holders the full preferential amount to which they are entitled, then such assets shall be distributed ratably among the shares of all series in accordance with the respective preferential amounts (including unpaid cumulative dividends, if any) payable with respect thereto.

Section 2. Common Stock. The Common Stock shall be subject to the express terms of the Preferred Stock and any series thereof. Each share of Common Stock shall be equal to every other share of Common Stock. The holders of shares of Common Stock shall be entitled to one vote for each share of such stock upon all matters presented to the shareholders. Shares of Common Stock authorized hereby shall not be subject to preemptive rights. The holders of shares of Common Stock now or hereafter outstanding shall have no preemptive right to purchase or have offered to them for purchase any of such authorized but unissued shares. The holders of shares of Common Stock now or hereafter outstanding shall have no preemptive right to purchase or have offered to them for purchase any shares of Preferred Stock, Common Stock or other equity securities issued or to be issued by the Corporation.

Subject to the preferential and other dividend rights applicable to the Preferred Stock, the holders of shares of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive such dividends (payable in cash, stock or otherwise) as may be declared on the Common Stock by the Board of Directors at any time or from time to time out of any funds legally available therefor.

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, distribution or winding up of the Corporation, after distribution in full of the preferential and/or other amounts to be distributed to the holders of shares of Preferred Stock, the holders of shares of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive all of the remaining assets of the Corporation available for distribution to its shareholders, ratably in proportion to the number of shares of Common Stock held by them.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Limitation of Director Liability

A director of the Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation or its shareholders for damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for personal liability for: (i) acts or omissions by such director not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (ii) the payment of dividends or the redemption or purchase of stock in violation of Section 1053 of the Act; (iii) any breach of such director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its shareholders; or (iv) any transaction from which such director derived an improper personal benefit.

ARTICLE VI  
Certain Stock Purchases

Section 1. Certain Definitions. For the purposes of this Article VI:

“Continuing Director” means any member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the “Board”) who is unaffiliated with the Interested Shareholder and was a member of the Board prior to the time that the Interested Shareholder became an Interested Shareholder, and any successor of a Continuing Director who is unaffiliated with the Interested Shareholder and is recommended to succeed a Continuing Director by a majority of Continuing Directors then on the Board.

“Exchange Act” shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Fair Market Value” means in the case of stock, the highest closing sale price during the 30-day period ending on the date in question of a share of such stock on a principal United States securities exchange registered under the Exchange Act on which such stock is listed or in the national market system maintained by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., or, if the stock is not listed on any such exchange or designated as a national market system security, the highest closing bid quotation with respect to a share of such stock during the 30-day period ending on the date in question on the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Automated Quotations system or any system then in use, or if no such quotations are available, the fair market value on the date in question of a share of such stock as determined by the Board in good faith.

“Interested Shareholder” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term under Section 1090.3 of the Act.

Section 2. Vote Required for Certain Stock Purchases.

A. Any direct or indirect purchase by the Corporation, or any subsidiary of the Corporation, of any capital stock from a person or persons known by a majority of the Continuing Directors of the Corporation to be an Interested Shareholder who has beneficially owned such capital stock for less than three years prior to the date of such purchase, or any agreement in respect thereof, at a price in excess of the Fair Market Value shall require the affirmative vote of no less than 66 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the votes cast by the holders, voting together as a single class, of all then outstanding shares of capital stock, excluding for this purpose the votes by the Interested Shareholder, unless a greater vote shall be required by law.

B. Such affirmative vote shall not be required for a purchase or other acquisition of securities of the same class made on substantially the same terms to all holders of such securities and complying with the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder (or any subsequent provisions replacing the Exchange Act, rules or regulations). Furthermore, such affirmative vote shall not be required for any purchase effected on the open market and not the result of a privately-negotiated transaction.

Section 3. Powers of Continuing Directors. The Continuing Directors of the Corporation shall have the power and duty to determine for the purposes of this Article VI, on the basis of information known to them after reasonable inquiry, whether a person is an Interested Shareholder, and the number of shares of capital stock owned beneficially by any person.

ARTICLE VII  
Board of Directors

Section 1. Management by Board of Directors. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be under the direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Number of Directors. Subject to the addition of any directors elected by a class of preferred stock as provided in Section 3 of this Article VII, the number of directors which shall constitute the whole board shall not be less than three nor more than nine, and shall be determined by resolution adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire board, or at an annual or special meeting of shareholders by the affirmative vote of sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>%) of the outstanding stock entitled to vote. No reduction in number shall have the effect of removing any director prior to the expiration of his term.

Section 3. Classes of Directors; Election by Shareholders; Vacancies. The directors shall be divided into three classes, designated Class I, Class II and Class III. Each class shall consist, as nearly as may be possible, of one-third of the total number of directors constituting the entire Board of Directors. The term of the initial Class I directors shall terminate on the date of the 1997 annual meeting of shareholders, the term of the initial Class II directors shall terminate on the date of the 1998 annual meeting of shareholders and the term of the initial Class III directors shall terminate on the date of the 1999 annual meeting of shareholders. At each annual meeting of shareholders beginning in 1997, successors to the class of directors whose term expires at that annual meeting shall be elected for a three-year term. If the number of directors is changed, any increase or decrease shall be apportioned among the

classes so as to maintain the number of directors in each class as nearly equal as possible, and any additional directors of any class elected to fill a vacancy resulting from an increase in such class shall hold office for a term that shall coincide with the remaining term of that class, but in no case will a decrease in the number of directors shorten the term of any incumbent director. A director shall hold office until the annual meeting for the year in which his term expires and until his successor shall be elected and shall qualify, subject, however, to prior death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors, however resulting, may be filled by a majority of the directors then in office, even if less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director. Any director elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for a term that shall coincide with the term of the class to which such director shall have been elected. No election of directors need be by written ballot.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, whenever the holders of any one or more classes or series of Preferred Stock issued by the Corporation shall have the right, voting separately by class or series, to elect directors at an annual or special meeting of shareholders, the election, term of office, filling of vacancies and other features of such directorships shall be governed by the terms of the Certificate of Designation attributable to such Preferred Stock or the resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 2 of this Article VII applicable thereto, and such directors so elected shall not be divided into classes pursuant to this Article VII unless expressly provided by such terms.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Indemnity

Section 1. Third Party Claims. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not of itself create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Corporation and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Derivative Claims. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Corporation; except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine, upon application, that despite the adjudication of liability, but in the view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Section 3. Expenses. Expenses, including fees and expenses of counsel, incurred in defending a civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized herein.

Section 4. Insurance. The Corporation may purchase (upon resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors) and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability.

Section 5. Reimbursement. To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of, or any other person entitled to indemnity hereunder by, the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to herein or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

Section 6. Enforcement. Every such person shall be entitled, without demand by him upon the Corporation or any action by the Corporation, to enforce his right to such indemnity in an action at law against the Corporation. The right of indemnification and advancement of expenses hereinabove provided shall not be deemed exclusive of any rights to which any such person may now or hereafter be otherwise entitled and specifically, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall not be deemed exclusive of any rights pursuant to statute or otherwise, of any such person in any such action, suit or proceeding to have assessed or allowed in his favor against the Corporation or otherwise, his costs and expenses incurred therein or in connection therewith or any part hereof.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### Amendments; Bylaws; Control Shares Act; Written Consent

Section 1. Amendments to Certificate of Incorporation. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Certificate of Incorporation to the contrary, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>%) of the issued and outstanding stock having voting power, voting together as a single class, shall be required to amend, repeal or adopt any provision inconsistent with Articles V, VI, VII, VIII and this Article IX of this Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 2. Bylaws. Prior to the receipt of any payment for any of the Corporation's stock, the Bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted, amended or repealed by the Incorporator. Thereafter, in furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to adopt, repeal, alter, amend or rescind the Bylaws of the Corporation. In addition, the Bylaws of the Corporation may be adopted, repealed, altered, amended or rescinded by the affirmative vote of the holders of sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>%) of the outstanding stock of the Corporation entitled to vote thereon.

Section 3. Control Shares Act. The Corporation shall not be subject to the Oklahoma Control Shares Act as codified at Sections 1145-1155 of the Act. This election shall be effective on the date of filing this Certificate.

Section 4. Action By Written Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the shareholders may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by the holders of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes which would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. Prompt notice of the taking of corporate action without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to those shareholders who have not consented in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and attested to by its Secretary this 13th day of August, 2001.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION,  
an Oklahoma corporation

By /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Aubrey K. McClendon  
Chairman of the Board and Chief  
Executive Officer

ATTEST:

/s/ Patricia J. Murano

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Patricia J. Murano,  
Assistant Secretary

**AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Corporation"), a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act (the "Act"), for the purpose of amending its certificate of incorporation, does hereby submit the following:

- A. The name of the Corporation is Chesapeake Energy Corporation. The name under which the Corporation was originally incorporated was Chesapeake Oklahoma Corporation.
- B. The original Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation was filed with the Secretary of State of Oklahoma on November 19, 1996 (as amended from time to time, the "Certificate of Incorporation").
- C. This Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 1077 of the Act at the Corporation's annual meeting by a majority of the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote thereon. Written notice of the Corporation's annual meeting was given to the stockholders of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of Section 1067 of the Act.
- D. The Certificate of Incorporation is hereby amended as follows:

1. Amendment to Article IV. The first sentence of Article IV of the Certificate of Incorporation starting with the words "The total number of shares of capital stock..." is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following sentence is substituted therefore:

The total number of shares of capital stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is Five Hundred Twenty Million (520,000,000) shares, consisting of Twenty Million (20,000,000) shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and Five Hundred Million (500,000,000) shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation to be signed by its Chief Executive Officer and attested to by its Secretary this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.

ATTEST: CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION,  
an Oklahoma corporation

/s/ JENNIFER M. GRIGSBY  
Jennifer M. Grigsby, Secretary

By: /s/ AUBREY K. MCCLENDON  
Aubrey K. McClendon,  
Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATIONS OF  
SERIES A JUNIOR PARTICIPATING PREFERRED STOCK OF  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(PURSUANT TO SECTION 1032 OF THE GENERAL  
CORPORATION ACT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA)

Chesapeake Energy Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the General Corporation Law of the State of Oklahoma (hereinafter called the "Company"), hereby certifies that the following resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company as required by Section 1032 of the General Corporation Act of the State of Oklahoma and in accordance with Article IV of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on July 7, 1998:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended to date (hereinafter called the "Certificate of Incorporation"), the Company is authorized to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock") from time to time, of which 4,600,000 shares have been designated as the 7% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock and are currently outstanding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Directors of the Company in accordance with the General Corporation Act of the State of Oklahoma and the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, the Board of Directors is authorized by resolution duly adopted, to designate shares of Preferred Stock to be issued, in one or more series, to provide for the designation thereof of the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of the shares of such series, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof;

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority granted to and vested in the Board of Directors of the Company (hereinafter called the "Board of Directors" or the "Board") in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, the Board of Directors on July 7, 1998 adopted the following resolutions to create a new series of Preferred Stock; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Directors of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act and the

Certificate of Incorporation, a Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of the Corporation is hereby created, and 250,000 shares of Preferred Stock shall be reserved for issuance as Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock in accordance with this Certificate of Designation with the designations thereof and the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of the shares of such series, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof as set forth below:

Section 1. Designation and Amount. The shares of such series shall be designated as "Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock" (the "Series A Preferred Stock") and the number of shares constituting the Series A Preferred Stock shall be 250,000. Such number of shares may be increased or decreased by resolution of the Board of Directors; provided, that no decrease shall reduce the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock to a number less than the number of shares then outstanding plus the number of shares reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding options, rights or warrants or upon the conversion of any outstanding securities issued by the Company convertible into Series A Preferred Stock.

Section 2. Dividends and Distributions.

(A) Subject to the rights of the holders of any shares of any series of Preferred Stock of the Company (the "Preferred Stock") (or any similar stock) ranking prior and superior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to dividends, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock, in preference to the holders of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the "Common Stock") and of any other stock of the Company ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock, shall be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors out of funds legally available therefor, quarterly dividends payable in cash on the last day of January, April, July, and October in each year (each such date being referred to herein as a "Dividend Payment Date"), commencing on the first Dividend Payment Date after the first issuance of a share or fraction of a share of Series A Preferred Stock, in an amount per share (rounded to the nearest cent) equal to the greater of (a) \$10.00 and (b) subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, 1,000 times the aggregate per share amount of all cash dividends, and 1,000 times the aggregate per share amount (payable in kind) of all non-cash dividends or other distributions other than a dividend payable in shares of Common Stock, declared on the Common Stock since the immediately preceding Dividend Payment Date or, with respect to the first Dividend Payment Date, since the first issuance of any share or fraction of a share of Series A Preferred Stock. In the event that the Company shall at any time after July 27, 1998 declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the amount to which holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock were entitled immediately prior to such event under clause (b) of the preceding sentence shall be adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

(B) The Company shall declare a dividend or distribution on the Series A Preferred Stock as provided in paragraph (A) of this Section immediately after it declares a dividend or distribution on the Common Stock (other than a dividend payable in shares of Common Stock); provided that, in the event no dividend or distribution shall have been declared on the Common Stock during the period between any Dividend Payment Date and the next subsequent Dividend Payment Date, a dividend of \$10.00 per share on the Series A Preferred Stock shall nevertheless be payable, when, as and if declared, on such subsequent Dividend Payment Date.

(C) Dividends shall begin to accrue and be cumulative, whether or not earned or declared, on outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock from the Dividend Payment Date next preceding the date of issue of such shares, unless the date of issue of such shares is prior to the record date for the first Dividend Payment Date, in which case dividends on such shares shall begin to accrue from the date of issue of such shares, or unless the date of issue is a Dividend Payment Date or is a date after the record date for the determination of holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock entitled to receive a quarterly dividend and before such Dividend Payment Date, in either of which events such dividends shall begin to accrue and be cumulative from such Dividend Payment Date. Accrued but unpaid dividends shall not bear interest. Dividends paid on the shares of Series A Preferred Stock in an amount less than the total amount of such dividends at the time accrued and payable on such shares shall be allocated pro rata on a share-by-share basis among all such shares at the time outstanding. The Board of Directors may fix a record date for the determination of holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock entitled to receive payment of a dividend or distribution declared thereon, which record date shall be not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for the payment thereof.

Section 3. Voting Rights. The holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall have the following voting rights:

(A) Subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth and except as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation or required by law, each share of Series A Preferred Stock shall entitle the holder thereof to 1,000 votes on all matters upon which the holders of the Common Stock of the Company are entitled to vote. In the event the Company shall at any time after July 27, 1998 declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the number of votes per share to which holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock were entitled immediately prior to such event shall be adjusted by multiplying such number by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

(B) Except as otherwise provided herein, in the Certificate of Incorporation or in any other Certificate of Designations creating a series of Preferred Stock or any similar stock, and except

as otherwise required by law, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock and the holders of shares of Common Stock and any other capital stock of the Company having general voting rights shall vote together as one class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Company.

(C) Except as set forth herein, or as otherwise provided by law or the Certificate of Incorporation, holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall have no special voting rights and their consent shall not be required (except to the extent they are entitled to vote with holders of Common Stock as set forth herein) for taking any corporate action.

#### Section 4. Certain Restrictions.

(A) Whenever quarterly dividends or other dividends or distributions payable on the Series A Preferred Stock as provided in Section 2 are in arrears, thereafter and until all accrued and unpaid dividends and distributions, whether or not earned or declared, on shares of Series A Preferred Stock outstanding shall have been paid in full, the Company shall not:

(i) declare or pay dividends, or make any other distributions, on any shares of stock ranking junior (as to dividends) to the Series A Preferred Stock;

(ii) declare or pay dividends, or make any other distributions, on any shares of stock ranking on a parity (as to dividends) with the Series A Preferred Stock, except dividends paid ratably on the Series A Preferred Stock and all such parity stock on which dividends are payable or in arrears in proportion to the total amounts to which the holders of all such shares are then entitled;

(iii) redeem or purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration shares of any stock ranking junior (either as to dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) to the Series A Preferred Stock, provided that the Company may at any time redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire shares of any such junior stock in exchange for shares of any stock of the Company ranking junior (as to dividends and upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up) to the Series A Preferred Stock or rights, warrants or options to acquire such junior stock;

(iv) redeem or purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any shares of Series A Preferred Stock, or any shares of stock ranking on a parity (either as to dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) with the Series A Preferred Stock, except in accordance with a purchase offer made in writing or by publication (as determined by the Board of Directors) to all holders of such shares upon such terms as the Board of Directors, after consideration of the respective annual dividend rates and other relative rights and preferences of the respective series and classes, shall determine in good faith will result in fair and equitable treatment among the respective series or classes.

(B) The Company shall not permit any subsidiary of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any shares of stock of the Company unless the Company could, under paragraph (A) of this Section 4, purchase or otherwise acquire such shares at such time and in such manner.

Section 5. Reacquired Shares. Any shares of Series A Preferred Stock purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company in any manner whatsoever shall be retired and canceled promptly after the acquisition thereof. All such shares shall upon their retirement become authorized but unissued shares of Preferred Stock and may be reissued as part of a new series of Preferred Stock to be created by resolution or resolutions of the Board of Directors, subject to any conditions and restrictions on issuance set forth herein.

Section 6. Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up. Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, no distribution shall be made (A) to the holders of the Common Stock or of shares of any other stock of the Company ranking junior, upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, to the Series A Preferred Stock unless, prior thereto, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall have received \$10.00 per share, plus an amount equal to accrued and unpaid dividend distributions thereon, whether or not earned or declared, to the date of such payment, provided that the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive an aggregate amount per share, subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, equal to 1,000 times the aggregate amount to be distributed per share to holders of shares of Common Stock, or (B) to the holders of shares of stock ranking on a parity upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up with the Series A Preferred Stock, except distributions made ratably on the Series A Preferred Stock and all such parity stock in proportion to the total amounts to which the holders of all such shares are entitled upon such liquidation, dissolution or winding up. In the event, however, that there are not sufficient assets available to permit payment in full of the Series A Preferred Stock liquidation preference and the liquidation preferences of all other classes and series of stock of the Company, if any, that rank on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock in respect thereof, then the assets available for such distribution shall be distributed ratably to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock and the holders of such parity shares in the proportion to their respective liquidation preferences. In the event the Company shall at any time after July 27, 1998 declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the aggregate amount to which holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock were entitled immediately prior to such event under the proviso in clause (A) of the preceding sentence shall be adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

Section 7. Consolidation, Merger, etc. In the case the Company shall enter into any consolidation, merger, combination or other transaction in which the shares of Common Stock are converted into, exchanged for or changed into other stock or securities, cash and/or any property, then in any such case each share of Series A Preferred Stock shall at the same time be similarly

converted into, exchanged for or changed into an amount per share (subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth) equal to 1,000 times the aggregate amount of stock, securities, cash and/or any other property (payable in kind), as the case may be, into which or for which each share of Common Stock is converted, exchanged or converted. In the event the Company shall at any time after July 27, 1998 declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the amount set forth in the preceding sentence with respect to the conversion, exchange or change of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

Section 8. No Redemption. The shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall not be redeemable from any holder.

Section 9. Rank. The Series A Preferred Stock shall rank, with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, junior to all other series of Preferred Stock and senior to the Common Stock.

Section 10. Amendment. If any proposed amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation (including this Certificate of Designations) would alter, change or repeal any of the preferences, powers or special rights given to the Series A Preferred Stock so as to affect the Series A Preferred Stock adversely, then the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall be entitled to vote separately as a class upon such amendment, and the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, voting separately as a class, shall be necessary for the adoption thereof, in addition to such other vote as may be required by the General Corporation Act of the State of Oklahoma.

Section 11. Fractional Shares. Series A Preferred Stock may be issued in fractions of a share that shall entitle the holder, in proportion to such holder's fractional shares, to exercise voting rights, receive dividends, participate in distributions and to have the benefit of all other rights of holders of Series A Preferred Stock.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Designations is executed on behalf of the Company by its Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and attested by its Secretary this 7th day of July, 1998.

/s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Aubrey K. McClendon Chairman of the Board  
and Chief Executive Officer

Attest: /s/ Janice A. Dobbs

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Janice A. Dobbs  
Corporate Secretary

FIRST AMENDMENT TO  
CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATIONS OF  
SERIES A JUNIOR PARTICIPATING PREFERRED STOCK OF  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(Pursuant to Section 1032 of the General  
Corporation Act of the State of Oklahoma)

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Chesapeake Energy Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the General Corporation Act of the State of Oklahoma (hereinafter called the "Company"), hereby certifies that the following resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company as required by Section 1032 of the General Corporation Act of the State of Oklahoma (hereinafter called the "Act") and in accordance with Article IV of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (hereinafter called the "Certificate of Incorporation"), at a meeting duly called and held on April 23, 2004:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Directors of the Company in accordance with the Act and the Certificate of Incorporation, the Board of Directors is authorized by resolution duly adopted, to designate shares of preferred stock to be issued, in one or more series, to provide for the designation thereof of the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of the shares of such series, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation, the Company is authorized to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock") from time to time, of which 250,000 shares have been designated as the Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, 313,250 shares have been designated as the 4.125% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, 1,725,000 shares have been designated as the 5.0% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, 4,600,000 shares have been designated as the 6.0% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock and 2,997,800 shares have been designated as the 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 1998, the Board of Directors approved and on July 17, 1998, the Company filed with the Oklahoma Secretary of State the Certificate of Designations of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock (the "Initial Certificate") and as a result of an increase in the authorized shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, the Board of Directors

desires to increase the number of shares of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock designated by the Initial Certificate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Directors of the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Certificate of Incorporation, the Initial Certificate is amended as follows:

1. Increase in Shares. In order to increase the number of shares of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, Section 1 of the Initial Certificate is deleted in its entirety and the following is substituted therefore:

Section 1. Designation and Amount. The shares of such series shall be designated as "Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock" (the "Series A Preferred Stock") and the number of shares constituting the Series A Preferred Stock shall be 350,000. Such number of shares may be increased or decreased by resolution of the Board of Directors; provided, that no decrease shall reduce the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock to a number less than the number of shares then outstanding plus the number of shares reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding options, rights or warrants or upon the conversion of any outstanding securities issued by the Company convertible into Series A Preferred Stock.

2. Full Force and Effect. Except as specifically amended herein, all other terms and provisions of the Initial Certificate remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this First Amendment to Certificate of Designations is executed on behalf of the Company by its Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and attested by its Secretary this 7th day of May, 2004.

/s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

Aubrey K. McClendon  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

Attest: /s/ Jennifer M. Grigsby

Jennifer M. Grigsby  
Corporate Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
OF  
6.75% CUMULATIVE CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK  
OF  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

Pursuant to Section 1032(G) of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), does hereby certify that the following resolution was duly adopted by action of the Board of Directors of the Company, with the provisions thereof fixing the number of shares of the series and the dividend rate being set by action of the Board of Directors of the Company:

RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority expressly granted to and vested in the Board of Directors of the Company by the provisions of Article IV, Section 1 of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended from time to time (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), and pursuant to Section 1032(G) of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act, the Board of Directors hereby creates a series of preferred stock of the Company and hereby states that the voting powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of which, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof (in addition to the provisions set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation which are applicable to the preferred stock of all classes and series), shall be as follows:

1. Designation and Amount; Ranking. (a) There shall be created from the 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company authorized to be issued pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation, a series of preferred stock, designated as the "6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock," par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock"), and the number of shares of such series shall be 3,000,000. Such number of shares may be decreased by resolution of the Board of Directors; provided that no decrease shall reduce the number of shares of Preferred Stock to a number less than that of the shares of Preferred Stock then outstanding plus the number of shares issuable upon exercise of options or rights then outstanding.

(b) The Preferred Stock will, with respect to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company rank (i) senior to all Junior Stock, (ii) on a parity with all Parity Stock and (iii) junior to all Senior Stock.

2. Definitions. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Accrued Dividends" shall mean, with respect to any share of Preferred Stock, as of any date, the accrued and unpaid dividends on such share from and including the most recent Dividend Payment Date (or the Issue Date, if such date is prior to the first Dividend Payment Date) to but not including such date.

(2) "Accumulated Dividends" shall mean, with respect to any share of Preferred Stock, as of any date, the aggregate accumulated and unpaid dividends on such share from the Issue Date until the most recent Dividend Payment Date on or prior to such date. There shall be no Accumulated Dividends with respect to any share of Preferred Stock prior to the first Dividend Payment Date.

(3) "Affiliate" shall have the meaning ascribed to it, on the date hereof, under Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(4) "Board of Directors" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company or, with respect to any action to be taken by the Board of Directors, any committee of the Board of Directors duly authorized to take such action.

(5) "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in The City of New York are authorized or required by law or executive order to close.

(6) "Change of Control" shall mean any of the following events: (i) the sale, lease or transfer, in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the Company's assets (determined on a consolidated basis) to any Person or group (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than to Permitted Holders; (ii) the adoption of a plan the consummation of which would result in the liquidation or dissolution of the Company; (iii) the acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any Person or group (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than Permitted Holders, of beneficial ownership (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of more than 50% of the aggregate voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company; provided, however, that the Permitted Holders beneficially own (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, in the aggregate a lesser percentage of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company than such other Person or group and do not have the right or ability by voting power, contract or otherwise to elect or designate for election a majority of the

Board of Directors (for the purposes of this definition, such other Person or group shall be deemed to beneficially own any Voting Stock of a specified corporation held by a parent corporation, if such other Person or group is the beneficial owner (as defined above), directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the voting power of the Voting Stock of such parent corporation and the Permitted Holders beneficially own (as defined in this proviso), directly or indirectly, in the aggregate a lesser percentage of the voting power of the Voting Stock of such parent corporation and do not have the right or ability by voting power, contract or otherwise to elect or designate for election a majority of the Board of Directors of such parent corporation); or (iv) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period composed the Board of Directors of the Company (together with any new directors whose election by such Board of Directors or whose nomination for election by the shareholders of the Company was approved by a vote of 66 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the directors of the Company then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board of Directors of the Company then in office. For purposes of this definition of "Change of Control," the term "Permitted Holders" means Aubrey K. McClendon and Tom L. Ward and their respective Affiliates.

(7) "Change of Control Date" shall mean the date on which the Change of Control event occurs.

(8) "Conversion Price" shall mean \$7.70, subject to adjustment as set forth in Section 7(c).

(9) "Common Stock" shall mean the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company, or any other class of stock resulting from successive changes or reclassifications of such common stock consisting solely of changes in par value, or from par value to no par value, or as a result of a subdivision, combination, or merger, consolidation or similar transaction in which the Company is a constituent corporation.

(10) "DTC" or "Depository" means The Depository Trust Company.

(11) "Dividend Payment Date" shall mean February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year, commencing February 15, 2002.

(12) "Dividend Record Date" shall mean February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each year.

(13) "Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(14) "Holder" or "holder" shall mean a holder of record of the Preferred Stock.

(15) "Issue Date" shall mean November 13, 2001, the original date of issuance of the Preferred Stock.

(16) "Junior Stock" shall mean all classes of common stock of the Company and the Series A Junior Participating Convertible Preferred Stock and each other class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after the Issue Date, by the Board of Directors, the terms of which do not expressly provide that such class or series ranks senior to or on parity with the Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company.

(17) "Liquidation Preference" shall mean, with respect to each share of Preferred Stock, \$50.

(18) "Market Value" shall mean the average closing price of the Common Stock for a five consecutive trading day period on the NYSE (or such other national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is then listed or authorized for quotation or, if the Common Stock is not so listed or authorized for quotation, an amount determined in good faith by the Board of Directors to be the fair value of the Common Stock).

(19) "NYSE" shall mean the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

(20) "Officer" means the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Company.

(21) "Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by two Officers.

(22) "Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion from legal counsel who is acceptable to the Transfer Agent. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company or the Transfer Agent.

(23) "Parity Stock" shall mean any class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after the Issue Date by the Board of Directors, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series will rank on parity with the Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company.

(24) "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, limited liability company, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

(25) "Purchase Agreement" shall mean that certain Purchase Agreement with respect to the Preferred Stock, dated as of November 6, 2001 among the Company, Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation, Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., Lehman Brothers Inc. and Salomon Smith Barney Inc.

(26) "Registration Rights Agreement" means the Registration Rights Agreement dated November 6, 2001 among the Company, Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation, Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., Lehman Brothers Inc. and Salomon Smith Barney Inc. with respect to the Preferred Stock.

(27) "SEC" or "Commission" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(28) "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(29) "Senior Stock" shall mean each class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after the Issue Date by the Board of Directors, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series will rank senior to the Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company.

(30) "Shelf Registration Statement" shall mean a shelf registration statement filed with the SEC to cover resales of Transfer Restricted Securities by holders thereof, as required by the Registration Rights Agreement.

(31) "Transfer Agent" shall mean UMB Bank, N.A., the Company's duly appointed transfer agent, registrar and conversion and dividend disbursing agent for the Preferred Stock. The Company may, in its sole discretion, remove the Transfer Agent with 10 days' prior notice to the Transfer Agent; provided, that the Company shall appoint a successor Transfer Agent who shall accept such appointment prior to the effectiveness or such removal.

(32) "Transfer Restricted Securities" shall mean each share of Preferred Stock (or the shares of Common Stock into which such share of Preferred Stock is convertible) until (i) the date on which such security or its predecessor has been effectively registered under the Securities Act and disposed of in accordance with the Shelf Registration Statement or (ii) the date on which such security or predecessor is distributed to the public pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act or is saleable pursuant to Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act.

(33) "Voting Rights Triggering Event" shall mean the failure of the Company to pay dividends on the Preferred Stock with respect to six or more quarterly periods (whether or not consecutive).

(34) "Voting Stock" shall mean, with respect to any Person, securities of any class or classes of Capital Stock in such Person entitling the holders thereof (whether at all times or only so long as no senior class of stock has voting power by reason of contingency) to vote in the election of members of the Board of Directors or other governing body of such Person. For purposes of this definition, "Capital Stock" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock or partnership interests and any and all warrants, options and rights with respect thereto (whether or not currently exercisable), including each class of common stock and preferred stock of such Person.

### 3. Dividends.

(1) The holders of shares of the outstanding Preferred Stock shall be entitled, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors out of funds of the Company legally available therefor, to receive cumulative cash dividends at the rate per annum of 6.75% per share on the Liquidation Preference (equivalent to \$3.375 per annum per share, payable quarterly in arrears (the "Dividend Rate"). The Dividend Rate may be increased in the circumstances described in Section 3(b) below. Dividends payable for each full dividend period will be computed by dividing the Dividend Rate by four and shall be payable in arrears on each Dividend Payment Date (commencing February 15, 2002) for the quarterly period ending immediately prior to such Dividend Payment Date, to the holders of record of Preferred Stock at the close of business on the Dividend Record Date applicable to such Dividend Payment Date. Such dividends shall be cumulative from the most recent date as to which dividends shall have been paid or, if no dividends have been paid, from the Issue Date (whether or not in any dividend period or periods there shall be funds of the Company legally available for the payment of such dividends) and shall accrue on a day-to-day basis, whether or not earned or declared, from and after the Issue Date. Dividends payable for any partial dividend period shall be computed on the basis of actual days elapsed over a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Accumulations of dividends on shares of Preferred Stock shall not bear interest.

(2) If (i) by January 12, 2002, the Shelf Registration Statement has not been filed with the Commission, (ii) by May 12, 2002, the Shelf Registration Statement has not been declared effective by the Commission or (iii) after the Shelf Registration Statement has been declared effective, (A) the Shelf Registration Statement thereafter ceases to be effective or (B) the Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus ceases to be usable (in each case, subject to the exceptions described below) in connection with resale of Transfer Restricted Securities during the period that any Transfer Restricted Securities remain outstanding (each such event referred to in clauses

(i), (ii) and (iii), a "Registration Default"), additional dividends shall accrue on the Preferred Stock at the rate of .50% per annum (resulting in a Dividend Rate of 7.25% per annum during the continuance of a Registration Default), from and including the date on which any such Registration Default shall occur to but excluding the date on which all Registration Defaults have been cured. At all other times, dividends shall accumulate on the Preferred Stock at the Dividend Rate as described in Section 3(a).

A Registration Default referred to in clause (iii) of Section 3(b) shall be deemed not to have occurred and be continuing in relation to the Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus if (i) such Registration Default has occurred solely as a result of (x) the filing of a post-effective amendment to the Shelf Registration Statement to incorporate annual audited financial information with respect to the Company where such post-effective amendment is not yet effective and needs to be declared effective to permit Holders to use the related prospectus or (y) other material events, with respect to the Company that would need to be described in the Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus and (ii) in the case of clause (y), the Company is proceeding promptly and in good faith to amend or supplement such Shelf Registration Statement and related prospectus to describe such events; provided, however, that in any case if such Registration Default referred to in clause (iii) of Section 3(b) occurs for a continuous period in excess of 30 days, additional dividends as described in Section 3(b) shall be payable in accordance therewith from the day such Registration Default occurs until such Registration Default is cured.

(3) No dividend will be declared or paid upon, or any sum set apart for the payment of dividends upon, any outstanding share of the Preferred Stock with respect to any dividend period unless all dividends for all preceding dividend periods have been declared and paid or declared and a sufficient sum set apart for the payment of such dividend, upon all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock.

(4) No dividends or other distributions (other than a dividend or distribution payable solely in shares of Parity Stock or Junior Stock (in the case of Parity Stock) or Junior Stock (in the case of Junior Stock) and other than cash paid in lieu of fractional shares) may be declared, made or paid, or set apart for payment upon, any Parity Stock or Junior Stock, nor may any Parity Stock or Junior Stock be redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired for any consideration (or any money paid to or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any Parity Stock or Junior Stock) by or on behalf of the Company (except by conversion into or exchange for shares of Parity Stock or Junior Stock (in the case of Parity Stock) or Junior Stock (in the case of Junior Stock)), unless full Accumulated Dividends shall have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid, or are declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set apart for such payment, on the Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock for all dividend payment periods terminating on or prior to the date of such declaration, payment, redemption, purchase or acquisition. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if full dividends have not been

paid on the Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock, dividends may be declared and paid on the Preferred Stock and such Parity Stock so long as the dividends are declared and paid pro rata so that the amounts of dividends declared per share on the Preferred Stock and such Parity Stock will in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accumulated and unpaid dividends on the shares of Preferred Stock and such other Parity Stock bear to each other.

(5) Holders of shares of Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any dividends on the Preferred Stock, whether payable in cash, property or stock, in excess of full cumulative dividends. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Preferred Stock which may be in arrears.

(6) The holders of shares of Preferred Stock at the close of business on a Dividend Record Date will be entitled to receive the dividend payment on those shares on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date notwithstanding the subsequent conversion thereof or the Company's default in payment of the dividend due on that Dividend Payment Date. However, shares of Preferred Stock surrendered for conversion during the period between the close of business on any Dividend Record Date and the close of business on the day immediately preceding the applicable Dividend Payment Date must be accompanied by payment of an amount equal to the dividend payable on the shares on that Dividend Payment Date. A holder of shares of Preferred Stock on a Dividend Record Date who (or whose transferee) tenders any shares for conversion on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date will receive the dividend payable by the Company on the Preferred Stock on that date, and the converting holder need not include payment in the amount of such dividend upon surrender of shares of Preferred Stock for conversion. Except as provided above with respect to a voluntary conversion pursuant to Section 7, the Company shall make no payment or allowance for unpaid dividends, whether or not in arrears, on converted shares or for dividends on the shares of Common Stock issued upon conversion.

#### 4. Change of Control.

(1) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Preferred Stock shall, in the event that the Market Value for the period ending on the Change of Control Date is less than the Conversion Price, have a one-time option (the "Change of Control Option") to convert all of such holder's outstanding shares of Preferred Stock into fully paid and nonassessable shares of Common Stock at an adjusted Conversion Price equal to the greater of (i) the Market Value for the period ending on the Change of Control Date and (ii) \$4.0733. The Change of Control Option must be exercised, if at all, during the period of not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days commencing on the third Business Day after notice of a Change in Control has been given by the Company in accordance with Section 4(b). In lieu of issuing the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion in the event of a Change of Control, the Company may, at its option, make a cash payment equal to the Market Value for each share of such Common Stock otherwise issuable determined for the period ending on the Change of Control Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control in which (i) each holder of Common Stock receives consideration consisting solely of common stock of the successor, acquiror or other third party (and cash paid in lieu of fractional shares) that is listed on a national securities exchange or quoted on the NASDAQ National Market and (ii) all the Common Stock has been exchanged for, converted into or acquired for common stock of the successor, acquiror or other third party (and cash in lieu of fractional shares), and the Preferred Stock becomes convertible solely into such common stock, the Conversion Price will not be adjusted as described in this Section 4(a).

(2) In the event of a Change of Control (other than a Change of Control described in the last sentence of Section 4(a)), notice of such Change of Control shall be given, within five Business Days of the Change of Control Date, by the Company by first-class mail to each record holder of shares of Preferred Stock, at such holder's address as the same appears on the books of the Company. Each such notice shall state (i) that a Change of Control has occurred; (ii) the last day on which the Change of Control Option may be exercised (the "Expiration Date") pursuant to the terms hereof; (iii) the name and address of the Transfer Agent; and (iv) the procedures that holders must follow to exercise the Change of Control Option.

(3) On or before the Expiration Date, each holder of shares of Preferred Stock wishing to exercise the Change of Control Option shall surrender the certificate or certificates representing the shares of Preferred Stock to be converted, in the manner and at the place designated in the notice described in Section 4(b), and on such date the cash or shares of Common Stock due to such holder shall be delivered to the Person whose name appears on such certificate or certificates as the owner thereof and the shares represented by each surrendered certificate shall be returned to authorized but unissued shares. Upon surrender (in accordance with the notice described in Section 4(b))

of the certificate or certificates representing any shares to be so converted (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Company shall so require and the notice shall so state), such shares shall be converted by the Company at the adjusted Conversion Price, if applicable, as described in Section 4(a).

(4) The rights of holders of Preferred Stock pursuant to this Section 4 are in addition to, and not in lieu of, the rights of holders of Preferred Stock provided for in Section 7 hereof.

#### 5. Voting.

(1) The shares of Preferred Stock shall have no voting rights except as set forth below or as otherwise required by Oklahoma law from time to time:

(i) If and whenever at any time or times a Voting Rights Triggering Event occurs, then the holders of shares of Preferred Stock, voting as a single class with any other preferred stock or preference securities having similar voting rights that are exercisable (the "Voting Rights Class"), will be entitled at the next regular or special meeting of stockholders of the Company to elect two additional directors of the Company, unless the Board of Directors is comprised of fewer than six directors at such time, in which case the Voting Rights Class shall be entitled to elect one additional director. Upon the election of any such additional directors, the number of directors that compose the Board of Directors shall be increased by such number of additional directors.

(ii) Such voting rights may be exercised at a special meeting of the holders of the shares of the Voting Rights Class, called as hereinafter provided, or at any annual meeting of stockholders held for the purpose of electing directors, and thereafter at each such annual meeting until such time as all dividends in arrears on the shares of Preferred Stock shall have been paid in full, at which time or times such voting rights and the term of the directors elected pursuant to Section 5(a)(i) shall terminate.

(iii) At any time when such voting rights shall have vested in holders of shares of the Voting Rights Class, an Officer of the Company may call, and, upon written request of the record holders of shares representing at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting power of the shares then outstanding of the Voting Rights Class, addressed to the Secretary of the Company, shall call a special meeting of the holders of shares of the Voting Rights Class. Such meeting shall be held at the earliest practicable date upon the notice required for annual meetings of stockholders at the place for holding annual meetings of stockholders of the Company, or, if none, at a place designated by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 5(a)(iii), no such special meeting shall be called during a period within the 60 days immediately preceding the date fixed for the next annual meeting of stockholders in which such case, the election of directors pursuant to Section 5(a)(i) shall be held at such annual meeting of stockholders.

(iv) At any meeting held for the purpose of electing directors at which the holders of the Voting Rights Class shall have the right to elect directors as provided herein, the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of shares representing more than fifty percent (50%) in voting power of the then outstanding shares of the Voting Rights Class shall be required and shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum of such class for the election of directors by such class. The affirmative vote of the holders of shares of Preferred Stock constituting a majority of the shares of Preferred Stock present at such meeting, in person or by proxy, shall be sufficient to elect any such director.

(v) Any director elected pursuant to the voting rights created under this Section 5(a) shall hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders (unless such term has previously terminated pursuant to Section 5 (a)(ii)) and any vacancy in respect of any such director shall be filled only by vote of the remaining director so elected by holders of the Voting Rights Class, or if there be no such remaining director, by the holders of shares of the Voting Rights Class at a special meeting called in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 5, or, if no such special meeting is called, at the next annual meeting of stockholders. Upon any termination of such voting rights, the term of office of all directors elected pursuant to this Section 5 shall terminate.

(vi) So long as any shares of Preferred Stock remain outstanding, unless a greater percentage shall then be required by law, the Company shall not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least  $66\frac{2}{3}\%$  of the outstanding Preferred Stock voting or consenting, as the case may be, separately as one class, (i) create, authorize or issue any class or series of Senior Stock (or any security convertible into Senior Stock) or (ii) amend the Certificate of Incorporation so as to affect adversely the specified rights, preferences, privileges or voting rights of holders of shares of Preferred Stock.

(vii) In exercising the voting rights set forth in this Section 5(a), each share of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to one vote.

(2) The Company may authorize, increase the authorized amount of, or issue any shares of Parity Stock or Junior Stock, without the consent of the holders of Preferred Stock, and in taking such actions the Company shall not be deemed to have affected adversely the rights, preferences, privileges or voting rights of holders of shares of Preferred Stock.

## 6. Liquidation Rights.

(1) In the event of any liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, each holder of shares of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive and to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution to its stockholders the Liquidation Preference plus Accumulated Dividends and Accrued Dividends thereon in preference to the holders of, and before any payment or distribution is made on, any Junior Stock, including, without limitation, on any Common Stock.

(2) Neither the sale, conveyance, exchange or transfer (for cash, shares of stock, securities or other consideration) of all or substantially all the assets or business of the Company (other than in connection with the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of its business) nor the merger or consolidation of the Company into or with any other Person shall be deemed to be a liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, voluntary or involuntary, for the purposes of this Section 6.

(3) After the payment to the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock of full preferential amounts provided for in this Section 6, the holders of Preferred Stock as such shall have no right or claim to any of the remaining assets of the Company.

(4) In the event the assets of the Company available for distribution to the holders of shares of Preferred Stock upon any liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, shall be insufficient to pay in full all amounts to which such holders are entitled pursuant to Section 6(a), no such distribution shall be made on account of any shares of Parity Stock upon such liquidation, dissolution or winding-up unless proportionate distributable amounts shall be paid on account of the shares of Preferred Stock, ratably, in proportion to the full distributable amounts for which holders of all Preferred Stock and of any Parity Stock are entitled upon such liquidation, winding-up or dissolution.

## 7. Conversion.

(a) Each holder of Preferred Stock shall have the right, at its option, exercisable at any time and from time to time from the Issue Date to convert, subject to the terms and provisions of this Section 7, any or all of such holder's shares of Preferred Stock. In such case, the shares of Preferred Stock shall be converted into such whole number of fully paid and nonassessable shares of Common Stock as is equal, subject to Section 7(g), to the product of the number of shares of Preferred Stock being so converted multiplied by the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Preference divided by (ii) the Conversion Price (as defined below) then in effect. The Conversion Price initially shall be \$7.70, subject to adjustment as set forth in Section 7(c).

The conversion right of a holder of Preferred Stock shall be exercised by the holder by the surrender to the Company of the certificates representing shares to be

converted at any time during usual business hours at its principal place of business or the offices of its duly appointed Transfer Agent to be maintained by it, accompanied by written notice to the Company in the form of Exhibit B that the holder elects to convert all or a portion of the shares of Preferred Stock represented by such certificate and specifying the name or names (with address) in which a certificate or certificates for shares of Common Stock are to be issued and (if so required by the Company or its duly appointed Transfer Agent) by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company or its duly appointed Transfer Agent duly executed by the holder or its duly authorized legal representative and transfer tax stamps or funds therefor, if required pursuant to Section 7(i). Immediately prior to the close of business on the date of receipt by the Company or its duly appointed Transfer Agent of notice of conversion of shares of Preferred Stock, each converting holder of Preferred Stock shall be deemed to be the holder of record of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of such holder's Preferred Stock notwithstanding that the share register of the Company shall then be closed or that certificates representing such Common Stock shall not then be actually delivered to such holder. Upon notice from the Company, each holder of Preferred Stock so converted shall promptly surrender to the Company, at any place where the Company shall maintain a Transfer Agent, certificates representing the shares so converted, duly endorsed in blank or accompanied by proper instruments of transfer. On the date of any conversion, all rights with respect to the shares of Preferred Stock so converted, including the rights, if any, to receive notices, will terminate, except only the rights of holders thereof to (i) receive certificates for the number of whole shares of Common Stock into which such shares of Preferred Stock have been converted and cash, in lieu of any fractional shares as provided in Section 7(f); and (ii) exercise the rights to which they are entitled as holders of Common Stock.

(b) If the last day for the exercise of the conversion right shall not be a Business Day, then such conversion right may be exercised on the next preceding Business Day.

(c) The Conversion Price shall be subject to adjustment as follows:

(i) In case the Company shall at any time or from time to time (A) pay a dividend (or other distribution) payable in shares of Common Stock on any class of capital stock (which, for purposes of this Section 7(c) shall include, without limitation, any dividends or distributions in the form of options, warrants or other rights to acquire capital stock) of the Company (other than the issuance of shares of Common Stock in connection with the payment of dividends on or the conversion of Preferred Stock); (B) subdivide the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a larger number of shares; (C) combine the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares; (D) issue any shares of its capital stock in a reclassification of the Common Stock; or (E) pay a dividend or make a distribution to all holders of shares of Common Stock (other than a dividend or distribution subject to Section 7(c)(ii)) pursuant to a stockholder rights plan, "poison pill" or similar arrangement and excluding dividends payable on the Preferred Stock then, and in each such case, the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to such event shall be adjusted (and any other appropriate actions shall be taken by the Company) so that the holder of any share of Preferred Stock thereafter surrendered for conversion shall be entitled to receive the number of shares of Common Stock that such holder would have owned or would have been entitled to receive upon or by reason of any of the events described above, had such share of Preferred Stock been converted into shares of Common Stock immediately prior to the occurrence of such event. An adjustment made pursuant to this Section 7(c)(i) shall become effective retroactively (x) in the case of any such dividend or distribution, to the day immediately following the close of business on the record date for the determination of holders of Common Stock entitled to receive such dividend or distribution or (y) in the case of any such subdivision, combination or reclassification, to the close of business on the day upon which such corporate action becomes effective.

(ii) In case the Company shall at any time or from time to time issue to all holders of its Common Stock rights, options or warrants entitling the holders thereof to subscribe for or purchase shares of Common Stock (or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock) at a price per share less than the Market Value for the period ending on the date of issuance (treating the price per share of any security convertible, or exchangeable or exercisable into Common Stock as equal to (A) the sum of the price paid to acquire such security convertible, exchangeable or exercisable into Common Stock plus any additional consideration payable (without regard to any anti-dilution adjustments) upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of such security into Common Stock divided by (B) the number of shares of Common Stock into which such convertible, exchangeable or exercisable security is initially convertible, exchangeable or exercisable), other than (I) issuances of such rights, options or warrants if the holder of Preferred Stock would be entitled to receive such rights, options or warrants upon conversion at any time of shares of Preferred Stock into Common Stock and (II) issuances that are subject to certain triggering events (until such time as such triggering events

occur), then, and in each such case, the Conversion Price then in effect shall be adjusted by dividing the Conversion Price in effect on the day immediately prior to the record date of such issuance by a fraction (y) the numerator of which shall be the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on such record date plus the number of additional shares of Common Stock issued or to be issued upon or as a result of the issuance of such rights, options or warrants (or the maximum number into or for which such convertible or exchangeable securities initially may convert or exchange or for which such options, warrants or other rights initially may be exercised) and (z) the denominator of which shall be the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on such record date plus the number of shares of Common Stock which the aggregate consideration for the total number of such additional shares of Common Stock so issued (or into or for which such convertible or exchangeable securities may convert or exchange or for which such options, warrants or other rights may be exercised plus the aggregate amount of any additional consideration initially payable upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of such security) would purchase at the Market Value for the period ending on the date of conversion; provided, that if the Company distributes rights or warrants (other than those referred to above in this subparagraph (c)(ii)) pro rata to the holders of Common Stock, so long as such rights or warrants have not expired or been redeemed by the Company, (y) the holder of any Preferred Stock surrendered for conversion shall be entitled to receive upon such conversion, in addition to the shares of Common Stock then issuable upon such conversion (the "Conversion Shares"), a number of rights or warrants to be determined as follows: (i) if such conversion occurs on or prior to the date for the distribution to the holders of rights or warrants of separate certificates evidencing such rights or warrants (the "Distribution Date"), the same number of rights or warrants to which a holder of a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of Conversion Shares is entitled at the time of such conversion in accordance with the terms and provisions applicable to the rights or warrants and (ii) if such conversion occurs after the Distribution Date, the same number of rights or warrants to which a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock into which such Preferred Stock was convertible immediately prior to such Distribution Date would have been entitled on such Distribution Date had such Preferred Stock been converted immediately prior to such Distribution Date in accordance with the terms and provisions applicable to the rights and warrants, and (z) the Conversion Price shall not be subject to adjustment on account of any declaration, distribution or exercise of such rights or warrants.

(iii) In case the Company shall at any time or from time to time (A) make a pro rata distribution to all holders of shares of its Common Stock consisting exclusively of cash (excluding any cash portion of distributions referred to in clause (E) of paragraph (c)(i) above, or cash distributed upon a merger or consolidation to which paragraph (g) below applies), that, when combined together with (x) all other such all-cash distributions made within the then-preceding 12 months in respect of which no adjustment has been made and (y) any cash and the fair market value of other consideration paid or payable in respect of any tender offer by the Company or any of its subsidiaries for shares of

Common Stock concluded within the then-preceding 12 months in respect of which no adjustment pursuant to this Section 7(c) has been made, in the aggregate exceeds 15% of the Company's market capitalization (defined as the product of the Market Value for the period ending on the record date of such distribution times the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on such record date) on the record date of such distribution; (B) complete a tender or exchange offer by the Company or any of its subsidiaries for shares of Common Stock that involves an aggregate consideration that, together with (I) any cash and other consideration payable in a tender or exchange offer by the Company or any of its subsidiaries for shares of Common Stock expiring within the then-preceding 12 months in respect of which no adjustment pursuant to this Section 7(c) has been made and (II) the aggregate amount of any such all-cash distributions referred to in clause (A) above to all holders of shares of Common Stock within the then-preceding 12 months in respect of which no adjustments have been made, exceeds 15% of the Company's market capitalization on the expiration of such tender offer; or (C) make a distribution to all holders of its Common Stock consisting of evidences of indebtedness, shares of its capital stock other than Common Stock or assets (including securities, but excluding those dividends, rights, options, warrants and distributions referred to in paragraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii) above or this (c)(iii)), then, and in each such case, the Conversion Price then in effect shall be adjusted by dividing the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the date of such distribution or completion of such tender or exchange offer, as the case may be, by a fraction (x) the numerator of which shall be the Market Value for the period ending on the record date referred to below, or, if such adjustment is made upon the completion of a tender or exchange offer, on the payment date for such offer, and (y) the denominator of which shall be such Market Value less the then fair market value (as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company) of the portion of the cash, evidences of indebtedness, securities or other assets so distributed or paid in such tender or exchange offer, applicable to one share of Common Stock (but such denominator shall not be less than one); provided, however, that no adjustment shall be made with respect to any distribution of rights to purchase securities of the Company if the holder of shares of Preferred Stock would otherwise be entitled to receive such rights upon conversion at any time of shares of Preferred Stock into shares of Common Stock unless such rights are subsequently redeemed by the Company, in which case such redemption shall be treated for purposes of this Section 7(c)(iii) as a dividend on the Common Stock. Such adjustment shall be made whenever any such distribution is made or tender or exchange offer is completed, as the case may be, and shall become effective retroactively to a date immediately following the close of business on the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive such distribution.

(iv) In the case the Company at any time or from time to time shall take any action affecting its Common Stock (it being understood that the issuance or sale of shares of Common Stock (or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock, or any options, warrants or other rights to acquire shares of Common Stock) to any Person at a price per share less than the Conversion Price then in effect shall not be

deemed such an action), other than an action described in any of Section 7(c)(i) through Section 7(c)(iii), inclusive, or Section 7(g), then the Conversion Price shall be adjusted in such manner and at such time as the Board of Directors of the Company in good faith determines to be equitable in the circumstances (such determination to be evidenced in a resolution, a certified copy of which shall be mailed to the holders of the Preferred Stock).

(v) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no adjustment under this Section 7(c) need be made to the Conversion Price unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least 1% of the Conversion Price then in effect. Any lesser adjustment shall be carried forward and shall be made at the time of and together with the next subsequent adjustment, if any, which, together with any adjustment or adjustments so carried forward, shall amount to an increase or decrease of at least 1% of such Conversion Price.

(vi) The Company reserves the right to make such reductions in the Conversion Price in addition to those required in the foregoing provisions as it considers advisable in order that any event treated for Federal income tax purposes as a dividend of stock or stock rights will not be taxable to the recipients. In the event the Company elects to make such a reduction in the Conversion Price, the Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder if and to the extent that such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the reduction of the Conversion Price.

(d) If the Company shall take a record of the holders of its Common Stock for the purpose of entitling them to receive a dividend or other distribution, and shall thereafter (and before the dividend or distribution has been paid or delivered to stockholders) legally abandon its plan to pay or deliver such dividend or distribution, then thereafter no adjustment in the Conversion Price then in effect shall be required by reason of the taking of such record.

(e) Upon any increase or decrease in the Conversion Price, then, and in each such case, the Company promptly shall deliver to each holder of Preferred Stock a certificate signed by an authorized officer of the Company, setting forth in reasonable detail the event requiring the adjustment and the method by which such adjustment was calculated and specifying the increased or decreased Conversion Price then in effect following such adjustment.

(f) No fractional shares or securities representing fractional shares of Common Stock shall be issued upon the conversion of any shares of Preferred Stock, whether voluntary or mandatory. If more than one share of Preferred Stock shall be surrendered for conversion at one time by the same holder, the number of full shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion thereof shall be computed on the basis of the

aggregate Liquidation Preference of the shares of Preferred Stock so surrendered. If the conversion of any share or shares of Preferred Stock results in a fraction, an amount equal to such fraction multiplied by the last reported sale price of the Common Stock on the NYSE (or on such other national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is then listed for trading or authorized for quotation or, if the Common Stock is not then so listed or authorized for quotation, an amount determined in good faith by the Board of Directors to be the fair value of the Common Stock) at the close of business on the trading day next preceding the day of conversion shall be paid to such holder in cash by the Company.

(g) In the event of any reclassification of outstanding shares of Common Stock (other than a change in par value, or from par value to no par value, or from no par value to par value), or in the event of any consolidation or merger of the Company with or into another Person or any merger of another Person with or into the Company (other than a consolidation or merger in which the Company is the resulting or surviving Person and which does not result in any reclassification or change of outstanding Common Stock), or in the event of any sale or other disposition to another Person of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (computed on a consolidated basis) (any of the foregoing, a "Transaction"), each share of Preferred Stock then outstanding shall, without the consent of any holder of Preferred Stock, become convertible at any time, at the option of the holder thereof, only into the kind and amount of securities (of the Company or another issuer), cash and other property receivable upon such Transaction by a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock into which such share of Preferred Stock could have been converted immediately prior to such Transaction, after giving effect to any adjustment event. The provisions of this Section 7(g) and any equivalent thereof in any such securities similarly shall apply to successive Transactions. The provisions of this Section 7(g) shall be the sole right of holders of Preferred Stock in connection with any Transaction and such holders shall have no separate vote thereon.

(h) The Company shall at all times reserve and keep available for issuance upon the conversion of the Preferred Stock such number of its authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock as will from time to time be sufficient to permit the conversion of all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, and shall take all action required to increase the authorized number of shares of Common Stock if at any time there shall be insufficient unissued shares of Common Stock to permit such reservation or to permit the conversion of all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock.

(i) The issuance or delivery of certificates for Common Stock upon the conversion of shares of Preferred Stock shall be made without charge to the converting holder of shares of Preferred Stock for such certificates or for any tax in respect of the issuance or delivery of such certificates or the securities represented thereby, and such certificates shall be issued or delivered in the respective names of, or in such names as may be directed by, the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock converted; provided,

however, that the Company shall not be required to pay any tax which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issuance and delivery of any such certificate in a name other than that of the holder of the shares of Preferred Stock converted, and the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver such certificate unless or until the Person or Persons requesting the issuance or delivery thereof shall have paid to the Company the amount of such tax or shall have established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company that such tax has been paid.

#### 8. Mandatory Conversion.

(a) At any time on or after November 20, 2004, the Company shall have the right, at its option, to cause the Preferred Stock, in whole but not in part, to be automatically converted into that number of whole shares of Common Stock for each share of Preferred Stock equal to the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Preference divided by (ii) the Conversion Price then in effect, with any resulting fractional shares of Common Stock to be settled in accordance with Section 7(f). The Company may exercise its right to cause a mandatory conversion pursuant to this Section 8(a) only if the closing price of the Common Stock equals or exceeds 130% of the Conversion Price then in effect for at least 20 trading days in any consecutive 30-day trading period on the NYSE (or such other national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is then listed or authorized for quotation or, if the Common Stock is not so listed or authorized for quotation, an amount determined in good faith by the Board of Directors to be the fair value of the Common Stock), including the last trading day of such 30-day period, ending on the trading day prior to the Company's issuance of a press release announcing the mandatory conversion as described in Section 8(b).

(b) To exercise the mandatory conversion right described in Section 8(a), the Company must issue a press release for publication on the Dow Jones News Service prior to the opening of business on the first trading day following any date on which the conditions described in Section 8(a) are met, announcing such a mandatory conversion. The Company shall also give notice by mail or by publication (with subsequent prompt notice by mail) to the holders of Preferred Stock (not more than four Business Days after the date of the press release) of the mandatory conversion announcing the Company's intention to convert the Preferred Stock. The conversion date will be a date selected by the Company (the "Mandatory Conversion Date") and will be no more than five days after the date on which the Company issues the press release described in this Section 8(b).

(c) In addition to any information required by applicable law or regulation, the press release and notice of a mandatory conversion described in Section 8(b) shall state, as appropriate: (i) the Mandatory Conversion Date; (ii) the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of each share of Preferred Stock; (iii) the number of shares of Preferred Stock to be converted; and (iv) that dividends on the Preferred Stock to be converted will cease to accrue on the Mandatory Conversion Date.

(d) On and after the Mandatory Conversion Date, dividends will cease to accrue on the Preferred Stock called for a mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a) and all rights of holders of such Preferred Stock will terminate except for the right to receive the whole shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion thereof and cash, in lieu of any fractional shares of Common Stock in accordance with Section 7(f). The dividend payment with respect to the Preferred Stock called for a mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a) on a date during the period between the close of business on any Dividend Record Date to the close of business on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date will be payable on such Dividend Payment Date to the record holder of such share on such Dividend Record Date if such share has been converted after such Dividend Record Date and prior to such Dividend Payment Date. Except as provided in the immediately preceding sentence with respect to a mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a), no payment or adjustment will be made upon conversion of Preferred Stock for Accrued Dividends or for dividends with respect to the Common Stock issued upon such conversion.

(e) The Company may not authorize, issue a press release or give notice of any mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a) unless, prior to giving the conversion notice, all Accumulated Dividends on the Preferred Stock for periods ended prior to the date of such conversion notice shall have been paid in cash.

(f) In addition to the mandatory conversion right described in Section 8(a), if there are less than 250,000 shares of Preferred Stock outstanding, the Company shall have the right, at any time on or after November 20, 2006, at its option, to cause the Preferred Stock to be automatically converted into that number of whole shares of Common Stock equal to the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Preference divided by (ii) the lesser of (A) the Conversion Price then in effect and (B) the Market Value for the period ending on the second trading day immediately prior to the Mandatory Conversion Date, with any resulting fractional shares of Common Stock to be settled in cash in accordance with Section 7(f). The provisions of clauses (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this Section 8 shall apply to any mandatory conversion pursuant to this clause (f); provided that (i) the Mandatory Conversion Date described in Section 8(b) shall not be less than 15 days nor more than 30 days after the date on which the Company issues a press release pursuant to Section 8(b) announcing such mandatory conversion and (ii) the press release and notice of mandatory conversion described in Section 8(c) will not state the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of each share of Preferred Stock.

## 9. Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets.

(a) The Company, without the consent of the holders of any of the outstanding Preferred Stock, may consolidate with or merge into any other Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all its assets to any Person or may permit any Person to consolidate with or merge into, or transfer or lease all or substantially all its properties to, the Company; provided, however, that (a) the successor, transferee or lessee is organized under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof; (b) the shares of Preferred Stock will become shares of such successor, transferee or lessee, having in respect of such successor, transferee or lessee the same powers, preferences and relative participating, optional or other special rights and the qualification, limitations or restrictions thereon, the Preferred Stock had immediately prior to such transaction; and (c) the Company delivers to the Transfer Agent an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that such transaction complies with this Certificate of Designation.

(b) Upon any consolidation by the Company with, or merger by the Company into, any other person or any conveyance, transfer or lease of all or substantially all the assets of the Company as described in Section 9(a), the successor resulting from such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the transferee or lessee to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made, will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under the shares of Preferred Stock, and thereafter, except in the case of a lease, the predecessor (if still in existence) will be released from its obligations and covenants with respect to the Preferred Stock.

## 10. SEC Reports.

Whether or not the Company is required to file reports with the Commission, if any shares of Preferred Stock are outstanding, the Company shall file with the Commission all such reports and other information as it would be required to file with the Commission by Sections 13(a) or 15(d) under the Exchange Act. The Company shall supply each holder of Preferred Stock, upon request, without cost to such holder, copies of such reports or other information.

## 11. Certificates.

(a) Form and Dating. The Preferred Stock and the Transfer Agent's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A, which is hereby incorporated in and expressly made a part of this Certificate of Designation. The Preferred Stock certificate may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule, agreements to which the Company is subject, if any, or usage (provided that any such notation, legend or endorsement is in a form acceptable to the Company). Each Preferred Stock certificate shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Preferred Stock certificate set forth in Exhibit A are part of the terms of this Certificate of Designation.

(i) Global Preferred Stock. The Preferred Stock shall be issued initially in the form of one or more fully registered global certificates with the global securities legend and restricted securities legend set forth in Exhibit A hereto (the “Global Preferred Stock”), which shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers represented thereby with the Transfer Agent, as custodian for DTC (or with such other custodian as DTC may direct), and registered in the name of DTC or a nominee of DTC, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Transfer Agent as hereinafter provided. The number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by Global Preferred Stock may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Transfer Agent and DTC or its nominee as hereinafter provided. With respect to shares of Preferred Stock that are not “restricted securities” as defined in Rule 144 on a conversion date, all shares of Common Stock distributed on such conversion date will be freely transferable without restriction under the Securities Act (other than by affiliates), and such shares will be eligible for receipt in global form through the facilities of DTC.

(ii) Book-Entry Provisions. In the event Global Preferred Stock is deposited with or on behalf of DTC, the Company shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver initially one or more Global Preferred Stock certificates that (a) shall be registered in the name of DTC for such Global Preferred Stock or the nominee of DTC and (b) shall be delivered by the Transfer Agent to DTC or pursuant to DTC’s instructions or held by the Transfer Agent as custodian for DTC.

Members of, or participants in, DTC (“Agent Members”) shall have no rights under this Certificate of Designation with respect to any Global Preferred Stock held on their behalf by DTC or by the Transfer Agent as the custodian of DTC or under such Global Preferred Stock, and DTC may be treated by the Company, the Transfer Agent and any agent of the Company or the Transfer Agent as the absolute owner of such Global Preferred Stock for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, the Transfer Agent or any agent of the Company or the Transfer Agent from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by DTC or impair, as between DTC and its Agent Members, the operation of customary practices of DTC governing the exercise of the rights of a holder of a beneficial interest in any Global Preferred Stock.

(iii) Certificated Preferred Stock; Certificated Common Stock. Except as provided in this paragraph 11(a) or in paragraph 11 (c), owners of beneficial interests in Global Preferred Stock will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Preferred Stock in fully registered certificated form (“Certificated Preferred Stock”). With respect to shares of Preferred Stock that are “restricted securities” as defined in Rule 144 on a conversion date, all shares of Common Stock issuable on conversion of such shares on such conversion date will be issued in fully registered certificated form (“Certificated Common Stock”). Certificates of Certificated Common Stock will be mailed or made

available at the office of the Transfer Agent for the Preferred Stock on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the relevant conversion date to the converting holder.

After a transfer of any Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock during the period of the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such Preferred Stock or such Certificated Common Stock, all requirements pertaining to legends on such Preferred Stock (including Global Preferred Stock) or Certificated Common Stock will cease to apply, the requirements requiring that any such Certificated Common Stock issued to Holders be issued in certificated form, as the case may, will cease to apply, and Preferred Stock or Common Stock, as the case may be, in global or fully registered certificated form, in either case without legends, will be available to the transferee of the Holder of such Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock upon exchange of such transferring Holder's Preferred Stock or Common Stock or directions to transfer such Holder's interest in the Global Preferred Stock, as applicable.

(b) Execution and Authentication. One Officer shall sign the Preferred Stock certificate for the Company by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Preferred Stock certificate no longer holds that office at the time the Transfer Agent authenticates the Preferred Stock certificate, the Preferred Stock certificate shall be valid nevertheless.

A Preferred Stock certificate shall not be valid until an authorized signatory of the Transfer Agent manually signs the certificate of authentication on the Preferred Stock certificate. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Preferred Stock certificate has been authenticated under this Certificate of Designation.

The Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver certificates for up to 3,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock for original issue upon a written order of the Company signed by two Officers or by an Officer and an Assistant Treasurer of the Company. Such order shall specify the number of shares of Preferred Stock to be authenticated and the date on which the original issue of Preferred Stock is to be authenticated.

The Transfer Agent may appoint an authenticating agent reasonably acceptable to the Company to authenticate the certificates for Preferred Stock. Unless limited by the terms of such appointment, an authenticating agent may authenticate certificates for Preferred Stock whenever the Transfer Agent may do so. Each reference in this Certificate of Designation to authentication by the Transfer Agent includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as the Transfer Agent or agent for service of notices and demands.

(c) Transfer and Exchange. (i) Transfer and Exchange of Certificated Preferred Stock. When Certificated Preferred Stock is presented to the Transfer Agent with a request to register the transfer of such Certificated Preferred Stock or to exchange such Certificated Preferred Stock for an equal number of shares of Certificated Preferred Stock, the Transfer Agent shall register the transfer or make the exchange as requested if its reasonable requirements for such transaction are met; provided, however, that the Certificated Preferred Stock surrendered for transfer or exchange:

(1) shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Transfer Agent, duly executed by the Holder thereof or its attorney duly authorized in writing; and

(2) is being transferred or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to clause (I) or (II) below, and is accompanied by the following additional information and documents, as applicable:

(I) if such Certificated Preferred Stock is being delivered to the Transfer Agent by a Holder for registration in the name of such Holder, without transfer, a certification from such Holder to that effect in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto; or

(II) if such Certificated Preferred Stock is being transferred to the Company or to a “qualified institutional buyer” (“QIB”) in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption from registration in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, (i) a certification to that effect (in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto) and (ii) if the Company so requests, an Opinion of Counsel or other evidence reasonably satisfactory to it as to the compliance with the restrictions set forth in the legend set forth in paragraph 11 (c) (vii).

(ii) Restrictions on Transfer of Certificated Preferred Stock for a Beneficial Interest in Global Preferred Stock. Certificated Preferred Stock may not be exchanged for a beneficial interest in Global Preferred Stock except upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth below. Upon receipt by the Transfer Agent of Certificated Preferred Stock, duly endorsed or accompanied by appropriate instruments of transfer, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Transfer Agent, together with written instructions directing the Transfer Agent to make, or to direct DTC to make, an adjustment on its books and records with respect to such Global Preferred Stock to reflect an increase in the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Global Preferred Stock, then the Transfer Agent shall cancel such Certificated Preferred Stock and cause, or direct DTC to cause, in accordance with the standing instructions and procedures existing between DTC and the Transfer Agent, the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Global Preferred Stock to be increased accordingly. If no Global Preferred Stock is then outstanding, the Company shall issue and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate, upon written order of the Company in the form of an Officers' Certificate, a new Global Preferred Stock representing the appropriate number of shares.

(iii) Transfer and Exchange of Global Preferred Stock. The transfer and exchange of Global Preferred Stock or beneficial interests therein shall be effected through DTC, in accordance with this Certificate of Designation (including applicable restrictions on transfer set forth herein, if any) and the procedures of DTC therefor.

(iv) Transfer of a Beneficial Interest in Global Preferred Stock for a Certificated Preferred Stock.

(1) Any Person having a beneficial interest in Preferred Stock that is being transferred or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption from registration in accordance with Rule 144 may upon request, but only with the consent of the Company, and if accompanied by a certification from such Person to that effect (in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto), exchange such beneficial interest for Certificated Preferred Stock representing the same number of shares of Preferred Stock. Upon receipt by the Transfer Agent of written instructions or such other form of instructions as is customary for DTC from DTC or its nominee on behalf of any Person having a beneficial interest in Global Preferred Stock and upon receipt by the Transfer Agent of a written order or such other form of instructions as is customary for DTC or the Person designated by DTC as having such a beneficial interest in a Transfer Restricted Security only, then, the Transfer Agent or DTC, at the direction of the Transfer Agent, will cause, in accordance with the standing instructions and procedures existing between DTC and the Transfer Agent, the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by Global Preferred Stock to be reduced on its books and records and, following such reduction, the Company will execute and the Transfer Agent will authenticate and deliver to the transferee Certificated Preferred Stock.

(2) Certificated Preferred Stock issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Global Preferred Stock pursuant to this paragraph 11 (c) (iv) shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as DTC, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Transfer Agent. The Transfer Agent shall deliver such Certificated Preferred Stock to the Persons in whose names such Preferred Stock are so registered in accordance with the instructions of DTC.

(v) Restrictions on Transfer and Exchange of Global Preferred Stock.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Certificate of Designation (other than the provisions set forth in paragraph 11 (c) (vi)), Global Preferred Stock may not be transferred as a whole except by DTC to a nominee of DTC or by a nominee of DTC to DTC or another nominee of DTC or by DTC or any such nominee to a successor depository or a nominee of such successor depository.

(2) In the event that the Global Preferred Stock is exchanged for Preferred Stock in definitive registered form pursuant to paragraph 11 (c)(vi) prior to the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such securities, such Preferred Stock may be exchanged only in accordance with such procedures as are substantially consistent with the provisions of this paragraph 11 (c) (including the certification requirements set forth in the Exhibits to this Certificate of Designation intended to ensure that such transfers comply with Rule 144A or such other applicable exemption from registration under the Securities Act, as the case may be) and such other procedures as may from time to time be adopted by the Company.

(vi) Authentication of Certificated Preferred Stock. If at any time:

(1) DTC notifies the Company that DTC is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the Global Preferred Stock and a successor depository for the Global Preferred Stock is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after delivery of such notice;

(2) DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act;

(3) there shall have occurred and be continuing a Voting Rights Triggering Event; or

(4) the Company, in its sole discretion, notifies the Transfer Agent in writing that it elects to cause the issuance of Certificated Preferred Stock under this Certificate of Designation,

then the Company will execute, and the Transfer Agent, upon receipt of a written order of the Company signed by two Officers or by an Officer and an Assistant Treasurer of the Company requesting the authentication and delivery of Certificated Preferred Stock to the Persons designated by the Company, will authenticate and deliver Certificated Preferred Stock equal to the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Global Preferred Stock, in exchange for such Global Preferred Stock.

(vii) Legend. (1) Except as permitted by the following paragraph (2) and in paragraph 11 (a) (iii), each certificate evidencing the Global Preferred Stock, the Certificated Preferred Stock and Certificated Common Stock shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

“THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) (AND THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE “SECURITIES ACT”) AND THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY (OR THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY (AND OF THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) SUCH SECURITY (AND THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) MAY BE OFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, ONLY (1) TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE), (3) TO THE COMPANY OR (4) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH OF CASES (1) THROUGH (4) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND (B) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY FROM IT OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE.”/1/

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/1/ Subject to removal upon registration under the Securities Act of 1933 or otherwise when the security shall no longer be a Transfer Restricted Security.

(2) Upon any sale or transfer of a Transfer Restricted Security (including any Transfer Restricted Security represented by Global Preferred Stock) pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act or an effective registration statement under the Securities Act:

(I) in the case of any Transfer Restricted Security that is a Certificated Preferred Stock, the Transfer Agent shall permit the Holder thereof to exchange such Transfer Restricted Security for Certificated Preferred Stock that does not bear the legend set forth above and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Transfer Restricted Security; and

(II) in the case of any Transfer Restricted Security that is represented by a Global Preferred Stock, with the consent of the Company, the Transfer Agent shall permit the Holder thereof to exchange such Transfer Restricted Security for Certificated Preferred Stock that does not bear the legend set forth above and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Transfer Restricted Security, if the Holder's request for such exchange was made in reliance on Rule 144 and the Holder certifies to that effect in writing to the Transfer Agent (such certification to be in the form set forth in Exhibit C hereto).

(viii) Cancellation or Adjustment of Global Preferred Stock. At such time as all beneficial interests in Global Preferred Stock have either been exchanged for Certificated Preferred Stock, converted or canceled, such Global Preferred Stock shall be returned to DTC for cancellation or retained and canceled by the Transfer Agent. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in Global Preferred Stock is exchanged for Certificated Preferred Stock, converted or canceled, the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by such Global Preferred Stock shall be reduced and an adjustment shall be made on the books and records of the Transfer Agent with respect to such Global Preferred Stock, by the Transfer Agent or DTC, to reflect such reduction.

(ix) Obligations with Respect to Transfers and Exchanges of Preferred Stock. (1) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Company shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate Certificated Preferred Stock and Global Preferred Stock as required pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 11 (c).

(2) All Certificated Preferred Stock and Global Preferred Stock issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Certificated Preferred Stock or Global Preferred Stock shall be the valid obligations of the Company, entitled to the same benefits under this Certificate of Designation as the Certificated Preferred Stock or Global Preferred Stock surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(3) Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of any shares of Preferred Stock, the Transfer Agent and the Company may deem and treat the Person in whose name such shares of Preferred Stock are registered as the absolute owner of such Preferred Stock and neither the Transfer Agent nor the Company shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(4) No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any registration of transfer or exchange upon surrender of any Preferred Stock certificate or Common Stock certificate at the office of the Transfer Agent maintained for that purpose. However, the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Preferred Stock certificates or Common Stock certificates.

(5) Upon any sale or transfer of shares of Preferred Stock (including any Preferred Stock represented by a Global Preferred Stock Certificate) or of Certificated Common Stock pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act or pursuant to an Opinion of Counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Company that no legend is required:

(A) in the case of any Certificated Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock, the Company and the Transfer Agent shall permit the holder thereof to exchange such Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock for Certificated Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock, as the case may be, that does not bear the legend set forth in paragraph (c)(vii) above and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Preferred Stock or Common Stock issuable in respect of the conversion of the Preferred Stock; and

(B) in the case of any Global Preferred Stock, such Preferred Stock shall not be required to bear the legend set forth in paragraph (c)(vii) above but shall continue to be subject to the provisions of paragraph (c)(iv) hereof; provided, however, that with respect to any request for an exchange of Preferred Stock that is represented by Global Preferred Stock for Certificated Preferred Stock that does not bear the legend set forth in paragraph (c)(vii) above in connection with a sale or transfer thereof pursuant to Rule 144 (and based upon an Opinion of Counsel if the Company so requests), the Holder thereof shall certify in writing to the Transfer Agent that such request is being made pursuant to Rule 144 (such certification to be substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto).

(x) No Obligation of the Transfer Agent.

(1) The Transfer Agent shall have no responsibility or obligation to any beneficial owner of Global Preferred Stock, a member of, or a participant in DTC or any other Person with respect to the accuracy of the records of DTC or its nominee or of any participant or member thereof, with respect to any ownership interest in the Preferred Stock or with respect to the delivery to any participant, member, beneficial owner or other Person (other than DTC) of any notice or the payment of any amount, under or with respect to such Global Preferred Stock. All notices and communications to be given to the Holders and all payments to be made to Holders under the Preferred Stock shall be given or made only to the Holders (which shall be DTC or its nominee in the case of the Global Preferred Stock). The rights of beneficial owners in any Global Preferred Stock shall be exercised only through DTC subject to the applicable rules and procedures of DTC. The Transfer Agent may rely and shall be fully protected in relying upon information furnished by DTC with respect to its members, participants and any beneficial owners.

(2) The Transfer Agent shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Certificate of Designation or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Preferred Stock (including any transfers between or among DTC participants, members or beneficial owners in any Global Preferred Stock) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by, the terms of this Certificate of Designation, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

(d) Replacement Certificates. If a mutilated Preferred Stock certificate is surrendered to the Transfer Agent or if the Holder of a Preferred Stock certificate claims that the Preferred Stock certificate has been lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken, the Company shall issue and the Transfer Agent shall countersign a replacement Preferred Stock certificate if the reasonable requirements of the Transfer Agent and of Section 8-405 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York are met. If required by the Transfer Agent or the Company, such Holder shall furnish an indemnity bond sufficient in the judgment of the Company and the Transfer Agent to protect the Company and the Transfer Agent from any loss which either of them may suffer if a Preferred Stock certificate is replaced. The Company and the Transfer Agent may charge the Holder for their expenses in replacing a Preferred Stock certificate.

(e) Temporary Certificates. Until definitive Preferred Stock certificates are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Transfer Agent shall countersign temporary Preferred Stock certificates. Temporary Preferred Stock certificates shall be substantially in the form of definitive Preferred Stock certificates but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Preferred Stock certificates. Without unreasonable delay, the Company shall prepare and the Transfer Agent shall countersign definitive Preferred Stock certificates and deliver them in exchange for temporary Preferred Stock certificates.

(f) Cancellation. (i) In the event the Company shall purchase or otherwise acquire Certificated Preferred Stock, the same shall thereupon be delivered to the Transfer Agent for cancellation.

(ii) At such time as all beneficial interests in Global Preferred Stock have either been exchanged for Certificated Preferred Stock, converted, repurchased or canceled, such Global Preferred Stock shall thereupon be delivered to the Transfer Agent for cancellation.

(iii) The Transfer Agent and no one else shall cancel and destroy all Preferred Stock certificates surrendered for transfer, exchange, replacement or cancellation and deliver a certificate of such destruction to the Company unless the Company directs the Transfer Agent to deliver canceled Preferred Stock certificates to the Company. The Company may not issue new Preferred Stock certificates to replace Preferred Stock certificates to the extent they evidence Preferred Stock which the Company has purchased or otherwise acquired.

12. Additional Rights of Holders. In addition to the rights provided to Holders under this Certificate of Designation, Holders shall have the rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

### 13. Other Provisions.

(1) With respect to any notice to a holder of shares of Preferred Stock required to be provided hereunder, neither failure to mail such notice, nor any defect therein or in the mailing thereof, to any particular holder shall affect the sufficiency of the notice or the validity of the proceedings referred to in such notice with respect to the other holders or affect the legality or validity of any distribution, rights, warrant, reclassification, consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer, dissolution, liquidation or winding-up, or the vote upon any such action. Any notice which was mailed in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given whether or not the holder receives the notice.

(2) Shares of Preferred Stock issued and reacquired will be retired and canceled promptly after reacquisition thereof and, upon compliance with the applicable

requirements of Oklahoma law, have the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock of the Company undesignated as to series and may with any and all other authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock of the Company be designated or redesignated and issued or reissued, as the case may be, as part of any series of preferred stock of the Corporation, except that any issuance or reissuance of shares of Preferred Stock must be in compliance with this Certificate of Designation.

(3) The shares of Preferred Stock shall be issuable only in whole shares.

(4) All notice periods referred to herein shall commence on the date of the mailing of the applicable notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this certificate to be signed and attested this 13th day of November, 2001.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

FORM OF PREFERRED STOCK  
FACE OF SECURITY

[THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) (AND THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE "SECURITIES ACT") AND THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY (OR THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY (AND OF THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) SUCH SECURITY (AND THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) MAY BE OFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, ONLY (1) TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE), (3) TO THE COMPANY OR (4) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH OF CASES (1) THROUGH (4) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND (B) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY FROM IT OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE.]/2/

/2/ Subject to removal upon registration under the Securities Act of 1933 or otherwise when the security shall no longer be a Transfer Restricted Security.

[UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OF PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO., OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC) ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO. HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.]/3/

[TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REFERRED TO BELOW.]/3/

IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER, THE HOLDER WILL DELIVER TO THE TRANSFER AGENT SUCH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SUCH TRANSFER AGENT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS.

Certificate Number

Number of Shares of  
Convertible Preferred Stock

[ ]

[ ]

CUSIP NO.: 165167404

6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (par value \$0.01) (liquidation  
preference \$50 per share of Convertible Preferred Stock)

of

Chesapeake Energy Corporation

\_\_\_\_\_  
/3/ Subject to removal if not a global security.

Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), hereby certifies that [ ] (the "Holder") is the registered owner of [ ] fully paid and non-assessable preferred securities of the Company designated the 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (par value \$0.01) (liquidation preference \$50 per share of Preferred Stock) (the "Preferred Stock"). The shares of Preferred Stock are transferable on the books and records of the Transfer Agent, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer. The designations, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Preferred Stock represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Designation dated November 13, 2001, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Certificate of Designation"). Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given them in the Certificate of Designation. The Company will provide a copy of the Certificate of Designation to a Holder without charge upon written request to the Company at its principal place of business.

Reference is hereby made to select provisions of the Preferred Stock set forth on the reverse hereof, and to the Certificate of Designation, which select provisions and the Certificate of Designation shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Holder is bound by the Certificate of Designation and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

Unless the Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication hereon has been properly executed, these shares of Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Certificate of Designation or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has executed this certificate this [ ] day of [ ], [ ].

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

TRANSFER AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

These are shares of the Preferred Stock referred to in the within-mentioned Certificate of Designation.

Dated: November 13, 2001

UMB BANK, N.A., as Transfer Agent,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signatory

REVERSE OF SECURITY

Cash dividends on each share of Preferred Stock shall be payable at a rate per annum set forth in the face hereof or as provided in the Certificate of Designation.

The shares of Preferred Stock shall be convertible into the Company's Common Stock in the manner and according to the terms set forth in the Certificate of Designation.

The Company will furnish without charge to each holder who so requests the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers the shares of Preferred Stock evidenced hereby

to: \_\_\_\_\_

(Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints:

agent to transfer the shares of Preferred Stock evidenced hereby on the books of the Transfer Agent. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Preferred Stock Certificate)

Signature Guarantee:/4/ \_\_\_\_\_

/4/ (Signature must be guaranteed by an “eligible guarantor institution” that is a bank, stockbroker, savings and loan association or credit union meeting the requirements of the Transfer Agent, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program (“STAMP”) or such other “signature guarantee program” as may be determined by the Transfer Agent in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.)

NOTICE OF CONVERSION

(To be Executed by the Holder  
in order to Convert the Preferred Stock)

The undersigned hereby irrevocably elects to convert (the "Conversion") shares of 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock"), represented by stock certificate No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Preferred Stock Certificates") into shares of common stock ("Common Stock") of Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company") according to the conditions of the Certificate of Designation of the Preferred Stock (the "Certificate of Designation"), as of the date written below. If shares are to be issued in the name of a person other than the undersigned, the undersigned will pay all transfer taxes payable with respect thereto and is delivering herewith the Preferred Stock Certificates. No fee will be charged to the holder for any conversion, except for transfer taxes, if any. A copy of each Preferred Stock Certificate is attached hereto (or evidence of loss, theft or destruction thereof).

The undersigned represents and warrants that all offers and sales by the undersigned of the shares of Common Stock issuable to the undersigned upon conversion of the Preferred Stock shall be made pursuant to registration of the Common Stock under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act"), or pursuant to any exemption from registration under the Act.

Any holder, upon the exercise of its conversion rights in accordance with the terms of the Certificate of Designation and the Preferred Stock, agrees to be bound by the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement.

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in or pursuant to the Certificate of Designation.

Date of Conversion: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicable Conversion Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of shares of  
Preferred Stock to be Converted: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of shares of  
Common Stock to be Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* The Company is not required to issue shares of Common Stock until the original Preferred Stock Certificate(s) (or evidence of loss, theft or destruction thereof) to be converted are received by the Company or its Transfer Agent. The Company shall issue and deliver shares of Common Stock to an overnight courier not later than three business days following receipt of the original Preferred Stock Certificate(s) to be converted.

\*\* Address where shares of Common Stock and any other payments or certificates shall be sent by the Company.

CERTIFICATE TO BE DELIVERED UPON EXCHANGE OR  
REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER OF PREFERRED STOCK

Re: 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock") of Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company")

This Certificate relates to \_\_\_\_ shares of Preferred Stock held in  \*/ book-entry or  \*/ definitive form by \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Transferor").

The Transferor\*:

has requested the Transfer Agent by written order to deliver in exchange for its beneficial interest in the Preferred Stock held by the depository shares of Preferred Stock in definitive, registered form equal to its beneficial interest in such Preferred Stock (or the portion thereof indicated above); or

has requested the Transfer Agent by written order to exchange or register the transfer of Preferred Stock.

In connection with such request and in respect of such Preferred Stock, the Transferor does hereby certify that the Transferor is familiar with the Certificate of Designation relating to the above-captioned Preferred Stock and that the transfer of this Preferred Stock does not require registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") because \*/:

Such Preferred Stock is being acquired for the Transferor's own account without transfer.

Such Preferred Stock is being transferred to the Company.

Such Preferred Stock is being transferred to a qualified institutional buyer (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act), in reliance on Rule 144A.

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\*/ Please check applicable box.

Such Preferred Stock is being transferred in reliance on and in compliance with another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (and based on an Opinion of Counsel if the Company so requests).

[INSERT NAME OF TRANSFEROR]

by

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE OF ELIMINATION

Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Corporation"), a corporation organized and existing under the Oklahoma General Corporation Act,

DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: That the Corporation has acquired 2,000 shares of its 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Acquired Shares") through conversion by the holder.

SECOND: That the Board of Directors of the Corporation has adopted resolutions retiring the Acquired Shares.

THIRD: That the Certificate of Designation for the 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Certificate of Designation") prohibits the reissuance of shares when so retired and, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1078 of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act, upon the date of the filing of this Certificate of Elimination, the Certificate of Designation shall be amended so as to reduce the number of authorized shares of the 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock by 2,000 shares, being the total number of the Acquired Shares retired by the Board of Directors. Accordingly, the number of authorized but undesignated shares of preferred stock of the Company shall be increased by 2,000 shares. The retired Acquired Shares have a par value of \$.01 per share and an aggregate par value of \$20.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Certificate to be executed by its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and attested to by its Secretary, this 1st day of November, 2002.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Marcus C. Rowland

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Marcus C. Rowland, Executive Vice  
President and Chief Financial Officer

ATTEST:

/s/ Jennifer M. Grigsby, Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF ELIMINATION**

Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Corporation"), a corporation organized and existing under the Oklahoma General Corporation Act,

**DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:**

**FIRST:** That the Corporation has acquired 200 shares of its 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Acquired Shares") through conversion by the holder.

**SECOND:** That the Board of Directors of the Corporation has adopted resolutions retiring the Acquired Shares.

**THIRD:** That the Certificate of Designation for the 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Certificate of Designation") prohibits the reissuance of shares when so retired and, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1078 of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act, upon the date of the filing of this Certificate of Elimination, the Certificate of Designation shall be amended so as to reduce the number of authorized shares of the 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock by 200 shares, being the total number of the Acquired Shares retired by the Board of Directors. Accordingly, the number of authorized but undesignated shares of preferred stock of the Company shall be increased by 200 shares. The retired Acquired Shares have a par value of \$.01 per share and an aggregate par value of \$20.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Corporation has caused this Certificate to be executed by its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and attested to by its Secretary, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004.

**CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marcus C. Rowland, Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

**ATTEST:**

Jennifer M. Grigsby, Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF ELIMINATION**

Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Corporation"), a corporation organized and existing under the Oklahoma General Corporation Act,

**DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:**

**FIRST:** That the Corporation has acquired 283,600 shares of its 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Acquired Shares") through conversion by the holder.

**SECOND:** That the Board of Directors of the Corporation has adopted resolutions retiring the Acquired Shares.

**THIRD:** That the Certificate of Designation for the 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Certificate of Designation") prohibits the reissuance of shares when so retired and, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1078 of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act, upon the date of the filing of this Certificate of Elimination, the Certificate of Designation shall be amended so as to reduce the number of authorized shares of the 6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock by 283,600 shares, being the total number of the Acquired Shares retired by the Board of Directors. Accordingly, the number of authorized but undesignated shares of preferred stock of the Company shall be increased by 283,600 shares. The retired Acquired Shares have a par value of \$.01 per share and an aggregate par value of \$2,836.00.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Corporation has caused this Certificate to be executed by its Treasurer and Senior Vice President - Human Resources and attested to by its Secretary, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2004.

**CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

By: /s/ MARTHA A BURGER

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Martha A. Burger  
Treasurer and  
Senior Vice President – Human Resources

**ATTEST:**

/s/ JENNIFER M. GRIGSBY

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Jennifer M. Grigsby, Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
OF  
6.00% CUMULATIVE CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK  
OF  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

Pursuant to Section 1032(G) of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), does hereby certify that the following resolution was duly adopted by action of the Board of Directors of the Company, with the provisions thereof fixing the number of shares of the series and the dividend rate being set by action of the Board of Directors of the Company:

RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority expressly granted to and vested in the Board of Directors of the Company by the provisions of Article IV, Section 1 of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended from time to time (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), and pursuant to Section 1032(G) of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act, the Board of Directors hereby creates a series of preferred stock of the Company and hereby states that the voting powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of which, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof (in addition to the provisions set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation which are applicable to the preferred stock of all classes and series), shall be as follows:

1. Designation and Amount; Ranking. (a) There shall be created from the 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company authorized to be issued pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation, a series of preferred stock, designated as the "6.00% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock," par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock"), and the number of shares of such series shall be 4,600,000. Such number of shares may be decreased by resolution of the Board of Directors; provided that no decrease shall reduce the number of shares of Preferred Stock to a number less than that of the shares of Preferred Stock then outstanding plus the number of shares issuable upon exercise of options or rights then outstanding.

(b) The Preferred Stock will, with respect to both dividend rights and rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company, rank on a parity with the 6.75% Preferred Stock, and the Preferred Stock will, with respect to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company rank (i) senior to all Junior Stock, (ii) on a parity with all other Parity Stock and (iii) junior to all Senior Stock.

2. Definitions. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Accrued Dividends" shall mean, with respect to any share of Preferred Stock, as of any date, the accrued and unpaid dividends on such share from and including the most recent Dividend Payment Date (or the Issue Date, if such date is prior to the first Dividend Payment Date) to but not including such date.

(2) "Accumulated Dividends" shall mean, with respect to any share of Preferred Stock, as of any date, the aggregate accumulated and unpaid dividends on such share from the Issue Date until the most recent Dividend Payment Date on or prior to such date. There shall be no Accumulated Dividends with respect to any share of Preferred Stock prior to the first Dividend Payment Date.

(3) "Affiliate" shall have the meaning ascribed to it, on the date hereof, under Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(4) "Board of Directors" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company or, with respect to any action to be taken by the Board of Directors, any committee of the Board of Directors duly authorized to take such action.

(5) "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in The City of New York are authorized or required by law or executive order to close.

(6) "Change of Control" shall mean any of the following events: (i) the sale, lease or transfer, in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the Company's assets (determined on a consolidated basis) to any Person or group (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than to Permitted Holders; (ii) the adoption of a plan the consummation of which would result in the liquidation or dissolution of the Company; (iii) the acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any Person or group (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than Permitted Holders, of beneficial ownership (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of more than 50% of the aggregate voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company; provided, however, that the Permitted Holders beneficially own (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly

or indirectly, in the aggregate a lesser percentage of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company than such other Person or group and do not have the right or ability by voting power, contract or otherwise to elect or designate for election a majority of the Board of Directors (for the purposes of this definition, such other Person or group shall be deemed to beneficially own any Voting Stock of a specified corporation held by a parent corporation, if such other Person or group is the beneficial owner (as defined above), directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the voting power of the Voting Stock of such parent corporation and the Permitted Holders beneficially own (as defined in this proviso), directly or indirectly, in the aggregate a lesser percentage of the voting power of the Voting Stock of such parent corporation and do not have the right or ability by voting power, contract or otherwise to elect or designate for election a majority of the Board of Directors of such parent corporation); or (iv) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period comprised the Board of Directors of the Company (together with any new directors whose election by such Board of Directors or whose nomination for election by the shareholders of the Company was approved by a vote of 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the directors of the Company then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board of Directors of the Company then in office. For purposes of this definition of "Change of Control," the term "Permitted Holders" means Aubrey K. McClendon and Tom L. Ward and their respective Affiliates.

(7) "Change of Control Date" shall mean the date on which the Change of Control event occurs.

(8) "Conversion Price" shall mean \$10.287, subject to adjustment as set forth in Section 7(c).

(9) "Common Stock" shall mean the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company, or any other class of stock resulting from successive changes or reclassifications of such common stock consisting solely of changes in par value, or from par value to no par value, or as a result of a subdivision, combination, or merger, consolidation or similar transaction in which the Company is a constituent corporation.

(10) "DTC" or "Depository" means The Depository Trust Company.

(11) "Dividend Payment Date" shall mean March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing June 15, 2003.

(12) "Dividend Record Date" shall mean March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each year.

- (13) "Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (14) "Holder" or "holder" shall mean a holder of record of the Preferred Stock.
- (15) "Issue Date" shall mean March 5, 2003, the original date of issuance of the Preferred Stock.
- (16) "Junior Stock" shall mean all classes of common stock of the Company and the Series A Junior Participating Convertible Preferred Stock and each other class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after the Issue Date, by the Board of Directors, the terms of which do not expressly provide that such class or series ranks senior to or on parity with the Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company.
- (17) "Liquidation Preference" shall mean, with respect to each share of Preferred Stock, \$50.
- (18) "Market Value" shall mean the average closing price of the Common Stock for a five consecutive trading day period on the NYSE (or such other national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is then listed or authorized for quotation or, if the Common Stock is not so listed or authorized for quotation, an amount determined in good faith by the Board of Directors to be the fair value of the Common Stock).
- (19) "NYSE" shall mean the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
- (20) "Officer" means the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Company.
- (21) "Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by two Officers.
- (22) "Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion from legal counsel who is acceptable to the Transfer Agent. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company or the Transfer Agent.
- (23) "Parity Stock" shall mean the 6.75% Preferred Stock and any class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after the Issue Date by the Board of Directors, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series will rank on parity with the Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company.

(24) "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, limited liability company, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

(25) "Purchase Agreement" shall mean that certain Purchase Agreement with respect to the Preferred Stock, dated February 27, 2003, among the Company, Credit Suisse First Boston LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Salomon Smith Barney Inc. and the other initial purchasers named therein.

(26) "Registration Rights Agreement" means the Registration Rights Agreement dated March 5, 2003, among the Company, Credit Suisse First Boston LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Salomon Smith Barney Inc. and the other initial purchasers named in the Purchase Agreement, with respect to the Preferred Stock.

(27) "SEC" or "Commission" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(28) "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(29) "Senior Stock" shall mean each class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after the Issue Date by the Board of Directors, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series will rank senior to the Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company.

(30) "Shelf Registration Statement" shall mean a shelf registration statement filed with the SEC to cover resales of Transfer Restricted Securities by holders thereof, as required by the Registration Rights Agreement.

(31) "6.75% Preferred Stock" shall mean the series of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company designated as the "6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock."

(32) "Transfer Agent" shall mean UMB Bank, N.A., the Company's duly appointed transfer agent, registrar and conversion and dividend disbursing agent for the Preferred Stock. The Company may, in its sole discretion, remove the Transfer Agent with 10 days' prior notice to the Transfer Agent; provided, that the Company shall appoint a successor Transfer Agent who shall accept such appointment prior to the effectiveness or such removal.

(33) "Transfer Restricted Securities" shall mean each share of Preferred Stock (or the shares of Common Stock into which such share of Preferred Stock is convertible) until (i) the date on which such security or its predecessor has been effectively registered under the Securities Act and disposed of in accordance with the Shelf Registration Statement or (ii) the date on which such security or predecessor is distributed to the public pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act or is saleable pursuant to Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act.

(34) "Voting Rights Triggering Event" shall mean the failure of the Company to pay dividends on the Preferred Stock with respect to six or more quarterly periods (whether or not consecutive).

(35) "Voting Stock" shall mean, with respect to any Person, securities of any class or classes of Capital Stock in such Person entitling the holders thereof (whether at all times or only so long as no senior class of stock has voting power by reason of contingency) to vote in the election of members of the Board of Directors or other governing body of such Person. For purposes of this definition, "Capital Stock" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock or partnership interests and any and all warrants, options and rights with respect thereto (whether or not currently exercisable), including each class of common stock and preferred stock of such Person.

### 3. Dividends.

(1) The holders of shares of the outstanding Preferred Stock shall be entitled, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors out of funds of the Company legally available therefor, to receive cumulative cash dividends at the rate per annum of 6.00% per share on the Liquidation Preference (equivalent to \$3.00 per annum per share), payable quarterly in arrears (the "Dividend Rate"). The Dividend Rate may be increased in the circumstances described in Section 3(b) below. Dividends payable for each full dividend period will be computed by dividing the Dividend Rate by four and shall be payable in arrears on each Dividend Payment Date (commencing June 15, 2003) for the quarterly period ending immediately prior to such Dividend Payment Date, to the holders of record of Preferred Stock at the close of business on the Dividend Record Date applicable to such Dividend Payment Date. Such dividends shall be cumulative from the most recent date as to which dividends shall have been paid or, if no dividends have been paid, from the Issue Date (whether or not in any dividend period or periods there shall be funds of the Company legally available for the payment of such dividends) and shall accrue on a day-to-day basis, whether or not earned or declared, from and after the Issue Date. Dividends payable for any partial dividend period shall be computed on the basis of days elapsed over a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Accumulations of dividends on shares of Preferred Stock shall not bear interest.

(2) If (i) by May 5, 2003, the Shelf Registration Statement has not been filed with the Commission, (ii) by September 1, 2003, the Shelf Registration Statement has not been declared effective by the Commission or (iii) after the Shelf Registration Statement has been declared effective, (A) the Shelf Registration Statement thereafter ceases to be effective or (B) the Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus ceases to be usable (in each case, subject to the exceptions described below) in connection with resales of Transfer Restricted Securities during the period that any Transfer Restricted Securities remain outstanding (each such event referred to in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), a "Registration Default"), additional dividends shall accrue on the Preferred Stock at the rate of .50% per annum (resulting in a Dividend Rate of 6.50% per annum during the continuance of a Registration Default), from and including the date on which any such Registration Default shall occur to but excluding the date on which all Registration Defaults have been cured. At all other times, dividends shall accumulate on the Preferred Stock at the Dividend Rate as described in Section 3(a).

A Registration Default referred to in clause (iii) of Section 3(b) shall be deemed not to have occurred and be continuing in relation to the Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus if (i) such Registration Default has occurred solely as a result of (x) the filing of a post-effective amendment to the Shelf Registration Statement to incorporate annual audited financial information with respect to the Company where such post-effective amendment is not yet effective and needs to be declared effective to permit Holders to use the related prospectus or (y) other material events, with respect to the Company that would need to be described in the Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus and (ii) in the case of clause (y), the Company is proceeding promptly and in good faith to amend or supplement such Shelf Registration Statement and related prospectus to describe such events; provided, however, that in any case if such Registration Default referred to in clause (iii) of Section 3(b) occurs for a continuous period in excess of 30 days, additional dividends as described in Section 3(b) shall be payable in accordance therewith from the day such Registration Default occurs until such Registration Default is cured.

(3) No dividend will be declared or paid upon, or any sum set apart for the payment of dividends upon, any outstanding share of the Preferred Stock with respect to any dividend period unless all dividends for all preceding dividend periods have been declared and paid or declared and a sufficient sum set apart for the payment of such dividend, upon all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock.

(4) No dividends or other distributions (other than a dividend or distribution payable solely in shares of Parity Stock or Junior Stock (in the case of Parity Stock) or Junior Stock (in the case of Junior Stock) and other than cash paid in lieu of fractional shares) may be declared, made or paid, or set apart for payment upon, any Parity Stock or Junior Stock, nor may any Parity Stock or Junior Stock be redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired for any consideration (or any money paid to or made

available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any Parity Stock or Junior Stock) by or on behalf of the Company (except by conversion into or exchange for shares of Parity Stock or Junior Stock (in the case of Parity Stock) or Junior Stock (in the case of Junior Stock)), unless full Accumulated Dividends shall have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid, or are declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set apart for such payment, on the Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock for all dividend payment periods terminating on or prior to the date of such declaration, payment, redemption, purchase or acquisition. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if full dividends have not been paid on the Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock, dividends may be declared and paid on the Preferred Stock and such Parity Stock so long as the dividends are declared and paid pro rata so that the amounts of dividends declared per share on the Preferred Stock and such Parity Stock will in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accumulated and unpaid dividends per share on the shares of Preferred Stock and such other Parity Stock bear to each other.

(5) Holders of shares of Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any dividends on the Preferred Stock, whether payable in cash, property or stock, in excess of full cumulative dividends. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Preferred Stock which may be in arrears.

(6) The holders of shares of Preferred Stock at the close of business on a Dividend Record Date will be entitled to receive the dividend payment on those shares on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date notwithstanding the subsequent conversion thereof or the Company's default in payment of the dividend due on that Dividend Payment Date. However, shares of Preferred Stock surrendered for conversion during the period between the close of business on any Dividend Record Date and the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the applicable Dividend Payment Date must be accompanied by payment of an amount equal to the dividend payable on the shares on that Dividend Payment Date. A holder of shares of Preferred Stock on a Dividend Record Date who (or whose transferee) tenders any shares for conversion on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date will receive the dividend payable by the Company on the Preferred Stock on that date, and the converting holder need not include payment in the amount of such dividend upon surrender of shares of Preferred Stock for conversion. Except as provided above with respect to a voluntary conversion pursuant to Section 7, the Company shall make no payment or allowance for unpaid dividends, whether or not in arrears, on converted shares or for dividends on the shares of Common Stock issued upon conversion.

#### 4. Change of Control.

(1) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Preferred Stock shall, in the event that the Market Value for the period ending on the Change of Control Date is less than the Conversion Price, have a one-time option (the "Change of Control Option") to convert all of such holder's outstanding shares of Preferred Stock into fully paid and nonassessable shares of Common Stock at an adjusted Conversion Price equal to the greater of (i) the Market Value for the period ending on the Change of Control Date and (ii) \$5.47. The Change of Control Option must be exercised, if at all, during the period of not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days commencing on the third Business Day after notice of a Change in Control has been given by the Company in accordance with Section 4(b). In lieu of issuing the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion in the event of a Change of Control, the Company may, at its option, make a cash payment equal to the Market Value for each share of such Common Stock otherwise issuable determined for the period ending on the Change of Control Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control in which (i) each holder of Common Stock receives consideration consisting solely of common stock of the successor, acquiror or other third party (and cash paid in lieu of fractional shares) that is listed on a national securities exchange or quoted on the NASDAQ National Market and (ii) all the Common Stock has been exchanged for, converted into or acquired for common stock of the successor, acquiror or other third party (and cash in lieu of fractional shares), and the Preferred Stock becomes convertible solely into such common stock, the Conversion Price will not be adjusted as described in this Section 4(a).

(2) In the event of a Change of Control (other than a Change of Control described in the last sentence of Section 4(a)), notice of such Change of Control shall be given, within five Business Days of the Change of Control Date, by the Company by first-class mail to each record holder of shares of Preferred Stock, at such holder's address as the same appears on the books of the Company. Each such notice shall state (i) that a Change of Control has occurred; (ii) the last day on which the Change of Control Option may be exercised (the "Expiration Date") pursuant to the terms hereof; (iii) the name and address of the Transfer Agent; and (iv) the procedures that holders must follow to exercise the Change of Control Option.

(3) On or before the Expiration Date, each holder of shares of Preferred Stock wishing to exercise the Change of Control Option shall surrender the certificate or certificates representing the shares of Preferred Stock to be converted, in the manner and at the place designated in the notice described in Section 4(b), and on such date the cash or shares of Common Stock due to such holder shall be delivered to the Person whose name appears on such certificate or certificates as the owner thereof and the shares represented by each surrendered certificate shall be returned to authorized but unissued shares. Upon surrender (in accordance with the notice described in Section 4(b)) of the certificate or certificates representing any shares to be so converted (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Company shall so require and the notice shall so state), such shares shall be converted by the Company at the adjusted Conversion Price, if applicable, as described in Section 4(a).

(4) The rights of holders of Preferred Stock pursuant to this Section 4 are in addition to, and not in lieu of, the rights of holders of Preferred Stock provided for in Section 7 hereof.

5. Voting.

(1) The shares of Preferred Stock shall have no voting rights except as set forth below or as otherwise required by Oklahoma law from time to time:

(i) If and whenever at any time or times a Voting Rights Triggering Event occurs, then the holders of shares of Preferred Stock, voting as a single class with any other preferred stock or preference securities having similar voting rights that are exercisable (the "Voting Rights Class"), will be entitled at the next regular or special meeting of stockholders of the Company to elect two additional directors of the Company, unless the Board of Directors is comprised of fewer than six directors at such time, in which case the Voting Rights Class shall be entitled to elect one additional director. Upon the election of any such additional directors, the number of directors that comprise the Board of Directors shall be increased by such number of additional directors.

(ii) Such voting rights may be exercised at a special meeting of the holders of the shares of the Voting Rights Class, called as hereinafter provided, or at any annual meeting of stockholders held for the purpose of electing directors, and thereafter at each such annual meeting until such time as all dividends in arrears on the shares of Preferred Stock shall have been paid in full, at which time or times such voting rights and the term of the directors elected pursuant to Section 5(a)(i) shall terminate.

(iii) At any time when such voting rights shall have vested in holders of shares of the Voting Rights Class, an Officer of the Company may call, and, upon written request of the record holders of shares representing at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting power of the shares then outstanding of the Voting Rights Class, addressed to the Secretary of the Company, shall call a special meeting of the holders of shares of the Voting Rights Class. Such meeting shall be held at the earliest practicable date upon the notice required for annual meetings of stockholders at the place for holding annual meetings of stockholders of the Company, or, if none, at a place designated by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 5(a)(iii), no such special meeting shall be called during a period within the 60 days immediately preceding the date fixed for the next annual meeting of stockholders in which such case, the election of directors pursuant to Section 5(a)(i) shall be held at such annual meeting of stockholders.

(iv) At any meeting held for the purpose of electing directors at which the holders of the Voting Rights Class shall have the right to elect directors as provided herein, the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of shares representing more than fifty percent (50%) in voting power of the then outstanding shares of the Voting Rights Class shall be required and shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum of such class for the election of directors by such class. The affirmative vote of the holders of shares of Preferred Stock constituting a majority of the shares of Preferred Stock present at such meeting, in person or by proxy, shall be sufficient to elect any such director.

(v) Any director elected pursuant to the voting rights created under this Section 5(a) shall hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders (unless such term has previously terminated pursuant to Section 5 (a)(ii)) and any vacancy in respect of any such director shall be filled only by vote of the remaining director so elected by holders of the Voting Rights Class, or if there be no such remaining director, by the holders of shares of the Voting Rights Class at a special meeting called in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 5, or, if no such special meeting is called, at the next annual meeting of stockholders. Upon any termination of such voting rights, the term of office of all directors elected pursuant to this Section 5 shall terminate.

(vi) So long as any shares of Preferred Stock remain outstanding, unless a greater percentage shall then be required by law, the Company shall not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least 66 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the outstanding Preferred Stock voting or consenting, as the case may be, separately as one class, (i) create, authorize or issue any class or series of Senior Stock (or any security convertible into Senior Stock) or (ii) amend the Certificate of Incorporation so as to affect adversely the specified rights, preferences, privileges or voting rights of holders of shares of Preferred Stock.

(vii) In exercising the voting rights set forth in this Section 5(a), each share of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to one vote.

(2) The Company may authorize, increase the authorized amount of, or issue any class or series of Parity Stock or Junior Stock, without the consent of the holders of Preferred Stock, and in taking such actions the Company shall not be deemed to have affected adversely the rights, preferences, privileges or voting rights of holders of shares of Preferred Stock.

## 6. Liquidation Rights.

(1) In the event of any liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, each holder of shares of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive and to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution to its stockholders the Liquidation Preference plus Accumulated Dividends and Accrued Dividends thereon in preference to the holders of, and before any payment or distribution is made on, any Junior Stock, including, without limitation, on any Common Stock.

(2) Neither the sale, conveyance, exchange or transfer (for cash, shares of stock, securities or other consideration) of all or substantially all the assets or business of the Company (other than in connection with the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of its business) nor the merger or consolidation of the Company into or with any other Person shall be deemed to be a liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, voluntary or involuntary, for the purposes of this Section 6.

(3) After the payment to the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock of full preferential amounts provided for in this Section 6, the holders of Preferred Stock as such shall have no right or claim to any of the remaining assets of the Company.

(4) In the event the assets of the Company available for distribution to the holders of shares of Preferred Stock upon any liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, shall be insufficient to pay in full all amounts to which such holders are entitled pursuant to Section 6(a), no such distribution shall be made on account of any shares of Parity Stock upon such liquidation, dissolution or winding-up unless proportionate distributable amounts shall be paid on account of the shares of Preferred Stock, ratably, in proportion to the full distributable amounts for which holders of all Preferred Stock and of any Parity Stock are entitled upon such liquidation, winding-up or dissolution.

## 7. Conversion.

(a) Each holder of Preferred Stock shall have the right, at its option, exercisable at any time and from time to time from the Issue Date to convert, subject to the terms and provisions of this Section 7, any or all of such holder's shares of Preferred Stock. In such case, the shares of Preferred Stock shall be converted into such whole number of fully paid and nonassessable shares of Common Stock as is equal, subject to Section 7(g), to the product of the number of shares of Preferred Stock being so converted multiplied by the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Preference divided by (ii) the Conversion Price (as defined below) then in effect. The Conversion Price initially shall be \$10.287, subject to adjustment as set forth in Section 7(c).

The conversion right of a holder of Preferred Stock shall be exercised by the holder by the surrender to the Company of the certificates representing shares to be converted at any time during usual business hours at its principal place of business or the offices of its duly appointed Transfer Agent to be maintained by it, accompanied by written notice to the Company in the form of Exhibit B that the holder elects to convert all or a portion of the shares of Preferred Stock represented by such certificate and specifying the name or names (with address) in which a certificate or certificates for shares of Common Stock are to be issued and (if so required by the Company or its duly appointed Transfer Agent) by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company or its duly appointed Transfer Agent duly executed by the holder or its duly authorized legal representative and transfer tax stamps or funds therefor, if required pursuant to Section 7(i). Immediately prior to the close of business on the date of receipt by the Company or its duly appointed Transfer Agent of notice of conversion of shares of Preferred Stock, each converting holder of Preferred Stock shall be deemed to be the holder of record of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of such holder's Preferred Stock notwithstanding that the share register of the Company shall then be closed or that certificates representing such Common Stock shall not then be actually delivered to such holder. On the date of any conversion, all rights with respect to the shares of Preferred Stock so converted, including the rights, if any, to receive notices, will terminate, except only the rights of holders thereof to (i) receive certificates for the number of whole shares of Common Stock into which such shares of Preferred Stock have been converted and cash, in lieu of any fractional shares as provided in Section 7(f); and (ii) exercise the rights to which they are entitled as holders of Common Stock.

(b) If the last day for the exercise of the conversion right shall not be a Business Day, then such conversion right may be exercised on the next preceding Business Day.

(c) The Conversion Price shall be subject to adjustment as follows:

(i) In case the Company shall at any time or from time to time (A) pay a dividend (or other distribution) payable in shares of Common Stock on any class of capital stock (which, for purposes of this Section 7(c) shall include, without limitation, any dividends or distributions in the form of options, warrants or other rights to acquire capital stock) of the Company (other than the issuance of shares of Common Stock in connection with the conversion of preferred stock); (B) subdivide the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a larger number of shares; (C) combine the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares; (D) issue any shares of its capital stock in a reclassification of the Common Stock; or (E) pay a dividend or make a distribution to all holders of shares of Common Stock (other than a dividend or distribution subject to Section 7(c)(ii)) pursuant to a stockholder rights plan, "poison pill" or similar arrangement and excluding dividends payable on the Preferred Stock then, and in each such case, the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to such event shall be adjusted (and any other appropriate actions shall be taken by the Company) so that the holder of any share of Preferred Stock thereafter surrendered for conversion shall be entitled to receive the number of shares of Common Stock that such holder would have owned or would have been entitled to receive upon or by reason of any of the events described above, had such share of Preferred Stock been converted into shares of Common Stock immediately prior to the occurrence of such event. An adjustment made pursuant to this Section 7(c)(i) shall become effective retroactively (x) in the case of any such dividend or distribution, to the day immediately following the close of business on the record date for the determination of holders of Common Stock entitled to receive such dividend or distribution or (y) in the case of any such subdivision, combination or reclassification, to the close of business on the day upon which such corporate action becomes effective.

(ii) In case the Company shall at any time or from time to time issue to all holders of its Common Stock rights, options or warrants entitling the holders thereof to subscribe for or purchase shares of Common Stock (or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock) at a price per share less than the Market Value for the period ending on the date of issuance (treating the price per share of any security convertible, or exchangeable or exercisable into Common Stock as equal to (A) the sum of the price paid to acquire such security convertible, exchangeable or exercisable into Common Stock plus any additional consideration payable (without regard to any anti-dilution adjustments) upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of such security into Common Stock divided by (B) the number of shares of Common Stock into which such convertible, exchangeable or exercisable security is initially convertible, exchangeable or exercisable), other than (I) issuances of such rights, options or warrants if the holder of Preferred Stock would be entitled to receive such rights, options or warrants upon conversion at any time of shares of Preferred Stock into Common Stock and (II) issuances that are subject to certain triggering events (until such time as such triggering events occur), then, and in each such case, the Conversion Price then in effect shall be adjusted by dividing the Conversion Price in effect on the day immediately prior to the record date

of such issuance by a fraction (y) the numerator of which shall be the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on such record date plus the number of additional shares of Common Stock issued or to be issued upon or as a result of the issuance of such rights, options or warrants (or the maximum number into or for which such convertible or exchangeable securities initially may convert or exchange or for which such options, warrants or other rights initially may be exercised) and (z) the denominator of which shall be the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on such record date plus the number of shares of Common Stock which the aggregate consideration for the total number of such additional shares of Common Stock so issued (or into or for which such convertible or exchangeable securities may convert or exchange or for which such options, warrants or other rights may be exercised plus the aggregate amount of any additional consideration initially payable upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of such security) would purchase at the Market Value for the period ending on the date of conversion; provided, that if the Company distributes rights or warrants (other than those referred to above in this subparagraph (c)(ii)) pro rata to the holders of Common Stock, so long as such rights or warrants have not expired or been redeemed by the Company, (y) the holder of any Preferred Stock surrendered for conversion shall be entitled to receive upon such conversion, in addition to the shares of Common Stock then issuable upon such conversion (the "Conversion Shares"), a number of rights or warrants to be determined as follows: (i) if such conversion occurs on or prior to the date for the distribution to the holders of rights or warrants of separate certificates evidencing such rights or warrants (the "Distribution Date"), the same number of rights or warrants to which a holder of a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of Conversion Shares is entitled at the time of such conversion in accordance with the terms and provisions applicable to the rights or warrants and (ii) if such conversion occurs after the Distribution Date, the same number of rights or warrants to which a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock into which such Preferred Stock was convertible immediately prior to such Distribution Date would have been entitled on such Distribution Date had such Preferred Stock been converted immediately prior to such Distribution Date in accordance with the terms and provisions applicable to the rights and warrants, and (z) the Conversion Price shall not be subject to adjustment on account of any declaration, distribution or exercise of such rights or warrants.

(iii) In case the Company shall at any time or from time to time (A) make a pro rata distribution to all holders of shares of its Common Stock consisting exclusively of cash (excluding any cash portion of distributions referred to in clause (E) of paragraph (c)(i) above, or cash distributed upon a merger or consolidation to which paragraph (g) below applies), that, when combined together with (x) all other such all-cash distributions made within the then-preceding 12 months in respect of which no adjustment has been made and (y) any cash and the fair market value of other consideration paid or payable in respect of any tender offer by the Company or any of its subsidiaries for shares of Common Stock concluded within the then-preceding 12 months in respect of which no

adjustment pursuant to this Section 7(c) has been made, in the aggregate exceeds 15% of the Company's market capitalization (defined as the product of the Market Value for the period ending on the record date of such distribution times the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on such record date) on the record date of such distribution; (B) complete a tender or exchange offer by the Company or any of its subsidiaries for shares of Common Stock that involves an aggregate consideration that, together with (I) any cash and other consideration payable in a tender or exchange offer by the Company or any of its subsidiaries for shares of Common Stock expiring within the then-preceding 12 months in respect of which no adjustment pursuant to this Section 7(c) has been made and (II) the aggregate amount of any such all-cash distributions referred to in clause (A) above to all holders of shares of Common Stock within the then-preceding 12 months in respect of which no adjustments have been made, exceeds 15% of the Company's market capitalization on the expiration of such tender offer; or (C) make a distribution to all holders of its Common Stock consisting of evidences of indebtedness, shares of its capital stock other than Common Stock or assets (including securities, but excluding those dividends, rights, options, warrants and distributions referred to in paragraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii) above or this (c)(iii)), then, and in each such case, the Conversion Price then in effect shall be adjusted by dividing the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the date of such distribution or completion of such tender or exchange offer, as the case may be, by a fraction (x) the numerator of which shall be the Market Value for the period ending on the record date referred to below, or, if such adjustment is made upon the completion of a tender or exchange offer, on the payment date for such offer, and (y) the denominator of which shall be such Market Value less the then fair market value (as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company) of the portion of the cash, evidences of indebtedness, securities or other assets so distributed or paid in such tender or exchange offer, applicable to one share of Common Stock (but such denominator shall not be less than one); provided, however, that no adjustment shall be made with respect to any distribution of rights to purchase securities of the Company if the holder of shares of Preferred Stock would otherwise be entitled to receive such rights upon conversion at any time of shares of Preferred Stock into shares of Common Stock unless such rights are subsequently redeemed by the Company, in which case such redemption shall be treated for purposes of this Section 7(c)(iii) as a dividend on the Common Stock. Such adjustment shall be made whenever any such distribution is made or tender or exchange offer is completed, as the case may be, and shall become effective retroactively to a date immediately following the close of business on the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive such distribution.

(iv) In the case the Company at any time or from time to time shall take any action affecting its Common Stock (it being understood that the issuance or sale of shares of Common Stock (or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock, or any options, warrants or other rights to acquire shares of Common Stock) to any Person at a price per share less than the Conversion Price then in effect shall not be deemed such an action), other than an action described in any of Section 7(c)(i) through

Section 7(c)(iii), inclusive, or Section 7(g), then the Conversion Price shall be adjusted in such manner and at such time as the Board of Directors of the Company in good faith determines to be equitable in the circumstances (such determination to be evidenced in a resolution, a certified copy of which shall be mailed to the holders of the Preferred Stock).

(v) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no adjustment under this Section 7(c) need be made to the Conversion Price unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least 1% of the Conversion Price then in effect. Any lesser adjustment shall be carried forward and shall be made at the time of and together with the next subsequent adjustment, if any, which, together with any adjustment or adjustments so carried forward, shall amount to an increase or decrease of at least 1% of such Conversion Price.

(vi) The Company reserves the right to make such reductions in the Conversion Price in addition to those required in the foregoing provisions as it considers advisable in order that any event treated for Federal income tax purposes as a dividend of stock or stock rights will not be taxable to the recipients. In the event the Company elects to make such a reduction in the Conversion Price, the Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder if and to the extent that such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the reduction of the Conversion Price.

(d) If the Company shall take a record of the holders of its Common Stock for the purpose of entitling them to receive a dividend or other distribution, and shall thereafter (and before the dividend or distribution has been paid or delivered to stockholders) legally abandon its plan to pay or deliver such dividend or distribution, then thereafter no adjustment in the Conversion Price then in effect shall be required by reason of the taking of such record.

(e) Upon any increase or decrease in the Conversion Price, then, and in each such case, the Company promptly shall deliver to each holder of Preferred Stock a certificate signed by an authorized officer of the Company, setting forth in reasonable detail the event requiring the adjustment and the method by which such adjustment was calculated and specifying the increased or decreased Conversion Price then in effect following such adjustment.

(f) No fractional shares or securities representing fractional shares of Common Stock shall be issued upon the conversion of any shares of Preferred Stock, whether voluntary or mandatory. If more than one share of Preferred Stock shall be surrendered for conversion at one time by the same holder, the number of full shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion thereof shall be computed on the basis of the aggregate Liquidation Preference of the shares of Preferred Stock so surrendered. If the

conversion of any share or shares of Preferred Stock results in a fraction, an amount equal to such fraction multiplied by the last reported sale price of the Common Stock on the NYSE (or on such other national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is then listed for trading or authorized for quotation or, if the Common Stock is not then so listed or authorized for quotation, an amount determined in good faith by the Board of Directors to be the fair value of the Common Stock) at the close of business on the trading day next preceding the day of conversion shall be paid to such holder in cash by the Company.

(g) In the event of any reclassification of outstanding shares of Common Stock (other than a change in par value, or from par value to no par value, or from no par value to par value), or in the event of any consolidation or merger of the Company with or into another Person or any merger of another Person with or into the Company (other than a consolidation or merger in which the Company is the resulting or surviving Person and which does not result in any reclassification or change of outstanding Common Stock), or in the event of any sale or other disposition to another Person of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (computed on a consolidated basis) (any of the foregoing, a "Transaction"), each share of Preferred Stock then outstanding shall, without the consent of any holder of Preferred Stock, become convertible at any time, at the option of the holder thereof, only into the kind and amount of securities (of the Company or another issuer), cash and other property receivable upon such Transaction by a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock into which such share of Preferred Stock could have been converted immediately prior to such Transaction, after giving effect to any adjustment event. The provisions of this Section 7(g) and any equivalent thereof in any such securities similarly shall apply to successive Transactions. The provisions of this Section 7(g) shall be the sole right of holders of Preferred Stock in connection with any Transaction and such holders shall have no separate vote thereon.

(h) The Company shall at all times reserve and keep available for issuance upon the conversion of the Preferred Stock such number of its authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock as will from time to time be sufficient to permit the conversion of all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, and shall take all action required to increase the authorized number of shares of Common Stock if at any time there shall be insufficient unissued shares of Common Stock to permit such reservation or to permit the conversion of all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock.

(i) The issuance or delivery of certificates for Common Stock upon the conversion of shares of Preferred Stock shall be made without charge to the converting holder of shares of Preferred Stock for such certificates or for any tax in respect of the issuance or delivery of such certificates or the securities represented thereby, and such certificates shall be issued or delivered in the respective names of, or in such names as may be directed by, the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock converted; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to pay any tax which may be payable in

respect of any transfer involved in the issuance and delivery of any such certificate in a name other than that of the holder of the shares of Preferred Stock converted, and the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver such certificate unless or until the Person or Persons requesting the issuance or delivery thereof shall have paid to the Company the amount of such tax or shall have established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company that such tax has been paid.

#### 8. Mandatory Conversion.

(a) At any time on or after March 20, 2006, the Company shall have the right, at its option, to cause the Preferred Stock, in whole but not in part, to be automatically converted into that number of whole shares of Common Stock for each share of Preferred Stock equal to the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Preference divided by (ii) the Conversion Price then in effect, with any resulting fractional shares of Common Stock to be settled in accordance with Section 7(f). The Company may exercise its right to cause a mandatory conversion pursuant to this Section 8(a) only if the closing price of the Common Stock equals or exceeds 130% of the Conversion Price then in effect for at least 20 trading days in any consecutive 30-day trading period on the NYSE (or such other national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is then listed or authorized for quotation, including the last trading day of such 30-day period, ending on the trading day prior to the Company's issuance of a press release announcing the mandatory conversion as described in Section 8(b).

(b) To exercise the mandatory conversion right described in Section 8(a), the Company must issue a press release for publication on the Dow Jones News Service prior to the opening of business on the first trading day following any date on which the conditions described in Section 8(a) are met, announcing such a mandatory conversion. The Company shall also give notice by mail or by publication (with subsequent prompt notice by mail) to the holders of Preferred Stock (not more than four Business Days after the date of the press release) of the mandatory conversion announcing the Company's intention to convert the Preferred Stock. The conversion date will be a date selected by the Company (the "Mandatory Conversion Date") and will be no more than five days after the date on which the Company issues the press release described in this Section 8(b).

(c) In addition to any information required by applicable law or regulation, the press release and notice of a mandatory conversion described in Section 8(b) shall state, as appropriate: (i) the Mandatory Conversion Date; (ii) the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of each share of Preferred Stock; (iii) the number of shares of Preferred Stock to be converted; and (iv) that dividends on the Preferred Stock to be converted will cease to accrue on the Mandatory Conversion Date.

(d) On and after the Mandatory Conversion Date, dividends will cease to accrue on the Preferred Stock called for a mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a) and all rights of holders of such Preferred Stock will terminate except for the right to receive the whole shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion thereof and cash, in lieu of any fractional shares of Common Stock in accordance with Section 7(f). The dividend payment with respect to the Preferred Stock called for a mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a) on a date during the period between the close of business on any Dividend Record Date to the close of business on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date will be payable on such Dividend Payment Date to the record holder of such share on such Dividend Record Date if such share has been converted after such Dividend Record Date and prior to such Dividend Payment Date. Except as provided in the immediately preceding sentence with respect to a mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a), no payment or adjustment will be made upon conversion of Preferred Stock for Accrued Dividends or for dividends with respect to the Common Stock issued upon such conversion.

(e) The Company may not authorize, issue a press release or give notice of any mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a) unless, prior to giving the conversion notice, all Accumulated Dividends on the Preferred Stock for periods ended prior to the date of such conversion notice shall have been paid in cash.

(f) In addition to the mandatory conversion right described in Section 8(a), if there are less than 250,000 shares of Preferred Stock outstanding, the Company shall have the right, at any time on or after March 20, 2008, at its option, to cause the Preferred Stock to be automatically converted into that number of whole shares of Common Stock equal to the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Preference divided by (ii) the lesser of (A) the Conversion Price then in effect and (B) the Market Value for the period ending on the second trading day immediately prior to the Mandatory Conversion Date, with any resulting fractional shares of Common Stock to be settled in cash in accordance with Section 7(f). The provisions of clauses (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this Section 8 shall apply to any mandatory conversion pursuant to this clause (f); provided that (i) the Mandatory Conversion Date described in Section 8(b) shall not be less than 15 days nor more than 30 days after the date on which the Company issues a press release pursuant to Section 8(b) announcing such mandatory conversion and (ii) the press release and notice of mandatory conversion described in Section 8(c) will not state the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of each share of Preferred Stock.

#### 9. Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets.

(a) The Company, without the consent of the holders of any of the outstanding Preferred Stock, may consolidate with or merge into any other Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all its assets to any Person or may permit any Person to consolidate with or merge into, or transfer or lease all or substantially all its

properties to, the Company; provided, however, that (a) the successor, transferee or lessee is organized under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof; (b) the shares of Preferred Stock will become shares of such successor, transferee or lessee, having in respect of such successor, transferee or lessee the same powers, preferences and relative participating, optional or other special rights and the qualification, limitations or restrictions thereon, the Preferred Stock had immediately prior to such transaction; and (c) the Company delivers to the Transfer Agent an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that such transaction complies with this Certificate of Designation.

(b) Upon any consolidation by the Company with, or merger by the Company into, any other person or any conveyance, transfer or lease of all or substantially all the assets of the Company as described in Section 9(a), the successor resulting from such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the transferee or lessee to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made, will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under the shares of Preferred Stock, and thereafter, except in the case of a lease, the predecessor (if still in existence) will be released from its obligations and covenants with respect to the Preferred Stock.

#### 10. SEC Reports.

Whether or not the Company is required to file reports with the Commission, if any shares of Preferred Stock are outstanding, the Company shall file with the Commission all such reports and other information as it would be required to file with the Commission by Section 13(a) or 15(d) under the Exchange Act. The Company shall supply each holder of Preferred Stock, upon request, without cost to such holder, copies of such reports or other information.

#### 11. Certificates.

(a) Form and Dating. The Preferred Stock and the Transfer Agent's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A, which is hereby incorporated in and expressly made a part of this Certificate of Designation. The Preferred Stock certificate may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule, agreements to which the Company is subject, if any, or usage (provided that any such notation, legend or endorsement is in a form acceptable to the Company). Each Preferred Stock certificate shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Preferred Stock certificate set forth in Exhibit A are part of the terms of this Certificate of Designation.

(i) Global Preferred Stock. The Preferred Stock shall be issued initially in the form of one or more fully registered global certificates with the global securities legend and restricted securities legend set forth in Exhibit A hereto (the "Global Preferred

Stock”), which shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers represented thereby with the Transfer Agent, as custodian for DTC (or with such other custodian as DTC may direct), and registered in the name of DTC or a nominee of DTC, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Transfer Agent as hereinafter provided. The number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by Global Preferred Stock may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Transfer Agent and DTC or its nominee as hereinafter provided. With respect to shares of Preferred Stock that are not “restricted securities” as defined in Rule 144 on a conversion date, all shares of Common Stock distributed on such conversion date will be freely transferable without restriction under the Securities Act (other than by affiliates), and such shares will be eligible for receipt in global form through the facilities of DTC.

(ii) Book-Entry Provisions. In the event Global Preferred Stock is deposited with or on behalf of DTC, the Company shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver initially one or more Global Preferred Stock certificates that (a) shall be registered in the name of DTC as depository for such Global Preferred Stock or the nominee of DTC and (b) shall be delivered by the Transfer Agent to DTC or pursuant to DTC’s instructions or held by the Transfer Agent as custodian for DTC.

Members of, or participants in, DTC (“Agent Members”) shall have no rights under this Certificate of Designation with respect to any Global Preferred Stock held on their behalf by DTC or by the Transfer Agent as the custodian of DTC or under such Global Preferred Stock, and DTC may be treated by the Company, the Transfer Agent and any agent of the Company or the Transfer Agent as the absolute owner of such Global Preferred Stock for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, the Transfer Agent or any agent of the Company or the Transfer Agent from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by DTC or impair, as between DTC and its Agent Members, the operation of customary practices of DTC governing the exercise of the rights of a holder of a beneficial interest in any Global Preferred Stock.

(iii) Certificated Preferred Stock; Certificated Common Stock. Except as provided in this paragraph 11(a) or in paragraph 11(c), owners of beneficial interests in Global Preferred Stock will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Preferred Stock in fully registered certificated form (“Certificated Preferred Stock”). With respect to shares of Preferred Stock that are “restricted securities” as defined in Rule 144 on a conversion date, all shares of Common Stock issuable on conversion of such shares on such conversion date will be issued in fully registered certificated form (“Certificated Common Stock”). Certificates of Certificated Common Stock will be mailed or made available at the office of the Transfer Agent for the Preferred Stock on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the relevant conversion date to the converting holder.

After a transfer of any Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock during the period of the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such Preferred Stock or such Certificated Common Stock, all requirements pertaining to legends on such Preferred Stock (including Global Preferred Stock) or Certificated Common Stock will cease to apply, the requirements requiring that any such Certificated Common Stock issued to Holders be issued in certificated form, as the case may, will cease to apply, and Preferred Stock or Common Stock, as the case may be, in global or fully registered certificated form, in either case without legends, will be available to the transferee of the Holder of such Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock upon exchange of such transferring Holder's Preferred Stock or Common Stock or directions to transfer such Holder's interest in the Global Preferred Stock, as applicable.

(b) Execution and Authentication. Two Officers shall sign the Preferred Stock certificate for the Company by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Preferred Stock certificate no longer holds that office at the time the Transfer Agent authenticates the Preferred Stock certificate, the Preferred Stock certificate shall be valid nevertheless.

A Preferred Stock certificate shall not be valid until an authorized signatory of the Transfer Agent manually signs the certificate of authentication on the Preferred Stock certificate. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Preferred Stock certificate has been authenticated under this Certificate of Designation.

The Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver certificates for up to 4,600,000 shares of Preferred Stock for original issue upon a written order of the Company signed by two Officers or by an Officer and an Assistant Treasurer of the Company. Such order shall specify the number of shares of Preferred Stock to be authenticated and the date on which the original issue of Preferred Stock is to be authenticated.

The Transfer Agent may appoint an authenticating agent reasonably acceptable to the Company to authenticate the certificates for Preferred Stock. Unless limited by the terms of such appointment, an authenticating agent may authenticate certificates for Preferred Stock whenever the Transfer Agent may do so. Each reference in this Certificate of Designation to authentication by the Transfer Agent includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as the Transfer Agent or agent for service of notices and demands.

(c) Transfer and Exchange. (i) Transfer and Exchange of Certificated Preferred Stock. When Certificated Preferred Stock is presented to the Transfer Agent with a request to register the transfer of such Certificated Preferred Stock or to exchange such Certificated Preferred Stock for an equal number of shares of Certificated Preferred Stock, the Transfer Agent shall register the transfer or make the exchange as requested if its reasonable requirements for such transaction are met; provided, however, that the Certificated Preferred Stock surrendered for transfer or exchange:

(1) shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Transfer Agent, duly executed by the Holder thereof or its attorney duly authorized in writing; and

(2) is being transferred or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to clause (I) or (II) below, and is accompanied by the following additional information and documents, as applicable:

(I) if such Certificated Preferred Stock is being delivered to the Transfer Agent by a Holder for registration in the name of such Holder, without transfer, a certification from such Holder to that effect in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto; or

(II) if such Certificated Preferred Stock is being transferred to the Company or to a “qualified institutional buyer” (“QIB”) in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act or pursuant to another exemption from registration under the Securities Act, (i) a certification to that effect (in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto) and (ii) if the Company so requests, an Opinion of Counsel or other evidence reasonably satisfactory to it as to the compliance with the restrictions set forth in the legend set forth in paragraph 11 (c) (vii).

(ii) Restrictions on Transfer of Certificated Preferred Stock for a Beneficial Interest in Global Preferred Stock. Certificated Preferred Stock may not be exchanged for a beneficial interest in Global Preferred Stock except upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth below. Upon receipt by the Transfer Agent of Certificated Preferred Stock, duly endorsed or accompanied by appropriate instruments of transfer, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Transfer Agent, together with written instructions directing the Transfer Agent to make, or to direct DTC to make, an adjustment on its books and records with respect to such Global Preferred Stock to reflect an increase in the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Global Preferred Stock, then the Transfer Agent shall cancel such Certificated Preferred Stock and cause, or direct DTC to cause, in accordance with the standing instructions and procedures existing between DTC and the Transfer Agent, the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Global Preferred Stock to be increased accordingly. If no Global Preferred Stock is then outstanding, the Company shall issue and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate, upon written order of the Company in the form of an Officers' Certificate, a new Global Preferred Stock representing the appropriate number of shares.

(iii) Transfer and Exchange of Global Preferred Stock. The transfer and exchange of Global Preferred Stock or beneficial interests therein shall be effected through DTC, in accordance with this Certificate of Designation (including applicable restrictions on transfer set forth herein, if any) and the procedures of DTC therefor.

(iv) Transfer of a Beneficial Interest in Global Preferred Stock for a Certificated Preferred Stock.

(1) Any Person having a beneficial interest in Preferred Stock that is being transferred or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to another exemption from registration thereunder may upon request, but only with the consent of the Company, and if accompanied by a certification from such Person to that effect (in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto), exchange such beneficial interest for Certificated Preferred Stock representing the same number of shares of Preferred Stock. Upon receipt by the Transfer Agent of written instructions or such other form of instructions as is customary for DTC from DTC or its nominee on behalf of any Person having a beneficial interest in Global Preferred Stock and upon receipt by the Transfer Agent of a written order or such other form of instructions as is customary for DTC or the Person designated by DTC as having such a beneficial interest in a Transfer Restricted Security only, then, the Transfer Agent or DTC, at the direction of the Transfer Agent, will cause, in accordance with the standing instructions and procedures existing between DTC and the Transfer Agent, the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by Global Preferred Stock to be reduced on its books and records and, following such reduction, the Company will execute and the Transfer Agent will authenticate and deliver to the transferee Certificated Preferred Stock.

(2) Certificated Preferred Stock issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Global Preferred Stock pursuant to this paragraph 11(c)(iv) shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as DTC, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Transfer Agent. The Transfer Agent shall deliver such Certificated Preferred Stock to the Persons in whose names such Preferred Stock are so registered in accordance with the instructions of DTC.

(v) Restrictions on Transfer and Exchange of Global Preferred Stock.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Certificate of Designation (other than the provisions set forth in paragraph 11(c)(vi)), Global Preferred Stock may not be transferred as a whole except by DTC to a nominee of DTC or by a nominee of DTC to DTC or another nominee of DTC or by DTC or any such nominee to a successor depository or a nominee of such successor depository.

(2) In the event that the Global Preferred Stock is exchanged for Preferred Stock in definitive registered form pursuant to paragraph 11(c)(vi) prior to the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such securities, such Preferred Stock may be exchanged only in accordance with such procedures as are substantially consistent with the provisions of this paragraph 11(c) (including the certification requirements set forth in the Exhibits to this Certificate of Designation intended to ensure that such transfers comply with Rule 144A or such other applicable exemption from registration under the Securities Act, as the case may be) and such other procedures as may from time to time be adopted by the Company.

(vi) Authentication of Certificated Preferred Stock. If at any time:

(1) DTC notifies the Company that DTC is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the Global Preferred Stock and a successor depository for the Global Preferred Stock is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after delivery of such notice;

(2) DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and a successor depository for the Global Preferred Stock is not appointed by the Company within 90 days; or

(3) the Company, in its sole discretion, notifies the Transfer Agent in writing that it elects to cause the issuance of Certificated Preferred Stock under this Certificate of Designation,

then the Company will execute, and the Transfer Agent, upon receipt of a written order of the Company signed by two Officers or by an Officer and an Assistant Treasurer of the Company requesting the authentication and delivery of Certificated Preferred Stock to the Persons designated by the Company, will authenticate and deliver Certificated Preferred Stock equal to the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Global Preferred Stock, in exchange for such Global Preferred Stock.

(vii) Legend. (1) Except as permitted by the following paragraph (2) and in paragraph 11(a)(iii), each certificate evidencing the Global Preferred Stock, the Certificated Preferred Stock and Certificated Common Stock shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

“THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), AND THIS SECURITY (AND THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) SUCH SECURITY (AND THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) MAY BE OFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, ONLY (1) IN THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 904 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE), (4) TO THE COMPANY OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH OF CASES (1) THROUGH (5) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND (B) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY FROM IT OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE. IN ANY CASE, THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ENGAGE IN ANY HEDGING TRANSACTION WITH REGARD TO THE SECURITY EXCEPT AS PERMITTED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT.” (1)

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1 Subject to removal upon registration under the Securities Act of 1933 or otherwise when the security shall no longer be a Transfer Restricted Security.

(2) Upon any sale or transfer of a Transfer Restricted Security (including any Transfer Restricted Security represented by Global Preferred Stock) pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act or another exemption from registration under the Securities Act or an effective registration statement under the Securities Act:

(I) in the case of any Transfer Restricted Security that is a Certificated Preferred Stock, the Transfer Agent shall permit the Holder thereof to exchange such Transfer Restricted Security for Certificated Preferred Stock that does not bear the legend set forth above and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Transfer Restricted Security; and

(II) in the case of any Transfer Restricted Security that is represented by a Global Preferred Stock, with the consent of the Company, the Transfer Agent shall permit the Holder thereof to exchange such Transfer Restricted Security for Certificated Preferred Stock that does not bear the legend set forth above and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Transfer Restricted Security, if the Holder's request for such exchange was made in reliance on Rule 144 or another exemption from registration under the Securities Act and the Holder certifies to that effect in writing to the Transfer Agent (such certification to be in the form set forth in Exhibit C hereto).

(viii) Cancellation or Adjustment of Global Preferred Stock. At such time as all beneficial interests in Global Preferred Stock have either been exchanged for Certificated Preferred Stock, converted or canceled, such Global Preferred Stock shall be returned to DTC for cancellation or retained and canceled by the Transfer Agent. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in Global Preferred Stock is exchanged for Certificated Preferred Stock, converted or canceled, the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by such Global Preferred Stock shall be reduced and an adjustment shall be made on the books and records of the Transfer Agent with respect to such Global Preferred Stock, by the Transfer Agent or DTC, to reflect such reduction.

(ix) Obligations with Respect to Transfers and Exchanges of Preferred Stock. (1) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Company shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate Certificated Preferred Stock and Global Preferred Stock as required pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 11(c).

(2) All Certificated Preferred Stock and Global Preferred Stock issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Certificated Preferred Stock or Global Preferred Stock shall be the valid obligations of the Company, entitled to the same benefits under this Certificate of Designation as the Certificated Preferred Stock or Global Preferred Stock surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(3) Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of any shares of Preferred Stock, the Transfer Agent and the Company may deem and treat the Person in whose name such shares of Preferred Stock are registered as the absolute owner of such Preferred Stock and neither the Transfer Agent nor the Company shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(4) No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any registration of transfer or exchange upon surrender of any Preferred Stock certificate or Common Stock certificate at the office of the Transfer Agent maintained for that purpose. However, the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Preferred Stock certificates or Common Stock certificates.

(5) Upon any sale or transfer of shares of Preferred Stock (including any Preferred Stock represented by a Global Preferred Stock Certificate) or of Certificated Common Stock pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to Rule 144 or another exemption from registration under the Securities Act (and based upon an Opinion of Counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Company if it so requests):

- (A) in the case of any Certificated Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock, the Company and the Transfer Agent shall permit the holder thereof to exchange such Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock for Certificated Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock, as the case may be, that does not bear the legend set forth in paragraph (c)(vii) above and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Preferred Stock or Common Stock issuable in respect of the conversion of the Preferred Stock; and
- (B) in the case of any Global Preferred Stock, such Preferred Stock shall not be required to bear the legend set forth in paragraph (c)(vii) above but shall continue to be subject to the provisions of paragraph (c)(iv) hereof; provided, however, that with respect to any request for an exchange of Preferred Stock that is represented by Global Preferred Stock for Certificated Preferred Stock that does not bear the legend set forth in paragraph (c)(vii) above in connection with a sale or transfer thereof pursuant to Rule 144 or another exemption from registration under the Securities Act (and based upon an Opinion of Counsel if the

Company so requests), the Holder thereof shall certify in writing to the Transfer Agent that such request is being made pursuant to such exemption (such certification to be substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto).

(x) No Obligation of the Transfer Agent.

(1) The Transfer Agent shall have no responsibility or obligation to any beneficial owner of Global Preferred Stock, a member of, or a participant in DTC or any other Person with respect to the accuracy of the records of DTC or its nominee or of any participant or member thereof, with respect to any ownership interest in the Preferred Stock or with respect to the delivery to any participant, member, beneficial owner or other Person (other than DTC) of any notice or the payment of any amount, under or with respect to such Global Preferred Stock. All notices and communications to be given to the Holders and all payments to be made to Holders under the Preferred Stock shall be given or made only to the Holders (which shall be DTC or its nominee in the case of the Global Preferred Stock). The rights of beneficial owners in any Global Preferred Stock shall be exercised only through DTC subject to the applicable rules and procedures of DTC. The Transfer Agent may rely and shall be fully protected in relying upon information furnished by DTC with respect to its members, participants and any beneficial owners.

(2) The Transfer Agent shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Certificate of Designation or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Preferred Stock (including any transfers between or among DTC participants, members or beneficial owners in any Global Preferred Stock) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by, the terms of this Certificate of Designation, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

(d) Replacement Certificates. If a mutilated Preferred Stock certificate is surrendered to the Transfer Agent or if the Holder of a Preferred Stock certificate claims that the Preferred Stock certificate has been lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken, the Company shall issue and the Transfer Agent shall countersign a replacement Preferred Stock certificate if the reasonable requirements of the Transfer Agent and of Section 8-405 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of Oklahoma are met. If required by the Transfer Agent or the Company, such Holder shall furnish an indemnity bond sufficient in the judgment of the Company and the Transfer Agent to protect the Company and the Transfer Agent from any loss which either of them may suffer if a

Preferred Stock certificate is replaced. The Company and the Transfer Agent may charge the Holder for their expenses in replacing a Preferred Stock certificate.

(e) Temporary Certificates. Until definitive Preferred Stock certificates are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Transfer Agent shall countersign temporary Preferred Stock certificates. Temporary Preferred Stock certificates shall be substantially in the form of definitive Preferred Stock certificates but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Preferred Stock certificates. Without unreasonable delay, the Company shall prepare and the Transfer Agent shall countersign definitive Preferred Stock certificates and deliver them in exchange for temporary Preferred Stock certificates.

(f) Cancellation. (i) In the event the Company shall purchase or otherwise acquire Certificated Preferred Stock, the same shall thereupon be delivered to the Transfer Agent for cancellation.

(ii) At such time as all beneficial interests in Global Preferred Stock have either been exchanged for Certificated Preferred Stock, converted, repurchased or canceled, such Global Preferred Stock shall thereupon be delivered to the Transfer Agent for cancellation.

(iii) The Transfer Agent and no one else shall cancel and destroy all Preferred Stock certificates surrendered for transfer, exchange, replacement or cancellation and deliver a certificate of such destruction to the Company unless the Company directs the Transfer Agent to deliver canceled Preferred Stock certificates to the Company. The Company may not issue new Preferred Stock certificates to replace Preferred Stock certificates to the extent they evidence Preferred Stock which the Company has purchased or otherwise acquired.

12. Additional Rights of Holders. In addition to the rights provided to Holders under this Certificate of Designation, Holders shall have the rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

13. Other Provisions.

(1) With respect to any notice to a holder of shares of Preferred Stock required to be provided hereunder, neither failure to mail such notice, nor any defect therein or in the mailing thereof, to any particular holder shall affect the sufficiency of the notice or the validity of the proceedings referred to in such notice with respect to the other holders or affect the legality or validity of any distribution, rights, warrant, reclassification, consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer, dissolution, liquidation or winding-up, or the vote upon any such action. Any notice which was mailed in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given whether or not the holder receives the notice.

(2) Shares of Preferred Stock issued and reacquired will be retired and canceled promptly after reacquisition thereof and, upon compliance with the applicable requirements of Oklahoma law, have the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock of the Company undesignated as to series and may with any and all other authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock of the Company be designated or redesignated and issued or reissued, as the case may be, as part of any series of preferred stock of the Corporation, except that any issuance or reissuance of shares of Preferred Stock must be in compliance with this Certificate of Designation.

(3) The shares of Preferred Stock shall be issuable only in whole shares.

(4) All notice periods referred to herein shall commence on the date of the mailing of the applicable notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this certificate to be signed and attested this 28th day of February, 2003.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ TOM L. WARD

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Tom L. Ward

Attest: /s/ JENNIFER M. GRIGSBY

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Jennifer M. Grigsby

FORM OF PREFERRED STOCK  
FACE OF SECURITY

[THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND THIS SECURITY (AND THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) SUCH SECURITY (AND THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) MAY BE OFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, ONLY (1) IN THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 904 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE), (4) TO THE COMPANY OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH OF CASES (1) THROUGH (5) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND (B) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY FROM IT OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE. IN ANY CASE, THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ENGAGE IN ANY HEDGING TRANSACTION WITH REGARD TO THE SECURITY EXCEPT AS PERMITTED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT."(2)

2 Subject to removal upon registration under the Securities Act of 1933 or otherwise when the security shall no longer be a Transfer Restricted Security.

[UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OF PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO., OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC) ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO. HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.] (3)

[TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REFERRED TO BELOW.] (3)

IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER, THE HOLDER WILL DELIVER TO THE TRANSFER AGENT SUCH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SUCH TRANSFER AGENT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS.

Certificate Number

Number of Shares of  
Convertible Preferred Stock  
[ ]

[ ]

CUSIP NO. : 165167 60 2 (4)

6.00% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (par value \$0.01) (liquidation  
preference \$50 per share of Convertible Preferred Stock)

of

Chesapeake Energy Corporation

3 Subject to removal if not a global security.

4 CUSIP Number 165167 70 1, if not a Transfer Restricted Security.

Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), hereby certifies that [ ] (the "Holder") is the registered owner of [ ] fully paid and non-assessable preferred securities of the Company designated the 6.00% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (par value \$0.01) (liquidation preference \$50 per share of Preferred Stock) (the "Preferred Stock"). The shares of Preferred Stock are transferable on the books and records of the Transfer Agent, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer. The designations, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Preferred Stock represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Designation dated February 28, 2003, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Certificate of Designation"). Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given them in the Certificate of Designation. The Company will provide a copy of the Certificate of Designation to a Holder without charge upon written request to the Company at its principal place of business.

Reference is hereby made to select provisions of the Preferred Stock set forth on the reverse hereof, and to the Certificate of Designation, which select provisions and the Certificate of Designation shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Holder is bound by the Certificate of Designation and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

Unless the Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication hereon has been properly executed, these shares of Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Certificate of Designation or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has executed this certificate this \_\_ day of \_\_, 2003.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

TRANSFER AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

These are shares of the Preferred Stock referred to in the within-mentioned Certificate of Designation.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

UMB BANK, N.A., as Transfer Agent,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signatory

REVERSE OF SECURITY

Cash dividends on each share of Preferred Stock shall be payable at a rate per annum set forth in the face hereof or as provided in the Certificate of Designation.

The shares of Preferred Stock shall be convertible into the Company's Common Stock in the manner and according to the terms set forth in the Certificate of Designation.

The Company will furnish without charge to each holder who so requests the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers the shares of Preferred Stock evidenced hereby to:

(Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints:

agent to transfer the shares of Preferred Stock evidenced hereby on the books of the Transfer Agent. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Preferred Stock Certificate)

Signature Guarantee:(5) \_\_\_\_\_

5 (Signature must be guaranteed by an “eligible guarantor institution” that is a bank, stockbroker, savings and loan association or credit union meeting the requirements of the Transfer Agent, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program (“STAMP”) or such other “signature guarantee program” as may be determined by the Transfer Agent in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.)

## NOTICE OF CONVERSION

(To be Executed by the Holder  
in order to Convert the Preferred Stock)

The undersigned hereby irrevocably elects to convert (the "Conversion") shares of 6.00% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock"), represented by stock certificate No(s). (the "Preferred Stock Certificates") into shares of common stock ("Common Stock") of Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company") according to the conditions of the Certificate of Designation of the Preferred Stock (the "Certificate of Designation"), as of the date written below. If shares are to be issued in the name of a person other than the undersigned, the undersigned will pay all transfer taxes payable with respect thereto and is delivering herewith the Preferred Stock Certificates. No fee will be charged to the holder for any conversion, except for transfer taxes, if any. A copy of each Preferred Stock Certificate is attached hereto (or evidence of loss, theft or destruction thereof).

The undersigned represents and warrants that all offers and sales by the undersigned of the shares of Common Stock issuable to the undersigned upon conversion of the Preferred Stock shall be made pursuant to registration of the Common Stock under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act"), or pursuant to any exemption from registration under the Act.

Any holder, upon the exercise of its conversion rights in accordance with the terms of the Certificate of Designation and the Preferred Stock, agrees to be bound by the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement.

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in or pursuant to the Certificate of Designation.

Date of Conversion: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicable Conversion Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of shares of  
Preferred Stock to be Converted: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of shares of  
Common Stock to be Issued:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* The Company is not required to issue shares of Common Stock until the original Preferred Stock Certificate(s) (or evidence of loss, theft or destruction thereof) to be converted are received by the Company or its Transfer Agent. The Company shall issue and deliver shares of Common Stock to an overnight courier not later than three business days following receipt of the original Preferred Stock Certificate(s) to be converted.

\*\* Address where shares of Common Stock and any other payments or certificates shall be sent by the Company.

CERTIFICATE TO BE DELIVERED UPON EXCHANGE OR  
REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER OF PREFERRED STOCK

Re: 6.00% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock") of  
Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company")

This Certificate relates to \_\_\_\_ shares of Preferred Stock held in  \*/ book-entry or  \*/ definitive form by \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Transferor").

The Transferor\*:

has requested the Transfer Agent by written order to deliver in exchange for its beneficial interest in the Preferred Stock held by the Depository shares of Preferred Stock in definitive, registered form equal to its beneficial interest in such Preferred Stock (or the portion thereof indicated above); or

has requested the Transfer Agent by written order to exchange or register the transfer of Preferred Stock.

In connection with such request and in respect of such Preferred Stock, the Transferor does hereby certify that the Transferor is familiar with the Certificate of Designation relating to the above-captioned Preferred Stock and that the transfer of this Preferred Stock does not require registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") because \*/:

Such Preferred Stock is being acquired for the Transferor's own account without transfer.

Such Preferred Stock is being transferred to the Company.

Such Preferred Stock is being transferred to a qualified institutional buyer (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act), in reliance on Rule 144A.

\* /Please check applicable box.

Such Preferred Stock is being transferred in reliance on and in compliance with another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (and based on an Opinion of Counsel if the Company so requests).

[ INSERT NAME OF TRANSFEROR ]

by

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
OF  
5% CUMULATIVE CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK  
OF  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

Pursuant to Section 1032(G) of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), does hereby certify that the following resolution was duly adopted by action of the Board of Directors of the Company, with the provisions thereof fixing the number of shares of the series and the dividend rate being set by action of the Board of Directors of the Company:

RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority expressly granted to and vested in the Board of Directors of the Company by the provisions of Article IV, Section 1 of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended from time to time (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), and pursuant to Section 1032(G) of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act, the Board of Directors hereby creates a series of preferred stock of the Company and hereby states that the voting powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of which, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof (in addition to the provisions set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation which are applicable to the preferred stock of all classes and series), shall be as follows:

1. Designation and Amount; Ranking. (a) There shall be created from the 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company authorized to be issued pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation, a series of preferred stock, designated as the "5% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock," par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock"), and the number of shares of such series shall be 1,725,000. Such number of shares may be decreased by resolution of the Board of Directors; provided that no decrease shall reduce the number of shares of Preferred Stock to a number less than that of the shares of Preferred Stock then outstanding plus the number of shares issuable upon exercise of options or rights then outstanding.

(b) The Preferred Stock will, with respect to both dividend rights and rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company, rank on a parity with the 6.75% Preferred Stock and the 6.00% Preferred Stock, and the Preferred Stock will, with respect to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company rank (i) senior to all Junior Stock, (ii) on a parity with all other Parity Stock and (iii) junior to all Senior Stock.

2. Definitions. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Accrued Dividends" shall mean, with respect to any share of Preferred Stock, as of any date, the accrued and unpaid dividends on such share from and including the most recent Dividend Payment Date (or the Issue Date, if such date is prior to the first Dividend Payment Date) to but not including such date.

(b) “Accumulated Dividends” shall mean, with respect to any share of Preferred Stock, as of any date, the aggregate accumulated and unpaid dividends on such share from the Issue Date until the most recent Dividend Payment Date on or prior to such date. There shall be no Accumulated Dividends with respect to any share of Preferred Stock prior to the first Dividend Payment Date.

(c) “Affiliate” shall have the meaning ascribed to it, on the date hereof, under Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(d) “Board of Directors” shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company or, with respect to any action to be taken by the Board of Directors, any committee of the Board of Directors duly authorized to take such action.

(e) “Business Day” shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in The City of New York are authorized or required by law or executive order to close.

(f) “Change of Control” shall mean any of the following events: (i) the sale, lease or transfer, in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets (determined on a consolidated basis) to any Person or group (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than to Permitted Holders; (ii) the adoption of a plan the consummation of which would result in the liquidation or dissolution of the Company; (iii) the acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any Person or group (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than Permitted Holders, of beneficial ownership (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of more than 50% of the aggregate voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company; provided, however, that the Permitted Holders beneficially own (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, in the aggregate a lesser percentage of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company than such other Person or group and do not have the right or ability by voting power, contract or otherwise to elect or designate for election a majority of the Board of Directors (for the purposes of this definition, such other Person or group shall be deemed to beneficially own any Voting Stock of a specified corporation held by a parent corporation, if such other Person or group is the beneficial owner (as defined above), directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the voting power of the Voting Stock of such parent corporation and the Permitted Holders beneficially own (as defined in this proviso), directly or indirectly, in the aggregate a lesser percentage of the voting power of the Voting Stock of such parent corporation and do not have the right or ability by voting power, contract or otherwise to elect or designate for election a majority of the Board of Directors of such parent corporation); or (iv) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period comprised the Board of Directors of the Company (together with any new directors whose election by such Board of Directors or whose nomination for election by the shareholders of the Company was approved by a vote of 66 2/3% of the directors of the Company then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board of Directors of the Company then in office. For purposes of this definition of “Change of Control,” the term “Permitted Holders” means Aubrey K. McClendon and Tom L. Ward and their respective Affiliates.

(g) "Change of Control Date" shall mean the date on which the Change of Control event occurs.

(h) "Conversion Price" shall mean \$16.4037, subject to adjustment as set forth in Section 7(c).

(i) "Common Stock" shall mean the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company, or any other class of stock resulting from successive changes or reclassifications of such common stock consisting solely of changes in par value, or from par value to no par value, or as a result of a subdivision, combination, or merger, consolidation or similar transaction in which the Company is a constituent corporation.

(j) "DTC" or "Depository" shall mean The Depository Trust Company.

(k) "Dividend Payment Date" shall mean February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year, commencing February 15, 2004.

(l) "Dividend Record Date" shall mean February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each year.

(m) "Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(n) "Holder" or "holder" shall mean a holder of record of the Preferred Stock.

(o) "Issue Date" shall mean November 18, 2003, the original date of issuance of the Preferred Stock.

(p) "Junior Stock" shall mean all classes of common stock of the Company and the Series A Junior Participating Convertible Preferred Stock and each other class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after the Issue Date, by the Board of Directors, the terms of which do not expressly provide that such class or series ranks senior to or on parity with the Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company.

(q) "Liquidation Preference" shall mean, with respect to each share of Preferred Stock, \$100.00.

(r) "Market Value" shall mean the average closing price of the Common Stock for a five consecutive trading day period on the NYSE (or such other national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is then listed or authorized for quotation or, if the Common Stock is not so listed or authorized for quotation, an amount determined in good faith by the Board of Directors to be the fair value of the Common Stock).

(s) "NYSE" shall mean the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

(t) “Officer” shall mean the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Company.

(u) “Officers’ Certificate” shall mean a certificate signed by two Officers.

(v) “Opinion of Counsel” shall mean a written opinion from legal counsel who is acceptable to the Transfer Agent. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company or the Transfer Agent.

(w) “Parity Stock” shall mean the 6.00% Preferred Stock, the 6.75% Preferred Stock and any class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after the Issue Date by the Board of Directors, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series will rank on parity with the Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company.

(x) “Person” shall mean any individual, corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, limited liability company, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

(y) “SEC” or “Commission” shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(z) “Securities Act” shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(aa) “Senior Stock” shall mean each class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after the Issue Date by the Board of Directors, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series will rank senior to the Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company.

(bb) “Shelf Registration Statement” shall mean a shelf registration statement filed with the SEC to cover resales of any Transfer Restricted Securities by holders thereof.

(cc) “6.00% Preferred Stock” shall mean the series of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company designated as the “6.00% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock.”

(dd) “6.75% Preferred Stock” shall mean the series of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company designated as the “6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock.”

(ee) “Transfer Agent” shall mean UMB Bank, N.A., the Company’s duly appointed transfer agent, registrar and conversion and dividend disbursing agent for the Preferred Stock. The Company may, in its sole discretion, remove the Transfer Agent with 10 days’ prior notice to the Transfer Agent; provided, that the Company shall appoint a successor Transfer Agent who shall accept such appointment prior to the effectiveness of such removal.

(ff) "Transfer Restricted Securities" shall mean each share of Preferred Stock (or the shares of Common Stock into which such share of Preferred Stock is convertible) until (i) the date on which such security or its predecessor has been effectively registered under the Securities Act and disposed of in accordance therewith or (ii) the date on which such security or predecessor is distributed to the public pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act or is saleable pursuant to Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act.

(gg) "Underwriting Agreement" shall mean that certain Underwriting Agreement with respect to the Preferred Stock, dated November 12, 2003, among the Company and Lehman Brothers Inc., Banc of America Securities LLC and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein.

(hh) "Voting Rights Triggering Event" shall mean the failure of the Company to pay dividends on the Preferred Stock with respect to six or more quarterly periods (whether or not consecutive).

(ii) "Voting Stock" shall mean, with respect to any Person, securities of any class or classes of Capital Stock in such Person entitling the holders thereof (whether at all times or only so long as no senior class of stock has voting power by reason of contingency) to vote in the election of members of the Board of Directors or other governing body of such Person. For purposes of this definition, "Capital Stock" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock or partnership interests and any and all warrants, options and rights with respect thereto (whether or not currently exercisable), including each class of common stock and preferred stock of such Person.

### 3. Dividends.

(a) The holders of shares of the outstanding Preferred Stock shall be entitled, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors out of funds of the Company legally available therefor, to receive cumulative cash dividends at the rate per annum of 5.00% per share on the Liquidation Preference (equivalent to \$5.00 per annum per share), payable quarterly in arrears (the "Dividend Rate"). The Dividend Rate may be increased in the circumstances described in Section 3(b) below. Dividends payable for each full dividend period will be computed by dividing the Dividend Rate by four and shall be payable in arrears on each Dividend Payment Date (commencing May 15, 2004) for the quarterly period ending immediately prior to such Dividend Payment Date, to the holders of record of Preferred Stock at the close of business on the Dividend Record Date applicable to such Dividend Payment Date. Such dividends shall be cumulative from the most recent date as to which dividends shall have been paid or, if no dividends have been paid, from the Issue Date (whether or not in any dividend period or periods there shall be funds of the Company legally available for the payment of such dividends) and shall accrue on a day-to-day basis, whether or not earned or declared, from and after the Issue Date. Dividends payable for any partial dividend period, including the initial partial dividend period ending immediately prior to February 15, 2004, shall be computed on the basis of days elapsed over a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Accumulations of dividends on shares of Preferred Stock shall not bear interest.

(b) No dividend will be declared or paid upon, or any sum set apart for the payment of dividends upon, any outstanding share of the Preferred Stock with respect to any dividend period unless all dividends for all preceding dividend periods have been declared and paid or declared and a sufficient sum set apart for the payment of such dividend, upon all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock.

(c) No dividends or other distributions (other than a dividend or distribution payable solely in shares of Parity Stock or Junior Stock (in the case of Parity Stock) or Junior Stock (in the case of Junior Stock) and other than cash paid in lieu of fractional shares) may be declared, made or paid, or set apart for payment upon, any Parity Stock or Junior Stock, nor may any Parity Stock or Junior Stock be redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired for any consideration (or any money paid to or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any Parity Stock or Junior Stock) by or on behalf of the Company (except by conversion into or exchange for shares of Parity Stock or Junior Stock (in the case of Parity Stock) or Junior Stock (in the case of Junior Stock)), unless full Accumulated Dividends shall have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid, or are declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set apart for such payment, on the Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock for all dividend payment periods terminating on or prior to the date of such declaration, payment, redemption, purchase or acquisition. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if full dividends have not been paid on the Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock, dividends may be declared and paid on the Preferred Stock and such Parity Stock so long as the dividends are declared and paid pro rata so that the amounts of dividends declared per share on the Preferred Stock and such Parity Stock will in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accumulated and unpaid dividends per share on the shares of Preferred Stock and such other Parity Stock bear to each other.

(d) Holders of shares of Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any dividends on the Preferred Stock, whether payable in cash, property or stock, in excess of full cumulative dividends. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Preferred Stock which may be in arrears.

(e) The holders of shares of Preferred Stock at the close of business on a Dividend Record Date will be entitled to receive the dividend payment on those shares on the next following Dividend Payment Date notwithstanding the subsequent conversion thereof or the Company's default in payment of the dividend due on that Dividend Payment Date. However, shares of Preferred Stock surrendered for conversion during the period between the close of business on any Dividend Record Date and the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the applicable Dividend Payment Date must be accompanied by payment of an amount equal to the dividend payable on the shares on that Dividend Payment Date. A holder of shares of Preferred Stock on a Dividend Record Date who (or whose transferee) tenders any shares for conversion on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date will receive the dividend payable by the Company on the Preferred Stock on that date, and the converting holder need not include payment in the amount of such dividend upon surrender of shares of Preferred Stock for conversion. Except as provided above with respect to a voluntary conversion pursuant to Section 7, the Company shall make no payment or allowance for unpaid dividends, whether or not in arrears, on converted shares or for dividends on the shares of Common Stock issued upon conversion.

#### 4. Change of Control.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Preferred Stock shall, in the event that the Market Value for the period ending on the Change of Control Date is less than the Conversion Price, have a one-time option (the "Change of Control Option") to convert all of such holder's outstanding shares of Preferred Stock into fully paid and nonassessable shares of Common Stock at an adjusted Conversion Price equal to the greater of (i) the Market Value for the period ending on the Change of Control Date and (ii) \$7.9533. The Change of Control Option must be exercised, if at all, during the period of not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days commencing on the third Business Day after notice of a Change in Control has been given by the Company in accordance with Section 4(b). In lieu of issuing the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion in the event of a Change of Control, the Company may, at its option, make a cash payment equal to the Market Value for each share of such Common Stock otherwise issuable determined for the period ending on the Change of Control Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control in which (i) each holder of Common Stock receives consideration consisting solely of common stock of the successor, acquiror or other third party (and cash paid in lieu of fractional shares) that is listed on a national securities exchange or quoted on the NASDAQ National Market and (ii) all the Common Stock has been exchanged for, converted into or acquired for common stock of the successor, acquiror or other third party (and cash in lieu of fractional shares), and the Preferred Stock becomes convertible solely into such common stock, the Conversion Price will not be adjusted as described in this Section 4(a).

(b) In the event of a Change of Control (other than a Change of Control described in the last sentence of Section 4(a)), notice of such Change of Control shall be given, within five Business Days of the Change of Control Date, by the Company by first-class mail to each record holder of shares of Preferred Stock, at such holder's address as the same appears on the books of the Company. Each such notice shall state (i) that a Change of Control has occurred; (ii) the last day on which the Change of Control Option may be exercised (the "Expiration Date") pursuant to the terms hereof; (iii) the name and address of the Transfer Agent; and (iv) the procedures that holders must follow to exercise the Change of Control Option.

(c) On or before the Expiration Date, each holder of shares of Preferred Stock wishing to exercise the Change of Control Option shall surrender the certificate or certificates representing the shares of Preferred Stock to be converted, in the manner and at the place designated in the notice described in Section 4(b), and on such date the cash or shares of Common Stock due to such holder shall be delivered to the Person whose name appears on such certificate or certificates as the owner thereof and the shares represented by each surrendered certificate shall be returned to authorized but unissued shares. Upon surrender (in accordance with the notice described in Section 4(b)) of the certificate or certificates representing any shares to be so converted (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Company shall so require and the notice shall so state), such shares shall be converted by the Company at the adjusted Conversion Price, if applicable, as described in Section 4(a).

(d) The rights of holders of Preferred Stock pursuant to this Section 4 are in addition to, and not in lieu of, the rights of holders of Preferred Stock provided for in Section 7 hereof.

5. Voting.

(a) The shares of Preferred Stock shall have no voting rights except as set forth below or as otherwise required by Oklahoma law from time to time:

(i) If and whenever at any time or times a Voting Rights Triggering Event occurs, then the holders of shares of Preferred Stock, voting as a single class with any other preferred stock or preference securities having similar voting rights that are exercisable, including the 6.00% Preferred Stock and the 6.75% Preferred Stock (the "Voting Rights Class"), will be entitled at the next regular or special meeting of stockholders of the Company to elect two additional directors of the Company. Upon the election of any such additional directors, the number of directors that comprise the Board of Directors shall be increased by such number of additional directors.

(ii) Such voting rights may be exercised at a special meeting of the holders of the shares of the Voting Rights Class, called as hereinafter provided, or at any annual meeting of stockholders held for the purpose of electing directors, and thereafter at each such annual meeting until such time as all dividends in arrears on the shares of Preferred Stock shall have been paid in full, at which time or times such voting rights and the term of the directors elected pursuant to Section 5(a)(i) shall terminate.

(iii) At any time when such voting rights shall have vested in holders of shares of the Voting Rights Class, an Officer of the Company may call, and, upon written request of the record holders of shares representing at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting power of the shares then outstanding of the Voting Rights Class, addressed to the Secretary of the Company, shall call a special meeting of the holders of shares of the Voting Rights Class. Such meeting shall be held at the earliest practicable date upon the notice required for annual meetings of stockholders at the place for holding annual meetings of stockholders of the Company, or, if none, at a place designated by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 5(a)(iii), no such special meeting shall be called during a period within the 60 days immediately preceding the date fixed for the next annual meeting of stockholders in which such case, the election of directors pursuant to Section 5(a)(i) shall be held at such annual meeting of stockholders.

(iv) At any meeting held for the purpose of electing directors at which the holders of the Voting Rights Class shall have the right to elect directors as provided herein, the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of shares representing more than fifty percent (50%) in voting power of the then outstanding shares of the Voting Rights Class shall be required and shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum of such class for the election of directors by such class. The affirmative vote of the holders of shares of Preferred Stock constituting a majority of the shares of Preferred Stock present at such meeting, in person or by proxy, shall be sufficient to elect any such director.

(v) Any director elected pursuant to the voting rights created under this Section 5(a) shall hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders (unless such term has previously terminated pursuant to Section 5(a)(ii) ) and any vacancy in respect of any such director shall be filled only by vote of the remaining director so elected by holders of the Voting Rights Class, or if there be no such remaining director, by the holders of shares of the Voting Rights Class at a special meeting called in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 5, or, if no such special meeting is called, at the next annual meeting of stockholders. Upon any termination of such voting rights, the term of office of all directors elected pursuant to this Section 5 shall terminate.

(vi) So long as any shares of Preferred Stock remain outstanding, unless a greater percentage shall then be required by law, the Company shall not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding Preferred Stock voting or consenting, as the case may be, separately as one class, (i) create, authorize or issue any class or series of Senior Stock (or any security convertible into Senior Stock) or (ii) amend the Certificate of Incorporation so as to affect adversely the specified rights, preferences, privileges or voting rights of holders of shares of Preferred Stock.

(vii) In exercising the voting rights set forth in this Section 5(a), each share of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to one vote.

(b) The Company may authorize, increase the authorized amount of, or issue any class or series of Parity Stock or Junior Stock, without the consent of the holders of Preferred Stock, and in taking such actions the Company shall not be deemed to have affected adversely the rights, preferences, privileges or voting rights of holders of shares of Preferred Stock.

#### 6. Liquidation Rights.

(a) In the event of any liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, each holder of shares of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive and to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution to its stockholders the Liquidation Preference plus Accumulated Dividends and Accrued Dividends thereon in preference to the holders of, and before any payment or distribution is made on, any Junior Stock, including, without limitation, on any Common Stock.

(b) Neither the sale, conveyance, exchange or transfer (for cash, shares of stock, securities or other consideration) of all or substantially all the assets or business of the Company (other than in connection with the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of its business) nor the merger or consolidation of the Company into or with any other Person shall be deemed to be a liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, voluntary or involuntary, for the purposes of this Section 6.

(c) After the payment to the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock of full preferential amounts provided for in this Section 6, the holders of Preferred Stock as such shall have no right or claim to any of the remaining assets of the Company.

(d) In the event the assets of the Company available for distribution to the holders of shares of Preferred Stock upon any liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the

Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, shall be insufficient to pay in full all amounts to which such holders are entitled pursuant to Section 6(a), no such distribution shall be made on account of any shares of Parity Stock upon such liquidation, dissolution or winding-up unless proportionate distributable amounts shall be paid on account of the shares of Preferred Stock, ratably, in proportion to the full distributable amounts for which holders of all Preferred Stock and of any Parity Stock are entitled upon such liquidation, winding-up or dissolution.

7. Conversion.

(a) Each holder of Preferred Stock shall have the right, at its option, exercisable at any time and from time to time from the Issue Date to convert, subject to the terms and provisions of this Section 7, any or all of such holder's shares of Preferred Stock. In such case, the shares of Preferred Stock shall be converted into such whole number of fully paid and nonassessable shares of Common Stock as is equal, subject to Section 7(g), to the product of the number of shares of Preferred Stock being so converted multiplied by the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Preference divided by (ii) the Conversion Price (as defined below) then in effect. The Conversion Price initially shall be \$16.4037, subject to adjustment as set forth in Section 7(c).

The conversion right of a holder of Preferred Stock shall be exercised by the holder by the surrender to the Company of the certificates representing shares to be converted at any time during usual business hours at its principal place of business or the offices of its duly appointed Transfer Agent to be maintained by it, accompanied by written notice to the Company in the form of Exhibit B that the holder elects to convert all or a portion of the shares of Preferred Stock represented by such certificate and specifying the name or names (with address) in which a certificate or certificates for shares of Common Stock are to be issued and (if so required by the Company or its duly appointed Transfer Agent) by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company or its duly appointed Transfer Agent duly executed by the holder or its duly authorized legal representative and transfer tax stamps or funds therefor, if required pursuant to Section 7(i). Immediately prior to the close of business on the date of receipt by the Company or its duly appointed Transfer Agent of notice of conversion of shares of Preferred Stock, each converting holder of Preferred Stock shall be deemed to be the holder of record of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of such holder's Preferred Stock notwithstanding that the share register of the Company shall then be closed or that certificates representing such Common Stock shall not then be actually delivered to such holder. On the date of any conversion, all rights with respect to the shares of Preferred Stock so converted, including the rights, if any, to receive notices, will terminate, except only the rights of holders thereof to (i) receive certificates for the number of whole shares of Common Stock into which such shares of Preferred Stock have been converted and cash, in lieu of any fractional shares as provided in Section 7(f); and (ii) exercise the rights to which they are entitled as holders of Common Stock.

(b) If the last day for the exercise of the conversion right shall not be a Business Day, then such conversion right may be exercised on the next preceding Business Day.

(c) The Conversion Price shall be subject to adjustment as follows:

(i) In case the Company shall at any time or from time to time (A) pay a dividend (or other distribution) payable in shares of Common Stock on any class of capital stock (which, for purposes of this Section 7(c) shall include, without limitation, any dividends or distributions in the form of options, warrants or other rights to acquire capital stock) of the Company (other than the issuance of shares of Common Stock in connection with the conversion of preferred stock); (B) subdivide the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a larger number of shares; (C) combine the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares; (D) issue any shares of its capital stock in a reclassification of the Common Stock; or (E) pay a dividend or make a distribution to all holders of shares of Common Stock (other than a dividend or distribution subject to Section 7(c)(ii)) pursuant to a stockholder rights plan, "poison pill" or similar arrangement and excluding dividends payable on the Preferred Stock then, and in each such case, the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to such event shall be adjusted (and any other appropriate actions shall be taken by the Company) so that the holder of any share of Preferred Stock thereafter surrendered for conversion shall be entitled to receive the number of shares of Common Stock that such holder would have owned or would have been entitled to receive upon or by reason of any of the events described above, had such share of Preferred Stock been converted into shares of Common Stock immediately prior to the occurrence of such event. An adjustment made pursuant to this Section 7(c)(i) shall become effective retroactively (x) in the case of any such dividend or distribution, to the day immediately following the close of business on the record date for the determination of holders of Common Stock entitled to receive such dividend or distribution or (y) in the case of any such subdivision, combination or reclassification, to the close of business on the day upon which such corporate action becomes effective.

(ii) In case the Company shall at any time or from time to time issue to all holders of its Common Stock rights, options or warrants entitling the holders thereof to subscribe for or purchase shares of Common Stock (or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock) at a price per share less than the Market Value for the period ending on the date of issuance (treating the price per share of any security convertible or exchangeable or exercisable into Common Stock as equal to (A) the sum of the price paid to acquire such security convertible, exchangeable or exercisable into Common Stock plus any additional consideration payable (without regard to any anti-dilution adjustments) upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of such security into Common Stock divided by (B) the number of shares of Common Stock into which such convertible, exchangeable or exercisable security is initially convertible, exchangeable or exercisable), other than (i) issuances of such rights, options or warrants if the holder of Preferred Stock would be entitled to receive such rights, options or warrants upon conversion at any time of shares of Preferred Stock into Common Stock and (ii) issuances that are subject to certain triggering events (until such time as such triggering events occur), then, and in each such case, the Conversion Price then in effect shall be adjusted by dividing the Conversion Price in effect on the day immediately prior to the record date of such issuance by a fraction (y) the numerator of which shall be the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on such record date plus the number of additional shares of Common Stock issued or to be issued upon or as a result of the issuance of such rights, options or warrants (or the maximum number into or for which such convertible or exchangeable securities initially may convert or exchange or for which such options, warrants or other rights initially may be exercised) and (z) the denominator of which shall be the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on such record date plus the number of shares

of Common Stock which the aggregate consideration for the total number of such additional shares of Common Stock so issued (or into or for which such convertible or exchangeable securities may convert or exchange or for which such options, warrants or other rights may be exercised plus the aggregate amount of any additional consideration initially payable upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of such security) would purchase at the Market Value for the period ending on the date of conversion; provided, that if the Company distributes rights or warrants (other than those referred to above in this subparagraph (c)(ii)) pro rata to the holders of Common Stock, so long as such rights or warrants have not expired or been redeemed by the Company, (y) the holder of any Preferred Stock surrendered for conversion shall be entitled to receive upon such conversion, in addition to the shares of Common Stock then issuable upon such conversion (the "Conversion Shares"), a number of rights or warrants to be determined as follows: (i) if such conversion occurs on or prior to the date for the distribution to the holders of rights or warrants of separate certificates evidencing such rights or warrants (the "Distribution Date"), the same number of rights or warrants to which a holder of a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of Conversion Shares is entitled at the time of such conversion in accordance with the terms and provisions applicable to the rights or warrants and (ii) if such conversion occurs after the Distribution Date, the same number of rights or warrants to which a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock into which such Preferred Stock was convertible immediately prior to such Distribution Date would have been entitled on such Distribution Date had such Preferred Stock been converted immediately prior to such Distribution Date in accordance with the terms and provisions applicable to the rights and warrants and (z) the Conversion Price shall not be subject to adjustment on account of any declaration, distribution or exercise of such rights or warrants.

(iii) If the Company shall at any time make a distribution, by dividend or otherwise, to all holders of shares of its Common Stock consisting exclusively of cash (excluding any cash portion of distributions referred to in clause (E) of paragraph (c)(i) above and cash distributed upon a merger or consolidation to which paragraph (g) below applies) in an amount per share of Common Stock that, when combined with the per share amounts of all other all-cash distributions to all holders of shares of its Common Stock made within the 90-day period ending on the record date for the distribution giving rise to an adjustment pursuant to this Section 7(c)(iii), exceeds \$0.05 per share of Common Stock (the "Distribution Threshold Amount"), then the Conversion Price will be adjusted by multiplying:

(1) the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the close of business on the record date fixed for the determination of holders of Common Stock entitled to receive such distribution by

(2) a fraction, the numerator of which will be the Market Value on the fourth trading day on the NYSE prior to such record date minus the amount of cash per share of Common Stock so distributed in excess of the Dividend Threshold Amount for which an adjustment has not otherwise been made pursuant to this Section 7(c)(iii) and the denominator of which will be the Market Value on the fourth trading day on the NYSE prior to such record date.

Subject to Section 7(d), such adjustment shall become effective immediately after the record date for the determination of holders of Common Stock entitled to receive the distribution giving rise to an adjustment pursuant to this Section 7(c)(iii). The Dividend

Threshold Amount is subject to adjustment under the same circumstances under which the Conversion Price is subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 7(c)(i) or Section 7(c)(ii).

(iv) In the case the Company at any time or from time to time shall take any action affecting its Common Stock (it being understood that the issuance or sale of shares of Common Stock (or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock, or any options, warrants or other rights to acquire shares of Common Stock) to any Person at a price per share less than the Conversion Price then in effect shall not be deemed such an action), other than an action described in any of Section 7(c)(i) through Section 7(c)(iii), inclusive, or Section 7(g), then the Conversion Price shall be adjusted in such manner and at such time as the Board of Directors of the Company in good faith determines to be equitable in the circumstances (such determination to be evidenced in a resolution, a certified copy of which shall be mailed to the holders of the Preferred Stock).

(v) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no adjustment under this Section 7(c) need be made to the Conversion Price unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least 1% of the Conversion Price then in effect. Any lesser adjustment shall be carried forward and shall be made at the time of and together with the next subsequent adjustment, if any, which, together with any adjustment or adjustments so carried forward, shall amount to an increase or decrease of at least 1% of such Conversion Price.

(vi) The Company reserves the right to make such reductions in the Conversion Price in addition to those required in the foregoing provisions as it considers advisable in order that any event treated for Federal income tax purposes as a dividend of stock or stock rights will not be taxable to the recipients. In the event the Company elects to make such a reduction in the Conversion Price, the Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder if and to the extent that such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the reduction of the Conversion Price.

(d) If the Company shall take a record of the holders of its Common Stock for the purpose of entitling them to receive a dividend or other distribution, and shall thereafter (and before the dividend or distribution has been paid or delivered to stockholders) legally abandon its plan to pay or deliver such dividend or distribution, then thereafter no adjustment in the Conversion Price then in effect shall be required by reason of the taking of such record.

(e) Upon any increase or decrease in the Conversion Price, then, and in each such case, the Company promptly shall deliver to each holder of Preferred Stock a certificate signed by an authorized officer of the Company, setting forth in reasonable detail the event requiring the adjustment and the method by which such adjustment was calculated and specifying the increased or decreased Conversion Price then in effect following such adjustment.

(f) No fractional shares or securities representing fractional shares of Common Stock shall be issued upon the conversion of any shares of Preferred Stock, whether voluntary or mandatory. If more than one share of Preferred Stock shall be surrendered for conversion at one time by the same holder, the number of full shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion thereof shall be computed on the basis of the aggregate Liquidation Preference

of the shares of Preferred Stock so surrendered. If the conversion of any share or shares of Preferred Stock results in a fraction, an amount equal to such fraction multiplied by the last reported sale price of the Common Stock on the NYSE (or on such other national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is then listed for trading or authorized for quotation or, if the Common Stock is not then so listed or authorized for quotation, an amount determined in good faith by the Board of Directors to be the fair value of the Common Stock) at the close of business on the trading day next preceding the day of conversion shall be paid to such holder in cash by the Company.

(g) In the event of any reclassification of outstanding shares of Common Stock (other than a change in par value, or from par value to no par value, or from no par value to par value), or in the event of any consolidation or merger of the Company with or into another Person or any merger of another Person with or into the Company (other than a consolidation or merger in which the Company is the resulting or surviving Person and which does not result in any reclassification or change of outstanding Common Stock), or in the event of any sale or other disposition to another Person of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (computed on a consolidated basis) (any of the foregoing, a "Transaction"), each share of Preferred Stock then outstanding shall, without the consent of any holder of Preferred Stock, become convertible at any time, at the option of the holder thereof, only into the kind and amount of securities (of the Company or another issuer), cash and other property receivable upon such Transaction by a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock into which such share of Preferred Stock could have been converted immediately prior to such Transaction, after giving effect to any adjustment event. The provisions of this Section 7(g) and any equivalent thereof in any such securities similarly shall apply to successive Transactions. The provisions of this Section 7(g) shall be the sole right of holders of Preferred Stock in connection with any Transaction and such holders shall have no separate vote thereon.

(h) The Company shall at all times reserve and keep available for issuance upon the conversion of the Preferred Stock such number of its authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock as will from time to time be sufficient to permit the conversion of all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, and shall take all action required to increase the authorized number of shares of Common Stock if at any time there shall be insufficient unissued shares of Common Stock to permit such reservation or to permit the conversion of all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock.

(i) The issuance or delivery of certificates for Common Stock upon the conversion of shares of Preferred Stock shall be made without charge to the converting holder of shares of Preferred Stock for such certificates or for any tax in respect of the issuance or delivery of such certificates or the securities represented thereby, and such certificates shall be issued or delivered in the respective names of, or in such names as may be directed by, the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock converted; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to pay any tax which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issuance and delivery of any such certificate in a name other than that of the holder of the shares of Preferred Stock converted, and the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver such certificate unless or until the Person or Persons requesting the issuance or delivery thereof shall have paid to the Company the amount of such tax or shall have established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company that such tax has been paid.

8. Mandatory Conversion.

(a) At any time on or after November 18, 2006, the Company shall have the right, at its option, to cause the Preferred Stock, in whole but not in part, to be automatically converted into that number of whole shares of Common Stock for each share of Preferred Stock equal to the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Preference divided by (ii) the Conversion Price then in effect, with any resulting fractional shares of Common Stock to be settled in accordance with Section 7(f). The Company may exercise its right to cause a mandatory conversion pursuant to this Section 8(a) only if the closing price of the Common Stock equals or exceeds 130% of the Conversion Price then in effect for at least 20 trading days in any consecutive 30-day trading period on the NYSE (or such other national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is then listed or authorized for quotation), including the last trading day of such 30-day period, ending on the trading day prior to the Company's issuance of a press release announcing the mandatory conversion as described in Section 8(b).

(b) To exercise the mandatory conversion right described in Section 8(a), the Company must issue a press release for publication on the Dow Jones News Service prior to the opening of business on the first trading day following any date on which the conditions described in Section 8(a) are met, announcing such a mandatory conversion. The Company shall also give notice by mail or by publication (with subsequent prompt notice by mail) to the holders of Preferred Stock (not more than four Business Days after the date of the press release) of the mandatory conversion announcing the Company's intention to convert the Preferred Stock. The conversion date will be a date selected by the Company (the "Mandatory Conversion Date") and will be no more than five days after the date on which the Company issues the press release described in this Section 8(b).

(c) In addition to any information required by applicable law or regulation, the press release and notice of a mandatory conversion described in Section 8(b) shall state, as appropriate: (i) the Mandatory Conversion Date; (ii) the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of each share of Preferred Stock; (iii) the number of shares of Preferred Stock to be converted; and (iv) that dividends on the Preferred Stock to be converted will cease to accrue on the Mandatory Conversion Date.

(d) On and after the Mandatory Conversion Date, dividends will cease to accrue on the Preferred Stock called for a mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a) and all rights of holders of such Preferred Stock will terminate except for the right to receive the whole shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion thereof and cash, in lieu of any fractional shares of Common Stock in accordance with Section 7(f). The dividend payment with respect to the Preferred Stock called for a mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a) on a date during the period between the close of business on any Dividend Record Date to the close of business on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date will be payable on such Dividend Payment Date to the record holder of such share on such Dividend Record Date if such share has been converted after such Dividend Record Date and prior to such Dividend Payment Date. Except as provided in the immediately preceding sentence with respect to a mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a), no payment or adjustment will be made upon conversion of Preferred Stock for Accrued Dividends or for dividends with respect to the Common Stock issued upon such conversion.

(e) The Company may not authorize, issue a press release or give notice of any mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a) unless, prior to giving the conversion notice, all Accumulated Dividends on the Preferred Stock for periods ended prior to the date of such conversion notice shall have been paid in cash.

(f) In addition to the mandatory conversion right described in Section 8(a), if there are less than 250,000 shares of Preferred Stock outstanding, the Company shall have the right, at any time on or after November 18, 2008, at its option, to cause the Preferred Stock to be automatically converted into that number of whole shares of Common Stock equal to the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Preference divided by (ii) the lesser of (A) the Conversion Price then in effect and (B) the Market Value for the period ending on the second trading day immediately prior to the Mandatory Conversion Date, with any resulting fractional shares of Common Stock to be settled in cash in accordance with Section 7(f). The provisions of clauses (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this Section 8 shall apply to any mandatory conversion pursuant to this clause (f); provided that (i) the Mandatory Conversion Date described in Section 8(b) shall not be less than 15 days nor more than 30 days after the date on which the Company issues a press release pursuant to Section 8(b) announcing such mandatory conversion and (ii) the press release and notice of mandatory conversion described in Section 8(c) will not state the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of each share of Preferred Stock.

9. Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets.

(a) The Company, without the consent of the holders of any of the outstanding Preferred Stock, may consolidate with or merge into any other Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all its assets to any Person or may permit any Person to consolidate with or merge into, or transfer or lease all or substantially all its properties to, the Company; provided, however, that (a) the successor, transferee or lessee is organized under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof; (b) the shares of Preferred Stock will become shares of such successor, transferee or lessee, having in respect of such successor, transferee or lessee the same powers, preferences and relative participating, optional or other special rights and the qualification, limitations or restrictions thereon, the Preferred Stock had immediately prior to such transaction; and (c) the Company delivers to the Transfer Agent an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that such transaction complies with this Certificate of Designation.

(b) Upon any consolidation by the Company with, or merger by the Company into, any other person or any conveyance, transfer or lease of all or substantially all the assets of the Company as described in Section 9(a), the successor resulting from such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the transferee or lessee to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made, will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under the shares of Preferred Stock, and thereafter, except in the case of a lease, the predecessor (if still in existence) will be released from its obligations and covenants with respect to the Preferred Stock.

10. SEC Reports.

Whether or not the Company is required to file reports with the Commission, if any shares of Preferred Stock are outstanding, the Company shall file with the Commission all such reports and other information as it would be required to file with the Commission by Section 13(a) or 15(d) under the Exchange Act. The Company shall supply each holder of Preferred Stock, upon request, without cost to such holder, copies of such reports or other information.

11. Certificates.

(a) *Form and Dating.* The Preferred Stock and the Transfer Agent's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A, which is hereby incorporated in and expressly made a part of this Certificate of Designation. The Preferred Stock certificate may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule, agreements to which the Company is subject, if any, or usage (provided that any such notation, legend or endorsement is in a form acceptable to the Company). Each Preferred Stock certificate shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Preferred Stock certificate set forth in Exhibit A are part of the terms of this Certificate of Designation.

(i) *Global Preferred Stock.* The Preferred Stock shall be issued initially in the form of one or more fully registered global certificates with the global securities legend set forth in Exhibit A hereto (the "Global Preferred Stock"), which shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers represented thereby with the Transfer Agent, as custodian for DTC (or with such other custodian as DTC may direct), and registered in the name of DTC or a nominee of DTC, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Transfer Agent as hereinafter provided. The number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by Global Preferred Stock may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Transfer Agent and DTC or its nominee as hereinafter provided. With respect to shares of Preferred Stock that are not "restricted securities" as defined in Rule 144 on a conversion date, all shares of Common Stock distributed on such conversion date will be freely transferable without restriction under the Securities Act (other than by affiliates), and such shares will be eligible for receipt in global form through the facilities of DTC.

(ii) *Book-Entry Provisions.* In the event Global Preferred Stock is deposited with or on behalf of DTC, the Company shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver initially one or more Global Preferred Stock certificates that (a) shall be registered in the name of DTC as depository for such Global Preferred Stock or the nominee of DTC and (b) shall be delivered by the Transfer Agent to DTC or pursuant to DTC's instructions or held by the Transfer Agent as custodian for DTC.

Members of, or participants in, DTC ("Agent Members") shall have no rights under this Certificate of Designation with respect to any Global Preferred Stock held on their behalf by DTC or by the Transfer Agent as the custodian of DTC or under such Global Preferred Stock, and DTC may be treated by the Company, the Transfer Agent and any agent of the Company or the Transfer Agent as the absolute owner of such Global Preferred Stock for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Company,

the Transfer Agent or any agent of the Company or the Transfer Agent from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by DTC or impair, as between DTC and its Agent Members, the operation of customary practices of DTC governing the exercise of the rights of a holder of a beneficial interest in any Global Preferred Stock.

(iii) *Certificated Preferred Stock; Certificated Common Stock.* Except as provided in this paragraph 11(a) or in paragraph 11(c), owners of beneficial interests in Global Preferred Stock will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Preferred Stock in fully registered certificated form (“Certificated Preferred Stock”). With respect to shares of Preferred Stock that are “restricted securities” as defined in Rule 144 on a conversion date, all shares of Common Stock issuable on conversion of such shares on such conversion date will be issued in fully registered certificated form (“Certificated Common Stock”). Certificates of Certificated Common Stock will be mailed or made available at the office of the Transfer Agent for the Preferred Stock on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the relevant conversion date to the converting holder.

After a transfer of any Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock during the period of the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such Preferred Stock or such Certificated Common Stock, all requirements pertaining to legends on such Preferred Stock (including Global Preferred Stock) or Certificated Common Stock will cease to apply, the requirements requiring that any such Certificated Common Stock issued to Holders be issued in certificated form, as the case may, will cease to apply, and Preferred Stock or Common Stock, as the case may be, in global or fully registered certificated form, in either case without legends, will be available to the transferee of the Holder of such Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock upon exchange of such transferring Holder’s Preferred Stock or Common Stock or directions to transfer such Holder’s interest in the Global Preferred Stock, as applicable.

(b) *Execution and Authentication.* Two Officers shall sign the Preferred Stock certificate for the Company by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Preferred Stock certificate no longer holds that office at the time the Transfer Agent authenticates the Preferred Stock certificate, the Preferred Stock certificate shall be valid nevertheless.

A Preferred Stock certificate shall not be valid until an authorized signatory of the Transfer Agent manually signs the certificate of authentication on the Preferred Stock certificate. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Preferred Stock certificate has been authenticated under this Certificate of Designation.

The Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver certificates for up to 1,725,000 shares of Preferred Stock for original issue upon a written order of the Company signed by two Officers or by an Officer and an Assistant Treasurer of the Company. Such order shall specify the number of shares of Preferred Stock to be authenticated and the date on which the original issue of Preferred Stock is to be authenticated.

The Transfer Agent may appoint an authenticating agent reasonably acceptable to the Company to authenticate the certificates for Preferred Stock. Unless limited by the terms of

such appointment, an authenticating agent may authenticate certificates for Preferred Stock whenever the Transfer Agent may do so. Each reference in this Certificate of Designation to authentication by the Transfer Agent includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as the Transfer Agent or agent for service of notices and demands.

(c) *Transfer and Exchange.* (i) Transfer and Exchange of Certificated Preferred Stock. When Certificated Preferred Stock is presented to the Transfer Agent with a request to register the transfer of such Certificated Preferred Stock or to exchange such Certificated Preferred Stock for an equal number of shares of Certificated Preferred Stock, the Transfer Agent shall register the transfer or make the exchange as requested if its reasonable requirements for such transaction are met; provided, however, that the Certificated Preferred Stock surrendered for transfer or exchange:

(1) shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Transfer Agent, duly executed by the Holder thereof or its attorney duly authorized in writing; and

(2) is being transferred or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) below, and is accompanied by the following additional information and documents, as applicable:

(I) if such Certificated Preferred Stock is being delivered to the Transfer Agent by a Holder for registration in the name of such Holder, without transfer, a certification from such Holder to that effect in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto; or

(II) if such Certificated Preferred Stock is being transferred to the Company or pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act, (i) a certification to that effect (in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto) and (ii) if the Company so requests, an Opinion of Counsel or other evidence reasonably satisfactory to it as to the compliance with the restrictions set forth in the legend set forth in paragraph 11(c) (vii).

(ii) Restrictions on Transfer of Certificated Preferred Stock for a Beneficial Interest in Global Preferred Stock. Certificated Preferred Stock may not be exchanged for a beneficial interest in Global Preferred Stock except upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth below. Upon receipt by the Transfer Agent of Certificated Preferred Stock, duly endorsed or accompanied by appropriate instruments of transfer, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Transfer Agent, together with written instructions directing the Transfer Agent to make, or to direct DTC to make, an adjustment on its books and records with respect to such Global Preferred Stock to reflect an increase in the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Global Preferred Stock, then the Transfer Agent shall cancel such Certificated Preferred Stock and cause, or direct DTC to cause, in accordance with the standing instructions and procedures existing between DTC and the Transfer Agent, the number

of shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Global Preferred Stock to be increased accordingly. If no Global Preferred Stock is then outstanding, the Company shall issue and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate, upon written order of the Company in the form of an Officers' Certificate, a new Global Preferred Stock representing the appropriate number of shares.

(iii) Transfer and Exchange of Global Preferred Stock. The transfer and exchange of Global Preferred Stock or beneficial interests therein shall be effected through DTC, in accordance with this Certificate of Designation (including applicable restrictions on transfer set forth herein, if any) and the procedures of DTC therefor.

(iv) Transfer of a Beneficial Interest in Global Preferred Stock for a Certificated Preferred Stock.

(1) Any Person having a beneficial interest in Preferred Stock that is being transferred or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to another exemption from registration thereunder may upon request, but only with the consent of the Company, and if accompanied by a certification from such Person to that effect (in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto), exchange such beneficial interest for Certificated Preferred Stock representing the same number of shares of Preferred Stock. Upon receipt by the Transfer Agent of written instructions or such other form of instructions as is customary for DTC from DTC or its nominee on behalf of any Person having a beneficial interest in Global Preferred Stock and upon receipt by the Transfer Agent of a written order or such other form of instructions as is customary for DTC or the Person designated by DTC as having such a beneficial interest in a Transfer Restricted Security only, then, the Transfer Agent or DTC, at the direction of the Transfer Agent, will cause, in accordance with the standing instructions and procedures existing between DTC and the Transfer Agent, the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by Global Preferred Stock to be reduced on its books and records and, following such reduction, the Company will execute and the Transfer Agent will authenticate and deliver to the transferee Certificated Preferred Stock.

(2) Certificated Preferred Stock issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Global Preferred Stock pursuant to this paragraph 11(c)(iv) shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as DTC, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Transfer Agent. The Transfer Agent shall deliver such Certificated Preferred Stock to the Persons in whose names such Preferred Stock are so registered in accordance with the instructions of DTC.

(v) Restrictions on Transfer and Exchange of Global Preferred Stock.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Certificate of Designation (other than the provisions set forth in paragraph 11(c)(vi)), Global Preferred Stock may not be transferred as a whole except by DTC to a nominee of DTC or by a nominee of DTC to DTC or another nominee of DTC or by DTC or any such nominee to a successor depository or a nominee of such successor depository.

(2) In the event that the Global Preferred Stock is exchanged for Preferred Stock in definitive registered form pursuant to paragraph 11(c)(vi) prior to the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such securities, such Preferred Stock may be exchanged only in accordance with such procedures as are substantially consistent with the provisions of this paragraph 11(c) (including the certification requirements set forth in the Exhibits to this Certificate of Designation intended to ensure that such transfers comply with applicable exemptions from registration under the Securities Act, as the case may be) and such other procedures as may from time to time be adopted by the Company.

(vi) Authentication of Certificated Preferred Stock. If at any time:

(1) DTC notifies the Company that DTC is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the Global Preferred Stock and a successor depository for the Global Preferred Stock is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after delivery of such notice;

(2) DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and a successor depository for the Global Preferred Stock is not appointed by the Company within 90 days; or

(3) the Company, in its sole discretion, notifies the Transfer Agent in writing that it elects to cause the issuance of Certificated Preferred Stock under this Certificate of Designation,

then the Company will execute, and the Transfer Agent, upon receipt of a written order of the Company signed by two Officers or by an Officer and an Assistant Treasurer of the Company requesting the authentication and delivery of Certificated Preferred Stock to the Persons designated by the Company, will authenticate and deliver Certificated Preferred Stock equal to the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Global Preferred Stock, in exchange for such Global Preferred Stock.

(vii) Legend.

(1) Upon any sale or transfer of a Transfer Restricted Security (including any Transfer Restricted Security represented by Global Preferred Stock) pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act or another exemption from registration under the Securities Act or an effective registration statement under the Securities Act:

(I) in the case of any Transfer Restricted Security that is a Certificated Preferred Stock, the Transfer Agent shall permit the Holder thereof to exchange such Transfer Restricted Security for Certificated Preferred Stock that does not bear a restrictive legend and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Transfer Restricted Security; and

(II) in the case of any Transfer Restricted Security that is represented by a Global Preferred Stock, with the consent of the Company, the Transfer Agent shall permit the Holder thereof to exchange such Transfer Restricted Security for Certificated Preferred Stock that does not bear a restrictive legend and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Transfer Restricted Security, if the Holder's request for such exchange was made in reliance on Rule 144 or another exemption from registration under the Securities Act and the Holder certifies to that effect in writing to the Transfer Agent (such certification to be in the form set forth in Exhibit C hereto).

(viii) Cancellation or Adjustment of Global Preferred Stock. At such time as all beneficial interests in Global Preferred Stock have either been exchanged for Certificated Preferred Stock, converted or canceled, such Global Preferred Stock shall be returned to DTC for cancellation or retained and canceled by the Transfer Agent. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in Global Preferred Stock is exchanged for Certificated Preferred Stock, converted or canceled, the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by such Global Preferred Stock shall be reduced and an adjustment shall be made on the books and records of the Transfer Agent with respect to such Global Preferred Stock, by the Transfer Agent or DTC, to reflect such reduction.

(ix) Obligations with Respect to Transfers and Exchanges of Preferred Stock.

(1) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Company shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate Certificated Preferred Stock and Global Preferred Stock as required pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 11(c).

(2) All Certificated Preferred Stock and Global Preferred Stock issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Certificated Preferred Stock or Global Preferred Stock shall be the valid obligations of the Company, entitled to the same benefits under this Certificate of Designation as the Certificated Preferred Stock or Global Preferred Stock surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(3) Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of any shares of Preferred Stock, the Transfer Agent and the Company may deem and treat the Person in whose name such shares of Preferred Stock are registered as the absolute owner of such Preferred Stock and neither the Transfer Agent nor the Company shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(4) No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any registration of transfer or exchange upon surrender of any Preferred Stock

certificate or Common Stock certificate at the office of the Transfer Agent maintained for that purpose. However, the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Preferred Stock certificates or Common Stock certificates.

(5) Upon any sale or transfer of shares of Preferred Stock (including any Preferred Stock represented by a Global Preferred Stock Certificate) or of Certificated Common Stock pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to Rule 144 or another exemption from registration under the Securities Act (and based upon an Opinion of Counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Company if it so requests):

(A) in the case of any Certificated Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock, the Company and the Transfer Agent shall permit the holder thereof to exchange such Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock for Certificated Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock, as the case may be, that does not bear a restrictive legend and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Preferred Stock or Common Stock issuable in respect of the conversion of the Preferred Stock; and

(B) in the case of any Global Preferred Stock, such Preferred Stock shall not be required to bear the legend set forth in paragraph (c) (vii) above but shall continue to be subject to the provisions of paragraph (c)(iv) hereof; provided, however, that with respect to any request for an exchange of Preferred Stock that is represented by Global Preferred Stock for Certificated Preferred Stock that does not bear a restrictive legend in connection with a sale or transfer thereof pursuant to Rule 144 or another exemption from registration under the Securities Act (and based upon an Opinion of Counsel if the Company so requests), the Holder thereof shall certify in writing to the Transfer Agent that such request is being made pursuant to such exemption (such certification to be substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto).

(x) No Obligation of the Transfer Agent.

(1) The Transfer Agent shall have no responsibility or obligation to any beneficial owner of Global Preferred Stock, a member of, or a participant in DTC or any other Person with respect to the accuracy of the records of DTC or its nominee or of any participant or member thereof, with respect to any ownership interest in the Preferred Stock or with respect to the delivery to any participant, member, beneficial owner or other Person (other than DTC) of any notice or the payment of any amount, under or with respect to such Global Preferred Stock. All notices and communications to be given to the Holders and all payments to be made to Holders under the Preferred Stock shall be given or made only to the Holders (which shall be DTC or its nominee in the case of the Global Preferred Stock). The rights of beneficial owners in any Global Preferred Stock shall be exercised only through DTC subject to the applicable rules and

procedures of DTC. The Transfer Agent may rely and shall be fully protected in relying upon information furnished by DTC with respect to its members, participants and any beneficial owners.

(2) The Transfer Agent shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Certificate of Designation or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Preferred Stock (including any transfers between or among DTC participants, members or beneficial owners in any Global Preferred Stock) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by, the terms of this Certificate of Designation, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

(d) *Replacement Certificates.* If a mutilated Preferred Stock certificate is surrendered to the Transfer Agent or if the Holder of a Preferred Stock certificate claims that the Preferred Stock certificate has been lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken, the Company shall issue and the Transfer Agent shall countersign a replacement Preferred Stock certificate if the reasonable requirements of the Transfer Agent and of Section 8-405 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of Oklahoma are met. If required by the Transfer Agent or the Company, such Holder shall furnish an indemnity bond sufficient in the judgment of the Company and the Transfer Agent to protect the Company and the Transfer Agent from any loss which either of them may suffer if a Preferred Stock certificate is replaced. The Company and the Transfer Agent may charge the Holder for their expenses in replacing a Preferred Stock certificate.

(e) *Temporary Certificates.* Until definitive Preferred Stock certificates are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Transfer Agent shall countersign temporary Preferred Stock certificates. Temporary Preferred Stock certificates shall be substantially in the form of definitive Preferred Stock certificates but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Preferred Stock certificates. Without unreasonable delay, the Company shall prepare and the Transfer Agent shall countersign definitive Preferred Stock certificates and deliver them in exchange for temporary Preferred Stock certificates.

(f) *Cancellation.* (i) In the event the Company shall purchase or otherwise acquire Certificated Preferred Stock, the same shall thereupon be delivered to the Transfer Agent for cancellation.

(ii) At such time as all beneficial interests in Global Preferred Stock have either been exchanged for Certificated Preferred Stock, converted, repurchased or canceled, such Global Preferred Stock shall thereupon be delivered to the Transfer Agent for cancellation.

(iii) The Transfer Agent and no one else shall cancel and destroy all Preferred Stock certificates surrendered for transfer, exchange, replacement or cancellation and deliver a certificate of such destruction to the Company unless the Company directs the Transfer

Agent to deliver canceled Preferred Stock certificates to the Company. The Company may not issue new Preferred Stock certificates to replace Preferred Stock certificates to the extent they evidence Preferred Stock which the Company has purchased or otherwise acquired.

12. Additional Rights of Holders. [Reserved.]

13. Other Provisions.

(a) With respect to any notice to a holder of shares of Preferred Stock required to be provided hereunder, neither failure to mail such notice, nor any defect therein or in the mailing thereof, to any particular holder shall affect the sufficiency of the notice or the validity of the proceedings referred to in such notice with respect to the other holders or affect the legality or validity of any distribution, rights, warrant, reclassification, consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer, dissolution, liquidation or winding-up, or the vote upon any such action. Any notice which was mailed in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given whether or not the holder receives the notice.

(b) Shares of Preferred Stock issued and reacquired will be retired and canceled promptly after reacquisition thereof and, upon compliance with the applicable requirements of Oklahoma law, have the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock of the Company undesignated as to series and may with any and all other authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock of the Company be designated or redesignated and issued or reissued, as the case may be, as part of any series of preferred stock of the Corporation, except that any issuance or reissuance of shares of Preferred Stock must be in compliance with this Certificate of Designation.

(c) The shares of Preferred Stock shall be issuable only in whole shares.

(d) All notice periods referred to herein shall commence on the date of the mailing of the applicable notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this certificate to be signed and attested this 18th day of November, 2003.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

## FORM OF PREFERRED STOCK

## FACE OF SECURITY

[UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OF PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO., OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC) ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO. HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.]<sup>1</sup>

[TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REFERRED TO BELOW.]<sup>2</sup>

IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER, THE HOLDER WILL DELIVER TO THE TRANSFER AGENT SUCH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SUCH TRANSFER AGENT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS.

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to removal if not a global security.

<sup>2</sup> CUSIP Number 165167 80 0, if not a Transfer Restricted Security.

Certificate Number

Number of Shares of  
Convertible Preferred Stock  
[ ]

[ ]

CUSIP NO.: 165167 \_\_\_\_\_

5% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (par value \$0.01)  
(liquidation preference \$100 per share of Convertible Preferred Stock)

of

Chesapeake Energy Corporation

Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), hereby certifies that [ ] (the "Holder") is the registered owner of [ ] fully paid and non-assessable preferred securities of the Company designated the 5% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (par value \$0.01) (liquidation preference \$100 per share of Preferred Stock) (the "Preferred Stock"). The shares of Preferred Stock are transferable on the books and records of the Transfer Agent, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer. The designations, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Preferred Stock represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Designation dated November 18, 2003, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Certificate of Designation"). Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given them in the Certificate of Designation. The Company will provide a copy of the Certificate of Designation to a Holder without charge upon written request to the Company at its principal place of business.

Reference is hereby made to select provisions of the Preferred Stock set forth on the reverse hereof, and to the Certificate of Designation, which select provisions and the Certificate of Designation shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Holder is bound by the Certificate of Designation and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

Unless the Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication hereon has been properly executed, these shares of Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Certificate of Designation or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has executed this certificate this [ ] day of [ ], 2003.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:  
Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:  
Title:

TRANSFER AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

These are shares of the Preferred Stock referred to in the within-mentioned Certificate of Designation.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

UMB BANK, N.A., as Transfer Agent,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signatory

REVERSE OF SECURITY

Cash dividends on each share of Preferred Stock shall be payable at a rate per annum set forth in the face hereof or as provided in the Certificate of Designation.

The shares of Preferred Stock shall be convertible into the Company's Common Stock in the manner and according to the terms set forth in the Certificate of Designation.

The Company will furnish without charge to each holder who so requests the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers the shares of Preferred Stock evidenced hereby to:

(Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints:

agent to transfer the shares of Preferred Stock evidenced hereby on the books of the Transfer Agent. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date:

Signature:

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Preferred Stock Certificate)

Signature Guarantee:<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> (Signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" that is a bank, stockbroker, savings and loan association or credit union meeting the requirements of the Transfer Agent, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Transfer Agent in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.)

## NOTICE OF CONVERSION

(To be Executed by the Holder  
in order to Convert the Preferred Stock)

The undersigned hereby irrevocably elects to convert (the "Conversion") shares of 5% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock"), represented by stock certificate No(s). (the "Preferred Stock Certificates") into shares of common stock ("Common Stock") of Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company") according to the conditions of the Certificate of Designation of the Preferred Stock (the "Certificate of Designation"), as of the date written below. If shares are to be issued in the name of a person other than the undersigned, the undersigned will pay all transfer taxes payable with respect thereto and is delivering herewith the Preferred Stock Certificates. No fee will be charged to the holder for any conversion, except for transfer taxes, if any. A copy of each Preferred Stock Certificate is attached hereto (or evidence of loss, theft or destruction thereof).

The undersigned represents and warrants that all offers and sales by the undersigned of the shares of Common Stock issuable to the undersigned upon conversion of the Preferred Stock shall be made pursuant to registration of the Common Stock under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act"), or pursuant to any exemption from registration under the Act.

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in or pursuant to the Certificate of Designation.

Date of Conversion:

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Applicable Conversion Price:

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Number of shares of Preferred Stock to be Converted:

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Number of shares of Common Stock to be Issued: \*

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Signature:

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Name:

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Address:\*\*

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Fax No.:

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\* The Company is not required to issue shares of Common Stock until the original Preferred Stock Certificate(s) (or evidence of loss, theft or destruction thereof) to be converted are received by the Company or its Transfer Agent. The Company shall issue and deliver shares of Common Stock to an overnight courier not later than three business days following receipt of the original Preferred Stock Certificate(s) to be converted.

\*\* Address where shares of Common Stock and any other payments or certificates shall be sent by the Company.

CERTIFICATE TO BE DELIVERED UPON EXCHANGE OR  
REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER OF PREFERRED STOCK

Re: 5% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock") of Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company")

This Certificate relates to \_\_\_\_\_ shares of Preferred Stock held in \*/ book-entry or \*/ definitive form by \_\_\_\_\_(the "Transferor").

The Transferor\*:

- has requested the Transfer Agent by written order to deliver in exchange for its beneficial interest in the Preferred Stock held by the Depository shares of Preferred Stock in definitive, registered form equal to its beneficial interest in such Preferred Stock (or the portion thereof indicated above); or
- has requested the Transfer Agent by written order to exchange or register the transfer of Preferred Stock.

In connection with such request and in respect of such Preferred Stock, the Transferor does hereby certify that the Transferor is familiar with the Certificate of Designation relating to the above-captioned Preferred Stock and that the transfer of this Preferred Stock does not require registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") because \*/:

- Such Preferred Stock is being acquired for the Transferor's own account without transfer.
- Such Preferred Stock is being transferred to the Company.
- Such Preferred Stock is being transferred in reliance on and in compliance with an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (and based on an Opinion of Counsel if the Company so requests).

\_\_\_\_\_  
[INSERT NAME OF TRANSFEROR]

by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*/ Please check applicable box.

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
OF  
4.125% CUMULATIVE CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK  
OF  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

Pursuant to Section 1032(G) of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), does hereby certify that the following resolution was duly adopted by action of the Board of Directors of the Company, with the provisions thereof fixing the number of shares of the series and the dividend rate being set by action of the Board of Directors of the Company:

RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority expressly granted to and vested in the Board of Directors of the Company by the provisions of Article IV, Section 1 of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended from time to time (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), and pursuant to Section 1032(G) of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act, the Board of Directors hereby creates a series of preferred stock of the Company and hereby states that the voting powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of which, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof (in addition to the provisions set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation which are applicable to the preferred stock of all classes and series), shall be as follows:

1. Designation and Amount; Ranking

(a) There shall be created from the 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company authorized to be issued pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation, a series of preferred stock, designated as the "4.125% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock," par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock"), and the number of shares of such series shall be 313,250. Such number of shares may be decreased by resolution of the Board of Directors; provided that no decrease shall reduce the number of shares of Preferred Stock to a number less than that of the shares of Preferred Stock then outstanding plus the number of shares issuable upon exercise of options or rights then outstanding.

(b) The Preferred Stock will, with respect to both dividend rights and rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company, rank on a parity with the 6.75% Preferred Stock, the 6.00% Preferred Stock and the 5.00% Preferred Stock, and the Preferred Stock will, with respect to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company rank (i) senior to all Junior Stock, (ii) on a parity with all other Parity Stock and (iii) junior to all Senior Stock.

2. Definitions. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Accrued Dividends" shall mean, with respect to any share of Preferred Stock, as of any date, the accrued and unpaid dividends on such share from and including the most recent Dividend Payment Date (or the Issue Date, if such date is prior to the first Dividend Payment Date) to but not including such date.

(b) "Accumulated Dividends" shall mean, with respect to any share of Preferred Stock, as of any date, the aggregate accumulated and unpaid dividends on such share from the Issue Date until the most recent Dividend Payment Date on or prior to such date. There shall be no Accumulated Dividends with respect to any share of Preferred Stock prior to the first Dividend Payment Date.

(c) "Affiliate" shall have the meaning ascribed to it, on the date hereof, under Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(d) "Board of Directors" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company or, with respect to any action to be taken by the Board of Directors, any committee of the Board of Directors duly authorized to take such action.

(e) "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in The City of New York are authorized or required by law or executive order to close.

(f) "Change of Control" shall mean any of the following events: (i) the sale, lease or transfer, in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the Company's assets (determined on a consolidated basis) to any Person or group (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than to Permitted Holders; (ii) the adoption of a plan the consummation of which would result in the liquidation or dissolution of the Company; (iii) the acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any Person or group (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than Permitted Holders, of beneficial ownership (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of more than 50% of the aggregate voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company; provided, however, that the Permitted Holders beneficially own (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, in the aggregate a lesser percentage of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company than such other Person or group and do not have the right or ability by voting power, contract or otherwise to elect or designate for election a majority of the Board of Directors (for the purposes of this definition, such other Person or group shall be deemed to beneficially own any Voting Stock of a specified corporation held by a parent corporation, if such other Person or group is the beneficial owner (as defined above), directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the voting power of the Voting Stock of such parent corporation and the Permitted Holders beneficially own (as defined in this proviso), directly or indirectly, in the aggregate a lesser percentage of the voting power of the Voting Stock of such parent corporation and do not have the right or ability by voting power, contract or otherwise to elect or designate for election a majority of the Board of Directors of such parent corporation); or (iv) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period comprised the Board of Directors of the Company (together with any new directors whose election by such Board of Directors or whose nomination for election by the shareholders of the Company was approved by a vote of 66 2/3% of the directors of the Company then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board of Directors of the Company then in office. For purposes of this definition of "Change of Control," the term "Permitted Holders" means Aubrey K. McClendon and Tom L. Ward and their respective Affiliates.

(g) "Change of Control Date" shall mean the date on which the Change of Control event occurs.

(h) "Closing Sale Price" of the Common Stock on any date means the closing sale price per share (or if no closing sale price is reported, the average of the closing bid and ask prices or, if more than one in either case, the average of the average closing bid and the average closing ask prices) on such date as reported on the principal United States securities exchange on which the Common Stock is traded or, if the Common Stock is not listed on a United States national or regional securities exchange, as reported by Nasdaq or by the National Quotation Bureau Incorporated. In the absence of such a quotation, the Company will determine the Closing Sale Price on the basis it considers appropriate.

(i) "Conversion Price" shall mean \$16.6513, subject to adjustment as set forth in Section 7(d).

(j) "Common Stock" shall mean the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company, or any other class of stock resulting from successive changes or reclassifications of such common stock consisting solely of changes in par value, or from par value to no par value, or as a result of a subdivision, combination, or merger, consolidation or similar transaction in which the Company is a constituent corporation.

(k) "DTC" or "Depository" shall mean The Depository Trust Company.

(l) "Dividend Payment Date" shall mean March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing June 15, 2004.

(m) "Dividend Record Date" shall mean March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each year.

(n) "Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(o) "Holder" or "holder" shall mean a holder of record of the Preferred Stock.

(p) "Issue Date" shall mean March 30, 2004, the original date of issuance of the Preferred Stock.

(q) "Junior Stock" shall mean all classes of common stock of the Company and the Series A Junior Participating Convertible Preferred Stock and each other class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after the Issue Date, by the Board of Directors, the terms of which do not expressly provide that such class or series ranks senior to or on parity with the Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company.

(r) "Liquidation Preference" shall mean, with respect to each share of Preferred Stock, \$1,000.00.

(s) "Market Value" shall mean the average closing price of the Common Stock for a five consecutive trading day period on the NYSE (or such other national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is then listed or authorized for quotation or, if the Common Stock is not so listed or authorized for quotation, an amount determined in good faith by the Board of Directors to be the fair value of the Common Stock).

(t) "NYSE" shall mean the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

(u) "Officer" shall mean the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Company.

(v) "Officers' Certificate" shall mean a certificate signed by two Officers.

(w) "Opinion of Counsel" shall mean a written opinion from legal counsel who is acceptable to the Transfer Agent. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company or the Transfer Agent.

(x) "Parity Stock" shall mean the 6.00% Preferred Stock, the 6.75% Preferred Stock, the 5.00% Preferred Stock and any class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after the Issue Date by the Board of Directors, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series will rank on parity with the Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company.

(y) "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, limited liability company, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

(z) "Purchase Agreement" shall mean that certain Purchase Agreement with respect to the Preferred Stock, dated March 24, 2004, among the Company, Lehman Brothers Inc., Banc of America Securities LLC, Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. and Credit Suisse First Boston LLC and the other initial purchasers named therein.

(aa) "Registration Rights Agreement" means the Registration Rights Agreement dated March 30, 2004, among the Company, Lehman Brothers Inc., Banc of America Securities LLC, Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. and Credit Suisse First Boston LLC and the other initial purchasers named in the Purchase Agreement, with respect to the Preferred Stock.

(bb) "SEC" or "Commission" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(cc) "Securities Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(dd) "Senior Stock" shall mean each class of capital stock or series of preferred stock established after the Issue Date by the Board of Directors, the terms of which expressly

provide that such class or series will rank senior to the Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights upon the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company.

(ee) "Shelf Registration Statement" shall mean a shelf registration statement filed with the SEC to cover resales of Transfer Restricted Securities by holders thereof, as required by the Registration Rights Agreement.

(ff) "5.00% Preferred Stock" shall mean the series of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company designated as the "5.00% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock."

(gg) "6.00% Preferred Stock" shall mean the series of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company designated as the "6.00% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock."

(hh) "6.75% Preferred Stock" shall mean the series of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company designated as the "6.75% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock."

(ii) "Trading Day" shall mean a day during which trading in securities generally occurs on the New York Stock Exchange or, if Common Stock is not listed on the New York Stock Exchange, on the principal other national or regional securities exchange on which Common Stock is then listed or, if Common Stock is not listed on a national or regional securities exchange, on Nasdaq or, if Common Stock is not quoted on Nasdaq, on the principal other market on which Common Stock is then traded.

(jj) "Trading Price" of the Preferred Stock on any date of determination means the average of the secondary market bid quotations obtained by the Company or the calculation agent for 5,000 shares of Preferred Stock at approximately 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on such determination date from three independent nationally recognized securities dealers that the Company or the calculation agent selects; provided that if three such bids cannot reasonably be obtained by the Company or the calculation agent, but two such bids are obtained, the average of the two bids shall be used, and if only one such bid can reasonably be obtained by the Company or the calculation agent, that one bid shall be used. If the Company or the calculation agent cannot reasonably obtain at least one bid for 5,000 shares of Preferred Stock from a nationally recognized securities dealer, then the Trading Price per share of Preferred Stock will be deemed to be less than 98% of the product of (A) the Closing Sale Price of the Common Stock on such date (B) and the Conversion Price on such date.

(kk) "Transfer Agent" shall mean UMB Bank, N.A., the Company's duly appointed transfer agent, registrar and conversion and dividend disbursing agent for the Preferred Stock. The Company may, in its sole discretion, remove the Transfer Agent with 10 days' prior notice to the Transfer Agent; provided, that the Company shall appoint a successor Transfer Agent who shall accept such appointment prior to the effectiveness of such removal.

(ll) "Transfer Restricted Securities" shall mean each share of Preferred Stock (or the shares of Common Stock into which such share of Preferred Stock is convertible) until (i) the date on which such security or its predecessor has been effectively registered under the

Securities Act and disposed of in accordance with the Shelf Registration Statement or (ii) the date on which such security or predecessor is distributed to the public pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act or is saleable pursuant to Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act.

(mm) "Voting Rights Triggering Event" shall mean the failure of the Company to pay dividends on the Preferred Stock with respect to six or more quarterly periods (whether or not consecutive).

(nn) "Voting Stock" shall mean, with respect to any Person, securities of any class or classes of Capital Stock in such Person entitling the holders thereof (whether at all times or only so long as no senior class of stock has voting power by reason of contingency) to vote in the election of members of the Board of Directors or other governing body of such Person. For purposes of this definition, "Capital Stock" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock or partnership interests and any and all warrants, options and rights with respect thereto (whether or not currently exercisable), including each class of common stock and preferred stock of such Person.

### 3. Dividends.

(a) The holders of shares of the outstanding Preferred Stock shall be entitled, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors out of funds of the Company legally available therefor, to receive cumulative cash dividends at the rate per annum of 4.125 % per share on the Liquidation Preference (equivalent to \$41.25 per annum per share), payable quarterly in arrears (the "Dividend Rate"). The Dividend Rate may be increased in the circumstances described in Section 3(b) below. Dividends payable for each full dividend period will be computed by dividing the Dividend Rate by four and shall be payable in arrears on each Dividend Payment Date (commencing June 15, 2004) for the quarterly period ending immediately prior to such Dividend Payment Date, to the holders of record of Preferred Stock at the close of business on the Dividend Record Date applicable to such Dividend Payment Date. Such dividends shall be cumulative from the most recent date as to which dividends shall have been paid or, if no dividends have been paid, from the Issue Date (whether or not in any dividend period or periods there shall be funds of the Company legally available for the payment of such dividends) and shall accrue on a day-to-day basis, whether or not earned or declared, from and after the Issue Date. Dividends payable for any partial dividend period, including the initial partial dividend period ending immediately prior to June 15, 2004, shall be computed on the basis of days elapsed over a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Accumulations of dividends on shares of Preferred Stock shall not bear interest.

(b) If (i) by July 28, 2004, the Shelf Registration Statement has not been filed with the Commission, (ii) by November 25, 2004, the Shelf Registration Statement has not been declared effective by the Commission or (iii) after the Shelf Registration Statement has been declared effective, (A) the Shelf Registration Statement thereafter ceases to be effective or (B) the Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus ceases to be usable (in each case, subject to the exceptions described below) in connection with resales of Transfer Restricted Securities during the period that any Transfer Restricted Securities (other than Transfer Restricted Securities held or beneficially owned by affiliates of the Company) remain

outstanding (each such event referred to in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), a "Registration Default"), additional dividends shall accrue on the Preferred Stock at the rate of .50% per annum (resulting in a Dividend Rate of 4.625% per annum during the continuance of a Registration Default), from and including the date on which any such Registration Default shall occur to but excluding the date on which all Registration Defaults have been cured. At all other times, dividends shall accumulate on the Preferred Stock at the Dividend Rate as described in Section 3(a).

A Registration Default referred to in clause (iii) of Section 3(b) shall be deemed not to have occurred and be continuing in relation to the Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus if (i) such Registration Default has occurred solely as a result of (x) the filing of a post-effective amendment to the Shelf Registration Statement to incorporate annual audited financial information with respect to the Company where such post-effective amendment is not yet effective and needs to be declared effective to permit Holders to use the related prospectus or (y) other material events, with respect to the Company that would need to be described in the Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus and (ii) in the case of clause (y), the Company is proceeding promptly and in good faith to amend or supplement such Shelf Registration Statement and related prospectus to describe such events; provided, however, that in any case if such Registration Default referred to in clause (iii) of Section 3(b) occurs for a continuous period in excess of 30 days, additional dividends as described in Section 3(b) shall be payable in accordance therewith from the day such Registration Default occurs until such Registration Default is cured.

(c) No dividend will be declared or paid upon, or any sum set apart for the payment of dividends upon, any outstanding share of the Preferred Stock with respect to any dividend period unless all dividends for all preceding dividend periods have been declared and paid or declared and a sufficient sum set apart for the payment of such dividend, upon all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock.

(d) No dividends or other distributions (other than a dividend or distribution payable solely in shares of Parity Stock or Junior Stock (in the case of Parity Stock) or Junior Stock (in the case of Junior Stock) and other than cash paid in lieu of fractional shares) may be declared, made or paid, or set apart for payment upon, any Parity Stock or Junior Stock, nor may any Parity Stock or Junior Stock be redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired for any consideration (or any money paid to or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any Parity Stock or Junior Stock) by or on behalf of the Company (except by conversion into or exchange for shares of Parity Stock or Junior Stock (in the case of Parity Stock) or Junior Stock (in the case of Junior Stock)), unless full Accumulated Dividends shall have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid, or are declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set apart for such payment, on the Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock for all dividend payment periods terminating on or prior to the date of such declaration, payment, redemption, purchase or acquisition. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if full dividends have not been paid on the Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock, dividends may be declared and paid on the Preferred Stock and such Parity Stock so long as the dividends are declared and paid pro rata so that the amounts of dividends declared per share on the Preferred Stock and such Parity Stock will in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accumulated and unpaid dividends per share on the shares of Preferred Stock and such other Parity Stock bear to each other.

(e) Holders of shares of Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any dividends on the Preferred Stock, whether payable in cash, property or stock, in excess of full cumulative dividends. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Preferred Stock which may be in arrears.

(f) The holders of shares of Preferred Stock at the close of business on a Dividend Record Date will be entitled to receive the dividend payment on those shares on the next following Dividend Payment Date notwithstanding the subsequent conversion thereof or the Company's default in payment of the dividend due on that Dividend Payment Date. However, shares of Preferred Stock surrendered for conversion during the period between the close of business on any Dividend Record Date and the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the applicable Dividend Payment Date must be accompanied by payment of an amount equal to the dividend payable on the shares on that Dividend Payment Date. A holder of shares of Preferred Stock on a Dividend Record Date who (or whose transferee) tenders any shares for conversion on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date will receive the dividend payable by the Company on the Preferred Stock on that date, and the converting holder need not include payment in the amount of such dividend upon surrender of shares of Preferred Stock for conversion. Except as provided above with respect to a voluntary conversion pursuant to Section 7, the Company shall make no payment or allowance for unpaid dividends, whether or not in arrears, on converted shares or for dividends on the shares of Common Stock issued upon conversion.

#### 4. Change of Control.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Preferred Stock shall, in the event that the Market Value for the period ending on the Change of Control Date is less than the Conversion Price, have a one-time option (the "Change of Control Option") to convert all of such holder's outstanding shares of Preferred Stock into fully paid and nonassessable shares of Common Stock at an adjusted Conversion Price equal to the greater of (i) the Market Value for the period ending on the Change of Control Date and (ii) \$8.0733. The Change of Control Option must be exercised, if at all, during the period of not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days commencing on the third Business Day after notice of a Change in Control has been given by the Company in accordance with Section 4(b). In lieu of issuing the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion in the event of a Change of Control, the Company may, at its option, make a cash payment equal to the Market Value for each share of such Common Stock otherwise issuable determined for the period ending on the Change of Control Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control in which (i) each holder of Common Stock receives consideration consisting solely of common stock of the successor, acquiror or other third party (and cash paid in lieu of fractional shares) that is listed on a national securities exchange or quoted on the NASDAQ National Market and (ii) all the Common Stock has been exchanged for, converted into or acquired for common stock of the successor, acquiror or other third party (and cash in lieu of fractional shares), and the Preferred Stock becomes convertible solely into such common stock, the Conversion Price will not be adjusted as described in this Section 4(a).

(b) In the event of a Change of Control (other than a Change of Control described in the last sentence of Section 4(a)), notice of such Change of Control shall be given,

within five Business Days of the Change of Control Date, by the Company by first-class mail to each record holder of shares of Preferred Stock, at such holder's address as the same appears on the books of the Company. Each such notice shall state (i) that a Change of Control has occurred; (ii) the last day on which the Change of Control Option may be exercised (the "Expiration Date") pursuant to the terms hereof; (iii) the name and address of the Transfer Agent; and (iv) the procedures that holders must follow to exercise the Change of Control Option.

(c) On or before the Expiration Date, each holder of shares of Preferred Stock wishing to exercise the Change of Control Option shall surrender the certificate or certificates representing the shares of Preferred Stock to be converted, in the manner and at the place designated in the notice described in Section 4(b), and on such date the cash or shares of Common Stock due to such holder shall be delivered to the Person whose name appears on such certificate or certificates as the owner thereof and the shares represented by each surrendered certificate shall be returned to authorized but unissued shares. Upon surrender (in accordance with the notice described in Section 4(b)) of the certificate or certificates representing any shares to be so converted (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Company shall so require and the notice shall so state), such shares shall be converted by the Company at the adjusted Conversion Price, if applicable, as described in Section 4(a).

(d) The rights of holders of Preferred Stock pursuant to this Section 4 are in addition to, and not in lieu of, the rights of holders of Preferred Stock provided for in Section 7 hereof.

#### 5. Voting.

(a) The shares of Preferred Stock shall have no voting rights except as set forth below or as otherwise required by Oklahoma law from time to time:

(i) If and whenever at any time or times a Voting Rights Triggering Event occurs, then the holders of shares of Preferred Stock, voting as a single class with any other preferred stock or preference securities having similar voting rights that are exercisable, including the 5.00% Preferred Stock, the 6.00% Preferred Stock and the 6.75% Preferred Stock (the "Voting Rights Class"), will be entitled at the next regular or special meeting of stockholders of the Company to elect two additional directors of the Company. Upon the election of any such additional directors, the number of directors that comprise the Board of Directors shall be increased by such number of additional directors.

(ii) Such voting rights may be exercised at a special meeting of the holders of the shares of the Voting Rights Class, called as hereinafter provided, or at any annual meeting of stockholders held for the purpose of electing directors, and thereafter at each such annual meeting until such time as all dividends in arrears on the shares of Preferred Stock shall have been paid in full, at which time or times such voting rights and the term of the directors elected pursuant to Section 5(a)(i) shall terminate.

(iii) At any time when such voting rights shall have vested in holders of shares of the Voting Rights Class, an Officer of the Company may call, and, upon

written request of the record holders of shares representing at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting power of the shares then outstanding of the Voting Rights Class, addressed to the Secretary of the Company, shall call a special meeting of the holders of shares of the Voting Rights Class. Such meeting shall be held at the earliest practicable date upon the notice required for annual meetings of stockholders at the place for holding annual meetings of stockholders of the Company, or, if none, at a place designated by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 5(a)(iii), no such special meeting shall be called during a period within the 60 days immediately preceding the date fixed for the next annual meeting of stockholders in which such case, the election of directors pursuant to Section 5(a)(i) shall be held at such annual meeting of stockholders.

(iv) At any meeting held for the purpose of electing directors at which the holders of the Voting Rights Class shall have the right to elect directors as provided herein, the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of shares representing more than fifty percent (50%) in voting power of the then outstanding shares of the Voting Rights Class shall be required and shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum of such class for the election of directors by such class. The affirmative vote of the holders of shares of Preferred Stock constituting a majority of the shares of Preferred Stock present at such meeting, in person or by proxy, shall be sufficient to elect any such director.

(v) Any director elected pursuant to the voting rights created under this Section 5(a) shall hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders (unless such term has previously terminated pursuant to Section 5(a)(ii) ) and any vacancy in respect of any such director shall be filled only by vote of the remaining director so elected by holders of the Voting Rights Class, or if there be no such remaining director, by the holders of shares of the Voting Rights Class at a special meeting called in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 5, or, if no such special meeting is called, at the next annual meeting of stockholders. Upon any termination of such voting rights, the term of office of all directors elected pursuant to this Section 5 shall terminate.

(vi) So long as any shares of Preferred Stock remain outstanding, unless a greater percentage shall then be required by law, the Company shall not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding Preferred Stock voting or consenting, as the case may be, separately as one class, (i) create, authorize or issue any class or series of Senior Stock (or any security convertible into Senior Stock) or (ii) amend the Certificate of Incorporation so as to affect adversely the specified rights, preferences, privileges or voting rights of holders of shares of Preferred Stock.

(vii) In exercising the voting rights set forth in this Section 5(a), each share of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to one vote.

(b) The Company may authorize, increase the authorized amount of, or issue any class or series of Parity Stock or Junior Stock, without the consent of the holders of Preferred Stock, and in taking such actions the Company shall not be deemed to have affected adversely the rights, preferences, privileges or voting rights of holders of shares of Preferred Stock.

## 6. Liquidation Rights.

(a) In the event of any liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, each holder of shares of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive and to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution to its stockholders the Liquidation Preference plus Accumulated Dividends and Accrued Dividends thereon in preference to the holders of, and before any payment or distribution is made on, any Junior Stock, including, without limitation, on any Common Stock.

(b) Neither the sale, conveyance, exchange or transfer (for cash, shares of stock, securities or other consideration) of all or substantially all the assets or business of the Company (other than in connection with the liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of its business) nor the merger or consolidation of the Company into or with any other Person shall be deemed to be a liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, voluntary or involuntary, for the purposes of this Section 6.

(c) After the payment to the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock of full preferential amounts provided for in this Section 6, the holders of Preferred Stock as such shall have no right or claim to any of the remaining assets of the Company.

(d) In the event the assets of the Company available for distribution to the holders of shares of Preferred Stock upon any liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, shall be insufficient to pay in full all amounts to which such holders are entitled pursuant to Section 6(a), no such distribution shall be made on account of any shares of Parity Stock upon such liquidation, dissolution or winding-up unless proportionate distributable amounts shall be paid on account of the shares of Preferred Stock, ratably, in proportion to the full distributable amounts for which holders of all Preferred Stock and of any Parity Stock are entitled upon such liquidation, winding-up or dissolution.

## 7. Conversion.

(a) Each holder of Preferred Stock shall have the right, only on or after the occurrence of the conversion triggering events described in Section 7(b), at its option, from the Issue Date to convert, subject to the terms and provisions of this Section 7, any or all of such holder's shares of Preferred Stock. In such case, the shares of Preferred Stock shall be converted into such whole number of fully paid and nonassessable shares of Common Stock as is equal, subject to Section 7(h), to the product of the number of shares of Preferred Stock being so converted multiplied by the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Preference divided by (ii) the Conversion Price (as defined below) then in effect. The Conversion Price initially shall be \$16.6513, subject to adjustment as set forth in Section 7(d).

The conversion right of a holder of Preferred Stock shall be exercised by the holder by the surrender to the Company of the certificates representing shares to be converted at any time during usual business hours at its principal place of business or the offices of its duly appointed Transfer Agent to be maintained by it, accompanied by written notice to the Company in the form of Exhibit B that the holder elects to convert all or a portion of the shares of Preferred Stock represented by such certificate and specifying the name or names (with address) in which a

certificate or certificates for shares of Common Stock are to be issued and (if so required by the Company or its duly appointed Transfer Agent) by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company or its duly appointed Transfer Agent duly executed by the holder or its duly authorized legal representative and transfer tax stamps or funds therefor, if required pursuant to Section 7(j). Immediately prior to the close of business on the date of receipt by the Company or its duly appointed Transfer Agent of notice of conversion of shares of Preferred Stock, each converting holder of Preferred Stock shall be deemed to be the holder of record of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of such holder's Preferred Stock notwithstanding that the share register of the Company shall then be closed or that certificates representing such Common Stock shall not then be actually delivered to such holder. On the date of any conversion, all rights with respect to the shares of Preferred Stock so converted, including the rights, if any, to receive notices, will terminate, except only the rights of holders thereof to (i) receive certificates for the number of whole shares of Common Stock into which such shares of Preferred Stock have been converted and cash, in lieu of any fractional shares as provided in Section 7(g); and (ii) exercise the rights to which they are entitled as holders of Common Stock.

(b) A holder's right to convert its shares of Preferred Stock will arise only upon the occurrence of the following events:

(i) *Conversion Rights Based on Common Share Price.* A holder may surrender shares of Preferred Stock for conversion into shares of Common Stock during any fiscal quarter after the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2004 (and only during such fiscal quarter) if the Closing Sale Price of Common Stock for at least 20 Trading Days in a period of 30 consecutive Trading Days ending on the last Trading Day of the immediately preceding fiscal quarter is more than 130% of the Conversion Price on such Trading Day. If this Closing Sale Price condition is not satisfied at the end of any fiscal quarter, then conversion pursuant to this Section 7(b)(i) will not be permitted in the following fiscal quarter. The Company shall determine for each Trading Day during the 30 consecutive Trading Day period specified in this Section 7(b)(i) whether the Closing Sale Price exceeds 130% of the Conversion Price and whether the Preferred Stock shall be convertible as a result of the occurrence of the event set forth in this Section 7(b)(i).

(ii) *Conversion Upon Satisfaction of Trading Price Condition.* A holder may surrender its shares of Preferred Stock for conversion into Common Stock during the five business day period after any five consecutive Trading Day period in which the Trading Price of the Preferred Stock for each day of such five Trading Day period was less than 98% of the product of the Closing Sale Price of the Common Stock and the Conversion Price in effect on each such day. The Company shall determine whether the Preferred Stock may be converted pursuant to this Section 7(b)(ii) based on Trading Prices obtained from three independent nationally known securities dealers. The Company shall have no obligation to determine the Trading Price unless a holder of Preferred Stock provides it with reasonable evidence that the Trading Price was less than 98% of the product of the Closing Sale Price and the then-current Conversion Price. If such evidence is provided, the Company shall determine the Trading Price of the Preferred Stock beginning on the next Trading Day and on each successive Trading Day until the Trading Price is greater than or equal to 98% of the product of the Closing Sale Price and the then current Conversion Price.

*(iii) Conversion Rights Upon Occurrence of Certain Corporate Transactions.*

(1) If the Company is party to a consolidation, merger, binding share exchange or sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, in each case pursuant to which the Common Stock would be converted into cash, securities or other property, a holder may surrender its shares of Preferred Stock for conversion into Common Stock at any time from and after the date that is 15 days prior to the anticipated effective date of the transaction until 15 days after the actual date of such transaction and, at the effective time, the right to convert shares of Preferred Stock into Common Stock will be changed into a right to convert such Preferred Stock into the kind and amount of cash, securities or other property of the Company or another person that the holder would have received if the holder had converted the holder's Preferred Stock immediately prior to the transaction.

(2) If the Company elects to (A) distribute to all holders of Common Stock rights or warrants entitling them to purchase, for a period expiring within 45 days of the record date for such distribution, Common Stock at less than the average Closing Sale Price for the ten consecutive Trading Days immediately preceding the declaration date for such distribution or (B) distribute to all holders of Common Stock, cash, assets, debt securities or rights to purchase the Company's securities, which distribution has a per share value exceeding 5% of the Closing Sale Price of Common Stock on the Trading Day immediately preceding the declaration date for such distribution; then, in either case, the Company must notify holders of Preferred Stock at least 20 days prior to the ex-dividend date for such distribution. Once the Company has given such notice, a holder may surrender its shares of Preferred Stock for conversion at any time until the earlier of the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the ex-dividend date or any announcement by the Company that such distribution will not take place. Notwithstanding the foregoing, holders shall not have the right to surrender shares of Preferred Stock for conversion pursuant to this Section 7(b)(iii)(2), and no adjustment to the Conversion Price will be made, if all holders of the Preferred Stock will otherwise participate, on the same basis as a holder of Common Shares, in the distribution described above without first converting Preferred Stock into Common Shares.

(iv) Upon a Change of Control, holders of Preferred Stock shall, if the Market Value at such time is less than the Conversion Price, have a one-time option to convert all of their outstanding shares of Preferred Stock into Common Stock pursuant to Section 4.

(v) Upon determination that holders of Preferred Stock are or will be entitled to convert their Preferred Stock into Common Stock in accordance with any of the provisions of this Section 7(b), the Company will issue a press release and publish such information on its website on the World Wide Web.

(c) If the last day for the exercise of the conversion right shall not be a Business Day, then such conversion right may be exercised on the next preceding Business Day.

(d) The Conversion Price shall be subject to adjustment as follows:

(i) In case the Company shall at any time or from time to time (A) pay a dividend (or other distribution) payable in shares of Common Stock on any class of capital stock (which, for purposes of this Section 7(d) shall include, without limitation, any dividends or distributions in the form of options, warrants or other rights to acquire capital stock) of the Company (other than the issuance of shares of Common Stock in connection with the conversion of preferred stock); (B) subdivide the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a larger number of shares; (C) combine the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares; (D) issue any shares of its capital stock in a reclassification of the Common Stock; or (E) pay a dividend or make a distribution to all holders of shares of Common Stock (other than a dividend or distribution subject to Section 7(d)(ii)) pursuant to a stockholder rights plan, "poison pill" or similar arrangement and excluding dividends payable on the Preferred Stock then, and in each such case, the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to such event shall be adjusted (and any other appropriate actions shall be taken by the Company) so that the holder of any share of Preferred Stock thereafter surrendered for conversion shall be entitled to receive the number of shares of Common Stock that such holder would have owned or would have been entitled to receive upon or by reason of any of the events described above, had such share of Preferred Stock been converted into shares of Common Stock immediately prior to the occurrence of such event. An adjustment made pursuant to this Section 7(d)(i) shall become effective retroactively (x) in the case of any such dividend or distribution, to the day immediately following the close of business on the record date for the determination of holders of Common Stock entitled to receive such dividend or distribution or (y) in the case of any such subdivision, combination or reclassification, to the close of business on the day upon which such corporate action becomes effective.

(ii) In case the Company shall at any time or from time to time issue to all holders of its Common Stock rights, options or warrants entitling the holders thereof to subscribe for or purchase shares of Common Stock (or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock) at a price per share less than the Market Value for the period ending on the date of issuance (treating the price per share of any security convertible or exchangeable or exercisable into Common Stock as equal to (A) the sum of the price paid to acquire such security convertible, exchangeable or exercisable into Common Stock plus any additional consideration payable (without regard to any anti-dilution adjustments) upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of such security into Common Stock divided by (B) the number of shares of Common Stock into which such convertible, exchangeable or exercisable security is initially convertible, exchangeable or exercisable), other than (i) issuances of such rights, options or warrants if the holder of Preferred Stock would be entitled to receive such rights, options or warrants upon conversion at any time of shares of Preferred Stock into Common Stock and (ii) issuances that are subject to certain triggering events (until such time as such triggering events occur), then, and in each such case, the Conversion Price then in effect shall be adjusted by dividing the Conversion Price in effect on the day immediately prior to the record date of such issuance by a fraction (y) the numerator of which shall be the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on such record date plus the number of additional shares of Common Stock issued or to be issued upon or as a result of the issuance of such rights, options or warrants (or the maximum number into or for which such convertible or exchangeable securities initially may convert or exchange or for which such options, warrants or other rights initially may be exercised) and (z) the denominator of which shall be the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on such record date plus the number of shares

of Common Stock which the aggregate consideration for the total number of such additional shares of Common Stock so issued (or into or for which such convertible or exchangeable securities may convert or exchange or for which such options, warrants or other rights may be exercised plus the aggregate amount of any additional consideration initially payable upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of such security) would purchase at the Market Value for the period ending on the date of conversion; provided, that if the Company distributes rights or warrants (other than those referred to above in this subparagraph (d)(ii)) pro rata to the holders of Common Stock, so long as such rights or warrants have not expired or been redeemed by the Company, (y) the holder of any Preferred Stock surrendered for conversion shall be entitled to receive upon such conversion, in addition to the shares of Common Stock then issuable upon such conversion (the "Conversion Shares"), a number of rights or warrants to be determined as follows: (i) if such conversion occurs on or prior to the date for the distribution to the holders of rights or warrants of separate certificates evidencing such rights or warrants (the "Distribution Date"), the same number of rights or warrants to which a holder of a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of Conversion Shares is entitled at the time of such conversion in accordance with the terms and provisions applicable to the rights or warrants and (ii) if such conversion occurs after the Distribution Date, the same number of rights or warrants to which a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock into which such Preferred Stock was convertible immediately prior to such Distribution Date would have been entitled on such Distribution Date had such Preferred Stock been converted immediately prior to such Distribution Date in accordance with the terms and provisions applicable to the rights and warrants and (z) the Conversion Price shall not be subject to adjustment on account of any declaration, distribution or exercise of such rights or warrants.

(iii) If the Company shall at any time make a distribution, by dividend or otherwise, to all holders of shares of its Common Stock consisting exclusively of cash (excluding any cash portion of distributions referred to in clause (E) of paragraph (d)(i) above and cash distributed upon a merger or consolidation to which paragraph (h) below applies) in an amount per share of Common Stock that, when combined with the per share amounts of all other all-cash distributions to all holders of shares of its Common Stock made within the 90-day period ending on the record date for the distribution giving rise to an adjustment pursuant to this Section 7(d)(iii), exceeds \$0.055 per share of Common Stock (the "Distribution Threshold Amount"), then the Conversion Price will be adjusted by multiplying:

(1) the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the close of business on the record date fixed for the determination of holders of Common Stock entitled to receive such distribution by

(2) a fraction, the numerator of which will be the Market Value on the fourth trading day on the NYSE prior to such record date minus the amount of cash per share of Common Stock so distributed in excess of the Dividend Threshold Amount for which an adjustment has not otherwise been made pursuant to this Section 7(d)(iii) and the denominator of which will be the Market Value on the fourth trading day on the NYSE prior to such record date.

Subject to Section 7(e), such adjustment shall become effective immediately after the record date for the determination of holders of Common Stock entitled to receive the distribution giving rise to an adjustment pursuant to this Section 7(d)(iii). The Dividend

Threshold Amount is subject to adjustment under the same circumstances under which the Conversion Price is subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 7(d)(i) or Section 7(d)(ii).

(iv) In the case the Company at any time or from time to time shall take any action affecting its Common Stock (it being understood that the issuance or sale of shares of Common Stock (or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock, or any options, warrants or other rights to acquire shares of Common Stock) to any Person at a price per share less than the Conversion Price then in effect shall not be deemed such an action), other than an action described in any of Section 7(d)(i) through Section 7(d)(iii), inclusive, or Section 7(h), then the Conversion Price shall be adjusted in such manner and at such time as the Board of Directors of the Company in good faith determines to be equitable in the circumstances (such determination to be evidenced in a resolution, a certified copy of which shall be mailed to the holders of the Preferred Stock).

(v) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no adjustment under this Section 7(d) need be made to the Conversion Price unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least 1% of the Conversion Price then in effect. Any lesser adjustment shall be carried forward and shall be made at the time of and together with the next subsequent adjustment, if any, which, together with any adjustment or adjustments so carried forward, shall amount to an increase or decrease of at least 1% of such Conversion; provided, however, that with respect to adjustments to be made to the Conversion Price in connection with cash dividends paid by the Company, the Company shall make such adjustments, regardless of whether such aggregate adjustments amount to 1% or more of the Conversion Price, no later than March 15 of each calendar year.

(vi) The Company reserves the right to make such reductions in the Conversion Price in addition to those required in the foregoing provisions as it considers advisable in order that any event treated for Federal income tax purposes as a dividend of stock or stock rights will not be taxable to the recipients. In the event the Company elects to make such a reduction in the Conversion Price, the Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder if and to the extent that such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the reduction of the Conversion Price.

(e) If the Company shall take a record of the holders of its Common Stock for the purpose of entitling them to receive a dividend or other distribution, and shall thereafter (and before the dividend or distribution has been paid or delivered to stockholders) legally abandon its plan to pay or deliver such dividend or distribution, then thereafter no adjustment in the Conversion Price then in effect shall be required by reason of the taking of such record.

(f) Upon any increase or decrease in the Conversion Price, then, and in each such case, the Company promptly shall deliver to each holder of Preferred Stock a certificate signed by an authorized officer of the Company, setting forth in reasonable detail the event requiring the adjustment and the method by which such adjustment was calculated and specifying the increased or decreased Conversion Price then in effect following such adjustment.

(g) No fractional shares or securities representing fractional shares of Common Stock shall be issued upon the conversion of any shares of Preferred Stock, whether voluntary or mandatory. If more than one share of Preferred Stock shall be surrendered for conversion at one time by the same holder, the number of full shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion thereof shall be computed on the basis of the aggregate Liquidation Preference of the shares of Preferred Stock so surrendered. If the conversion of any share or shares of Preferred Stock results in a fraction, an amount equal to such fraction multiplied by the last reported sale price of the Common Stock on the NYSE (or on such other national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is then listed for trading or authorized for quotation or, if the Common Stock is not then so listed or authorized for quotation, an amount determined in good faith by the Board of Directors to be the fair value of the Common Stock) at the close of business on the trading day next preceding the day of conversion shall be paid to such holder in cash by the Company.

(h) In the event of any reclassification of outstanding shares of Common Stock (other than a change in par value, or from par value to no par value, or from no par value to par value), or in the event of any consolidation or merger of the Company with or into another Person or any merger of another Person with or into the Company (other than a consolidation or merger in which the Company is the resulting or surviving Person and which does not result in any reclassification or change of outstanding Common Stock), or in the event of any sale or other disposition to another Person of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (computed on a consolidated basis) (any of the foregoing, a "Transaction"), each share of Preferred Stock then outstanding shall, without the consent of any holder of Preferred Stock, become convertible at any time, at the option of the holder thereof, only into the kind and amount of securities (of the Company or another issuer), cash and other property receivable upon such Transaction by a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock into which such share of Preferred Stock could have been converted immediately prior to such Transaction, after giving effect to any adjustment event. The provisions of this Section 7(h) and any equivalent thereof in any such securities similarly shall apply to successive Transactions. The provisions of this Section 7(h) shall be the sole right of holders of Preferred Stock in connection with any Transaction and such holders shall have no separate vote thereon.

(i) The Company shall at all times reserve and keep available for issuance upon the conversion of the Preferred Stock such number of its authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock as will from time to time be sufficient to permit the conversion of all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, and shall take all action required to increase the authorized number of shares of Common Stock if at any time there shall be insufficient unissued shares of Common Stock to permit such reservation or to permit the conversion of all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock.

(j) The issuance or delivery of certificates for Common Stock upon the conversion of shares of Preferred Stock shall be made without charge to the converting holder of shares of Preferred Stock for such certificates or for any tax in respect of the issuance or delivery of such certificates or the securities represented thereby, and such certificates shall be issued or delivered in the respective names of, or in such names as may be directed by, the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock converted; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to pay any tax which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issuance and

delivery of any such certificate in a name other than that of the holder of the shares of Preferred Stock converted, and the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver such certificate unless or until the Person or Persons requesting the issuance or delivery thereof shall have paid to the Company the amount of such tax or shall have established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company that such tax has been paid.

#### 8. Mandatory Conversion.

(a) At any time on or after March 15, 2009, the Company shall have the right, at its option, to cause the Preferred Stock, in whole but not in part, to be automatically converted into that number of whole shares of Common Stock for each share of Preferred Stock equal to the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Preference divided by (ii) the Conversion Price then in effect, with any resulting fractional shares of Common Stock to be settled in accordance with Section 7(g). The Company may exercise its right to cause a mandatory conversion pursuant to this Section 8(a) only if the closing price of the Common Stock equals or exceeds 130% of the Conversion Price then in effect for at least 20 trading days in any consecutive 30-day trading period on the NYSE (or such other national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is then listed or authorized for quotation), including the last trading day of such 30-day period, ending on the trading day prior to the Company's issuance of a press release announcing the mandatory conversion as described in Section 8(b).

(b) To exercise the mandatory conversion right described in Section 8(a), the Company must issue a press release for publication on the Dow Jones News Service prior to the opening of business on the first trading day following any date on which the conditions described in Section 8(a) are met, announcing such a mandatory conversion. The Company shall also give notice by mail or by publication (with subsequent prompt notice by mail) to the holders of Preferred Stock (not more than four Business Days after the date of the press release) of the mandatory conversion announcing the Company's intention to convert the Preferred Stock. The conversion date will be a date selected by the Company (the "Mandatory Conversion Date") and will be no more than five days after the date on which the Company issues the press release described in this Section 8(b).

(c) In addition to any information required by applicable law or regulation, the press release and notice of a mandatory conversion described in Section 8(b) shall state, as appropriate: (i) the Mandatory Conversion Date; (ii) the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of each share of Preferred Stock; (iii) the number of shares of Preferred Stock to be converted; and (iv) that dividends on the Preferred Stock to be converted will cease to accrue on the Mandatory Conversion Date.

(d) On and after the Mandatory Conversion Date, dividends will cease to accrue on the Preferred Stock called for a mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a) and all rights of holders of such Preferred Stock will terminate except for the right to receive the whole shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion thereof and cash, in lieu of any fractional shares of Common Stock in accordance with Section 7(g). The dividend payment with respect to the Preferred Stock called for a mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a) on a date during the period between the close of business on any Dividend Record Date to the close of business on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date will be payable on such Dividend Payment Date to

the record holder of such share on such Dividend Record Date if such share has been converted after such Dividend Record Date and prior to such Dividend Payment Date. Except as provided in the immediately preceding sentence with respect to a mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a), no payment or adjustment will be made upon conversion of Preferred Stock for Accrued Dividends or for dividends with respect to the Common Stock issued upon such conversion.

(e) The Company may not authorize, issue a press release or give notice of any mandatory conversion pursuant to Section 8(a) unless, prior to giving the conversion notice, all Accumulated Dividends on the Preferred Stock for periods ended prior to the date of such conversion notice shall have been paid in cash.

(f) In addition to the mandatory conversion right described in Section 8(a), if there are less than 25,000 shares of Preferred Stock outstanding, the Company shall have the right, at any time on or after March 15, 2009, at its option, to cause the Preferred Stock to be automatically converted into that number of whole shares of Common Stock equal to the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Preference divided by (ii) the lesser of (A) the Conversion Price then in effect and (B) the Market Value for the period ending on the second trading day immediately prior to the Mandatory Conversion Date, with any resulting fractional shares of Common Stock to be settled in cash in accordance with Section 7(g). The provisions of clauses (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this Section 8 shall apply to any mandatory conversion pursuant to this clause (f); provided that (i) the Mandatory Conversion Date described in Section 8(b) shall not be less than 15 days nor more than 30 days after the date on which the Company issues a press release pursuant to Section 8(b) announcing such mandatory conversion and (ii) the press release and notice of mandatory conversion described in Section 8(c) will not state the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of each share of Preferred Stock.

#### 9. Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets.

(a) The Company, without the consent of the holders of any of the outstanding Preferred Stock, may consolidate with or merge into any other Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all its assets to any Person or may permit any Person to consolidate with or merge into, or transfer or lease all or substantially all its properties to, the Company; provided, however, that (a) the successor, transferee or lessee is organized under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof; (b) the shares of Preferred Stock will become shares of such successor, transferee or lessee, having in respect of such successor, transferee or lessee the same powers, preferences and relative participating, optional or other special rights and the qualification, limitations or restrictions thereon, the Preferred Stock had immediately prior to such transaction; and (c) the Company delivers to the Transfer Agent an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that such transaction complies with this Certificate of Designation.

(b) Upon any consolidation by the Company with, or merger by the Company into, any other person or any conveyance, transfer or lease of all or substantially all the assets of the Company as described in Section 9(a), the successor resulting from such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the transferee or lessee to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made, will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power

of, the Company under the shares of Preferred Stock, and thereafter, except in the case of a lease, the predecessor (if still in existence) will be released from its obligations and covenants with respect to the Preferred Stock.

10. SEC Reports.

Whether or not the Company is required to file reports with the Commission, if any shares of Preferred Stock are outstanding, the Company shall file with the Commission all such reports and other information as it would be required to file with the Commission by Section 13(a) or 15(d) under the Exchange Act. The Company shall supply each holder of Preferred Stock, upon request, without cost to such holder, copies of such reports or other information.

11. Certificates.

(a) *Form and Dating.* The Preferred Stock and the Transfer Agent's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A, which is hereby incorporated in and expressly made a part of this Certificate of Designation. The Preferred Stock certificate may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule, agreements to which the Company is subject, if any, or usage (provided that any such notation, legend or endorsement is in a form acceptable to the Company). Each Preferred Stock certificate shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Preferred Stock certificate set forth in Exhibit A are part of the terms of this Certificate of Designation.

(i) *Global Preferred Stock.* The Preferred Stock shall be issued initially in the form of one or more fully registered global certificates with the global securities legend and restricted securities legend set forth in Exhibit A hereto (the "Global Preferred Stock"), which shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers represented thereby with the Transfer Agent, as custodian for DTC (or with such other custodian as DTC may direct), and registered in the name of DTC or a nominee of DTC, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Transfer Agent as hereinafter provided. The number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by Global Preferred Stock may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Transfer Agent and DTC or its nominee as hereinafter provided. With respect to shares of Preferred Stock that are not "restricted securities" as defined in Rule 144 on a conversion date, all shares of Common Stock distributed on such conversion date will be freely transferable without restriction under the Securities Act (other than by affiliates), and such shares will be eligible for receipt in global form through the facilities of DTC.

(ii) *Book-Entry Provisions.* In the event Global Preferred Stock is deposited with or on behalf of DTC, the Company shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver initially one or more Global Preferred Stock certificates that (a) shall be registered in the name of DTC as depository for such Global Preferred Stock or the nominee of DTC and (b) shall be delivered by the Transfer Agent to DTC or pursuant to DTC's instructions or held by the Transfer Agent as custodian for DTC.

Members of, or participants in, DTC (“Agent Members”) shall have no rights under this Certificate of Designation with respect to any Global Preferred Stock held on their behalf by DTC or by the Transfer Agent as the custodian of DTC or under such Global Preferred Stock, and DTC may be treated by the Company, the Transfer Agent and any agent of the Company or the Transfer Agent as the absolute owner of such Global Preferred Stock for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, the Transfer Agent or any agent of the Company or the Transfer Agent from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by DTC or impair, as between DTC and its Agent Members, the operation of customary practices of DTC governing the exercise of the rights of a holder of a beneficial interest in any Global Preferred Stock.

(iii) **Certificated Preferred Stock; Certificated Common Stock.** Except as provided in this paragraph 11(a) or in paragraph 11(c), owners of beneficial interests in Global Preferred Stock will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Preferred Stock in fully registered certificated form (“Certificated Preferred Stock”). With respect to shares of Preferred Stock that are “restricted securities” as defined in Rule 144 on a conversion date, all shares of Common Stock issuable on conversion of such shares on such conversion date will be issued in fully registered certificated form (“Certificated Common Stock”). Certificates of Certificated Common Stock will be mailed or made available at the office of the Transfer Agent for the Preferred Stock on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the relevant conversion date to the converting holder.

After a transfer of any Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock during the period of the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such Preferred Stock or such Certificated Common Stock, all requirements pertaining to legends on such Preferred Stock (including Global Preferred Stock) or Certificated Common Stock will cease to apply, the requirements requiring that any such Certificated Common Stock issued to Holders be issued in certificated form, as the case may, will cease to apply, and Preferred Stock or Common Stock, as the case may be, in global or fully registered certificated form, in either case without legends, will be available to the transferee of the Holder of such Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock upon exchange of such transferring Holder’s Preferred Stock or Common Stock or directions to transfer such Holder’s interest in the Global Preferred Stock, as applicable.

(b) *Execution and Authentication.* Two Officers shall sign the Preferred Stock certificate for the Company by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Preferred Stock certificate no longer holds that office at the time the Transfer Agent authenticates the Preferred Stock certificate, the Preferred Stock certificate shall be valid nevertheless.

A Preferred Stock certificate shall not be valid until an authorized signatory of the Transfer Agent manually signs the certificate of authentication on the Preferred Stock certificate. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Preferred Stock certificate has been authenticated under this Certificate of Designation.

The Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver certificates for up to 313,250 shares of Preferred Stock for original issue upon a written order of the Company signed by two

Officers or by an Officer and an Assistant Treasurer of the Company. Such order shall specify the number of shares of Preferred Stock to be authenticated and the date on which the original issue of Preferred Stock is to be authenticated.

The Transfer Agent may appoint an authenticating agent reasonably acceptable to the Company to authenticate the certificates for Preferred Stock. Unless limited by the terms of such appointment, an authenticating agent may authenticate certificates for Preferred Stock whenever the Transfer Agent may do so. Each reference in this Certificate of Designation to authentication by the Transfer Agent includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as the Transfer Agent or agent for service of notices and demands.

(c) *Transfer and Exchange.* (i) Transfer and Exchange of Certificated Preferred Stock. When Certificated Preferred Stock is presented to the Transfer Agent with a request to register the transfer of such Certificated Preferred Stock or to exchange such Certificated Preferred Stock for an equal number of shares of Certificated Preferred Stock, the Transfer Agent shall register the transfer or make the exchange as requested if its reasonable requirements for such transaction are met; provided, however, that the Certificated Preferred Stock surrendered for transfer or exchange:

(1) shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Transfer Agent, duly executed by the Holder thereof or its attorney duly authorized in writing; and

(2) is being transferred or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) below, and is accompanied by the following additional information and documents, as applicable:

(I) if such Certificated Preferred Stock is being delivered to the Transfer Agent by a Holder for registration in the name of such Holder, without transfer, a certification from such Holder to that effect in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto; or

(II) if such Certificated Preferred Stock is being transferred to the Company or to a “qualified institutional buyer (“QIB”) in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act or pursuant to another exemption from registration under the Securities Act, (i) a certification to that effect (in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto) and (ii) if the Company so requests, an Opinion of Counsel or other evidence reasonably satisfactory to it as to the compliance with the restrictions set forth in the legend set forth in paragraph 11(c) (vii).

(ii) Restrictions on Transfer of Certificated Preferred Stock for a Beneficial Interest in Global Preferred Stock. Certificated Preferred Stock may not be exchanged for a beneficial interest in Global Preferred Stock except upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth below. Upon receipt by the Transfer Agent of Certificated Preferred Stock, duly endorsed or accompanied by appropriate instruments of transfer, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Transfer Agent, together with written instructions directing

the Transfer Agent to make, or to direct DTC to make, an adjustment on its books and records with respect to such Global Preferred Stock to reflect an increase in the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Global Preferred Stock, then the Transfer Agent shall cancel such Certificated Preferred Stock and cause, or direct DTC to cause, in accordance with the standing instructions and procedures existing between DTC and the Transfer Agent, the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Global Preferred Stock to be increased accordingly. If no Global Preferred Stock is then outstanding, the Company shall issue and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate, upon written order of the Company in the form of an Officers' Certificate, a new Global Preferred Stock representing the appropriate number of shares.

(iii) Transfer and Exchange of Global Preferred Stock. The transfer and exchange of Global Preferred Stock or beneficial interests therein shall be effected through DTC, in accordance with this Certificate of Designation (including applicable restrictions on transfer set forth herein, if any) and the procedures of DTC therefor.

(iv) Transfer of a Beneficial Interest in Global Preferred Stock for a Certificated Preferred Stock.

(1) Any Person having a beneficial interest in Preferred Stock that is being transferred or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to another exemption from registration thereunder may upon request, but only with the consent of the Company, and if accompanied by a certification from such Person to that effect (in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto), exchange such beneficial interest for Certificated Preferred Stock representing the same number of shares of Preferred Stock. Upon receipt by the Transfer Agent of written instructions or such other form of instructions as is customary for DTC from DTC or its nominee on behalf of any Person having a beneficial interest in Global Preferred Stock and upon receipt by the Transfer Agent of a written order or such other form of instructions as is customary for DTC or the Person designated by DTC as having such a beneficial interest in a Transfer Restricted Security only, then, the Transfer Agent or DTC, at the direction of the Transfer Agent, will cause, in accordance with the standing instructions and procedures existing between DTC and the Transfer Agent, the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by Global Preferred Stock to be reduced on its books and records and, following such reduction, the Company will execute and the Transfer Agent will authenticate and deliver to the transferee Certificated Preferred Stock.

(2) Certificated Preferred Stock issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Global Preferred Stock pursuant to this paragraph 11(c)(iv) shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as DTC, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Transfer Agent. The Transfer Agent shall deliver such Certificated Preferred Stock to the Persons in whose names such Preferred Stock are so registered in accordance with the instructions of DTC.

(v) Restrictions on Transfer and Exchange of Global Preferred Stock.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Certificate of Designation (other than the provisions set forth in paragraph 11(c)(vi)), Global Preferred Stock may not be transferred as a whole except by DTC to a nominee of DTC or by a nominee of DTC to DTC or another nominee of DTC or by DTC or any such nominee to a successor depository or a nominee of such successor depository.

(2) In the event that the Global Preferred Stock is exchanged for Preferred Stock in definitive registered form pursuant to paragraph 11(c)(vi) prior to the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such securities, such Preferred Stock may be exchanged only in accordance with such procedures as are substantially consistent with the provisions of this paragraph 11(c) (including the certification requirements set forth in the Exhibits to this Certificate of Designation intended to ensure that such transfers comply with Rule 144A or such other applicable exemption from registration under the Securities Act, as the case may be) and such other procedures as may from time to time be adopted by the Company.

(vi) Authentication of Certificated Preferred Stock. If at any time:

(1) DTC notifies the Company that DTC is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the Global Preferred Stock and a successor depository for the Global Preferred Stock is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after delivery of such notice;

(2) DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and a successor depository for the Global Preferred Stock is not appointed by the Company within 90 days; or

(3) the Company, in its sole discretion, notifies the Transfer Agent in writing that it elects to cause the issuance of Certificated Preferred Stock under this Certificate of Designation,

then the Company will execute, and the Transfer Agent, upon receipt of a written order of the Company signed by two Officers or by an Officer and an Assistant Treasurer of the Company requesting the authentication and delivery of Certificated Preferred Stock to the Persons designated by the Company, will authenticate and deliver Certificated Preferred Stock equal to the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Global Preferred Stock, in exchange for such Global Preferred Stock.

(vii) Legend.

(1) Except as permitted by the following paragraph (2) and in paragraph 11(a)(iii), each certificate evidencing the Global Preferred Stock, the Certificated Preferred Stock and Certificated Common Stock shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

“THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT

OF 1933 (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND THIS SECURITY (AND THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) SUCH SECURITY (AND THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) MAY BE OFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, ONLY (1) IN THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE), (3) TO THE COMPANY OR (4) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH OF CASES (1) THROUGH (4) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND (B) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY FROM IT OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE. IN ANY CASE, THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ENGAGE IN ANY HEDGING TRANSACTION WITH REGARD TO THE SECURITY EXCEPT AS PERMITTED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT."<sup>1</sup>

(2) Upon any sale or transfer of a Transfer Restricted Security (including any Transfer Restricted Security represented by Global Preferred Stock) pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act or another exemption from registration under the Securities Act or an effective registration statement under the Securities Act:

(I) in the case of any Transfer Restricted Security that is a Certificated Preferred Stock, the Transfer Agent shall permit the Holder thereof to exchange such Transfer Restricted Security for Certificated Preferred Stock that

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to removal upon registration under the Securities Act of 1933 or otherwise when the security shall no longer be a Transfer Restricted Security.

does not bear a restrictive legend and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Transfer Restricted Security; and

(II) in the case of any Transfer Restricted Security that is represented by a Global Preferred Stock, with the consent of the Company, the Transfer Agent shall permit the Holder thereof to exchange such Transfer Restricted Security for Certificated Preferred Stock that does not bear the legend set forth above and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Transfer Restricted Security, if the Holder's request for such exchange was made in reliance on Rule 144 or another exemption from registration under the Securities Act and the Holder certifies to that effect in writing to the Transfer Agent (such certification to be in the form set forth in Exhibit C hereto).

(viii) Cancellation or Adjustment of Global Preferred Stock. At such time as all beneficial interests in Global Preferred Stock have either been exchanged for Certificated Preferred Stock, converted or canceled, such Global Preferred Stock shall be returned to DTC for cancellation or retained and canceled by the Transfer Agent. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in Global Preferred Stock is exchanged for Certificated Preferred Stock, converted or canceled, the number of shares of Preferred Stock represented by such Global Preferred Stock shall be reduced and an adjustment shall be made on the books and records of the Transfer Agent with respect to such Global Preferred Stock, by the Transfer Agent or DTC, to reflect such reduction.

(ix) Obligations with Respect to Transfers and Exchanges of Preferred Stock.

(1) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Company shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate Certificated Preferred Stock and Global Preferred Stock as required pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 11(c).

(2) All Certificated Preferred Stock and Global Preferred Stock issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Certificated Preferred Stock or Global Preferred Stock shall be the valid obligations of the Company, entitled to the same benefits under this Certificate of Designation as the Certificated Preferred Stock or Global Preferred Stock surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(3) Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of any shares of Preferred Stock, the Transfer Agent and the Company may deem and treat the Person in whose name such shares of Preferred Stock are registered as the absolute owner of such Preferred Stock and neither the Transfer Agent nor the Company shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(4) No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any registration of transfer or exchange upon surrender of any Preferred Stock certificate or Common Stock certificate at the office of the Transfer Agent maintained for that purpose. However, the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other

governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Preferred Stock certificates or Common Stock certificates.

(5) Upon any sale or transfer of shares of Preferred Stock (including any Preferred Stock represented by a Global Preferred Stock Certificate) or of Certificated Common Stock pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to Rule 144 or another exemption from registration under the Securities Act (and based upon an Opinion of Counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Company if it so requests):

(A) in the case of any Certificated Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock, the Company and the Transfer Agent shall permit the holder thereof to exchange such Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock for Certificated Preferred Stock or Certificated Common Stock, as the case may be, that does not bear a restrictive legend and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Preferred Stock or Common Stock issuable in respect of the conversion of the Preferred Stock; and

(B) in the case of any Global Preferred Stock, such Preferred Stock shall not be required to bear the legend set forth in paragraph (c)(vii) above but shall continue to be subject to the provisions of paragraph (c)(iv) hereof; provided, however, that with respect to any request for an exchange of Preferred Stock that is represented by Global Preferred Stock for Certificated Preferred Stock that does not bear the legend set forth in paragraph (c)(vii) above in connection with a sale or transfer thereof pursuant to Rule 144 or another exemption from registration under the Securities Act (and based upon an Opinion of Counsel if the Company so requests), the Holder thereof shall certify in writing to the Transfer Agent that such request is being made pursuant to such exemption (such certification to be substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto).

(x) No Obligation of the Transfer Agent.

(1) The Transfer Agent shall have no responsibility or obligation to any beneficial owner of Global Preferred Stock, a member of, or a participant in DTC or any other Person with respect to the accuracy of the records of DTC or its nominee or of any participant or member thereof, with respect to any ownership interest in the Preferred Stock or with respect to the delivery to any participant, member, beneficial owner or other Person (other than DTC) of any notice or the payment of any amount, under or with respect to such Global Preferred Stock. All notices and communications to be given to the Holders and all payments to be made to Holders under the Preferred Stock shall be given or made only to the Holders (which shall be DTC or its nominee in the case of the Global Preferred Stock). The rights of beneficial owners in any Global Preferred Stock shall be exercised only through DTC subject to the applicable rules and procedures of DTC. The Transfer Agent may rely and shall be fully protected in relying upon information furnished by DTC with respect to its members, participants and any beneficial owners.

(2) The Transfer Agent shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Certificate of Designation or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Preferred Stock (including any transfers between or among DTC participants, members or beneficial owners in any Global Preferred Stock) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by, the terms of this Certificate of Designation, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

(d) *Replacement Certificates.* If a mutilated Preferred Stock certificate is surrendered to the Transfer Agent or if the Holder of a Preferred Stock certificate claims that the Preferred Stock certificate has been lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken, the Company shall issue and the Transfer Agent shall countersign a replacement Preferred Stock certificate if the reasonable requirements of the Transfer Agent and of Section 8-405 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of Oklahoma are met. If required by the Transfer Agent or the Company, such Holder shall furnish an indemnity bond sufficient in the judgment of the Company and the Transfer Agent to protect the Company and the Transfer Agent from any loss which either of them may suffer if a Preferred Stock certificate is replaced. The Company and the Transfer Agent may charge the Holder for their expenses in replacing a Preferred Stock certificate.

(e) *Temporary Certificates.* Until definitive Preferred Stock certificates are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Transfer Agent shall countersign temporary Preferred Stock certificates. Temporary Preferred Stock certificates shall be substantially in the form of definitive Preferred Stock certificates but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Preferred Stock certificates. Without unreasonable delay, the Company shall prepare and the Transfer Agent shall countersign definitive Preferred Stock certificates and deliver them in exchange for temporary Preferred Stock certificates.

(f) *Cancellation.* (i) In the event the Company shall purchase or otherwise acquire Certificated Preferred Stock, the same shall thereupon be delivered to the Transfer Agent for cancellation.

(ii) At such time as all beneficial interests in Global Preferred Stock have either been exchanged for Certificated Preferred Stock, converted, repurchased or canceled, such Global Preferred Stock shall thereupon be delivered to the Transfer Agent for cancellation.

(iii) The Transfer Agent and no one else shall cancel and destroy all Preferred Stock certificates surrendered for transfer, exchange, replacement or cancellation and deliver a certificate of such destruction to the Company unless the Company directs the Transfer Agent to deliver canceled Preferred Stock certificates to the Company. The Company may not issue new Preferred Stock certificates to replace Preferred Stock certificates to the extent they evidence Preferred Stock which the Company has purchased or otherwise acquired.

12. Additional Rights of Holders. In addition to the rights provided to Holders under this Certificate of Designation, Holders shall have the rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

13. Other Provisions.

(a) With respect to any notice to a holder of shares of Preferred Stock required to be provided hereunder, neither failure to mail such notice, nor any defect therein or in the mailing thereof, to any particular holder shall affect the sufficiency of the notice or the validity of the proceedings referred to in such notice with respect to the other holders or affect the legality or validity of any distribution, rights, warrant, reclassification, consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer, dissolution, liquidation or winding-up, or the vote upon any such action. Any notice which was mailed in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given whether or not the holder receives the notice.

(b) Shares of Preferred Stock issued and reacquired will be retired and canceled promptly after reacquisition thereof and, upon compliance with the applicable requirements of Oklahoma law, have the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock of the Company undesignated as to series and may with any and all other authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock of the Company be designated or redesignated and issued or reissued, as the case may be, as part of any series of preferred stock of the Corporation, except that any issuance or reissuance of shares of Preferred Stock must be in compliance with this Certificate of Designation.

(c) The shares of Preferred Stock shall be issuable only in whole shares.

(d) All notice periods referred to herein shall commence on the date of the mailing of the applicable notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this certificate to be signed and attested this 29th day of March, 2004.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ MARTHA A. BURGER

Martha A. Burger  
Treasurer & Sr. Vice President

Attest: /s/ JENNIFER M. GRIGSBY

Jennifer M. Grigsby  
Assistant Treasurer & Corporate Secretary

## FORM OF PREFERRED STOCK

## FACE OF SECURITY

[THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND THIS SECURITY (AND THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) SUCH SECURITY (AND THE COMMON STOCK INTO WHICH THIS SECURITY IS CONVERTIBLE) MAY BE OFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, ONLY (1) IN THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE), (3) TO THE COMPANY OR (4) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH OF CASES (1) THROUGH (4) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND (B) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY FROM IT OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE. IN ANY CASE, THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ENGAGE IN ANY HEDGING TRANSACTION WITH REGARD TO THE SECURITY EXCEPT AS PERMITTED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT.]<sup>1</sup>

[UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO., OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC) ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to removal upon registration under the Securities Act of 1933 or otherwise when the security shall no longer be a Transfer Restricted Security.

PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO. HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.][<sup>2</sup>

[TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REFERRED TO BELOW.]<sup>2</sup>

IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER, THE HOLDER WILL DELIVER TO THE TRANSFER AGENT SUCH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SUCH TRANSFER AGENT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS.

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<sup>2</sup> Subject to removal if not a global security.

4.125% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (par value \$0.01)  
(liquidation preference \$1000 per share of Convertible Preferred Stock)

of

Chesapeake Energy Corporation

Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), hereby certifies that [\_\_\_\_\_] (the "Holder") is the registered owner of [\_\_\_\_\_] fully paid and non-assessable preferred securities of the Company designated the 4.125% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (par value \$0.01) (liquidation preference \$1000 per share of Preferred Stock) (the "Preferred Stock"). The shares of Preferred Stock are transferable on the books and records of the Transfer Agent, in person or by a duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this certificate duly endorsed and in proper form for transfer. The designations, rights, privileges, restrictions, preferences and other terms and provisions of the Preferred Stock represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Designation dated March 29, 2004, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Certificate of Designation"). Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning given them in the Certificate of Designation. The Company will provide a copy of the Certificate of Designation to a Holder without charge upon written request to the Company at its principal place of business.

Reference is hereby made to select provisions of the Preferred Stock set forth on the reverse hereof, and to the Certificate of Designation, which select provisions and the Certificate of Designation shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Upon receipt of this certificate, the Holder is bound by the Certificate of Designation and is entitled to the benefits thereunder.

Unless the Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication hereon has been properly executed, these shares of Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Certificate of Designation or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has executed this certificate this [ ] day of [ ], 2004.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

TRANSFER AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

These are shares of the Preferred Stock referred to in the within-mentioned Certificate of Designation.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

UMB BANK, N.A., as Transfer Agent,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

REVERSE OF SECURITY

Cash dividends on each share of Preferred Stock shall be payable at a rate per annum set forth in the face hereof or as provided in the Certificate of Designation.

The shares of Preferred Stock shall be convertible into the Company's Common Stock in the manner and according to the terms set forth in the Certificate of Designation.

The Company will furnish without charge to each holder who so requests the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned assigns and transfers the shares of Preferred Stock evidenced hereby to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Insert assignee's social security or tax identification number)

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\_\_\_\_\_

(Insert address and zip code of assignee)

and irrevocably appoints: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

agent to transfer the shares of Preferred Stock evidenced hereby on the books of the Transfer Agent. The agent may substitute another to act for him or her.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Preferred Stock Certificate)

Signature Guarantee:<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> (Signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" that is a bank, stockbroker, savings and loan association or credit union meeting the requirements of the Transfer Agent, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Transfer Agent in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.)

## NOTICE OF CONVERSION

(To be Executed by the Holder  
in order to Convert the Preferred Stock)

The undersigned hereby irrevocably elects to convert (the "Conversion") shares of 4.125% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock"), represented by stock certificate No(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Preferred Stock Certificates") into shares of common stock ("Common Stock") of Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company") according to the conditions of the Certificate of Designation of the Preferred Stock (the "Certificate of Designation"), as of the date written below. If shares are to be issued in the name of a person other than the undersigned, the undersigned will pay all transfer taxes payable with respect thereto and is delivering herewith the Preferred Stock Certificates. No fee will be charged to the holder for any conversion, except for transfer taxes, if any. A copy of each Preferred Stock Certificate is attached hereto (or evidence of loss, theft or destruction thereof).

The undersigned represents and warrants that all offers and sales by the undersigned of the shares of Common Stock issuable to the undersigned upon conversion of the Preferred Stock shall be made pursuant to registration of the Common Stock under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act"), or pursuant to any exemption from registration under the Act.

Any holder, upon the exercise of its conversion rights in accordance with the terms of the Certificate of Designation and the Preferred Stock, agrees to be bound by the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement.

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in or pursuant to the Certificate of Designation.

Date of Conversion: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicable Conversion Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of shares of Preferred Stock to be Converted: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of shares of Common Stock to be Issued: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

\*The Company is not required to issue shares of Common Stock until the original Preferred Stock Certificate(s) (or evidence of loss, theft or destruction thereof) to be converted are received

by the Company or its Transfer Agent. The Company shall issue and deliver shares of Common Stock to an overnight courier not later than three business days following receipt of the original Preferred Stock Certificate(s) to be converted.

\*\*Address where shares of Common Stock and any other payments or certificates shall be sent by the Company.

CERTIFICATE TO BE DELIVERED UPON EXCHANGE OR  
REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER OF PREFERRED STOCK

Re: 4.125% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock") of Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company")

This Certificate relates to \_\_\_\_\_ shares of Preferred Stock held in \*/ book-entry or \*/ definitive form by \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Transferor").

The Transferor\*:

- has requested the Transfer Agent by written order to deliver in exchange for its beneficial interest in the Preferred Stock held by the Depository shares of Preferred Stock in definitive, registered form equal to its beneficial interest in such Preferred Stock (or the portion thereof indicated above); or
- has requested the Transfer Agent by written order to exchange or register the transfer of Preferred Stock.

In connection with such request and in respect of such Preferred Stock, the Transferor does hereby certify that the Transferor is familiar with the Certificate of Designation relating to the above-captioned Preferred Stock and that the transfer of this Preferred Stock does not require registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") because \*/:

- Such Preferred Stock is being acquired for the Transferor's own account without transfer.
- Such Preferred Stock is being transferred to the Company.
- Such Preferred Stock is being transferred to a qualified institutional buyer (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act), in reliance on Rule 144A.
- Such Preferred Stock is being transferred in reliance on and in compliance with another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (and based on an Opinion of Counsel if the Company so requests).

\_\_\_\_\_  
[INSERT NAME OF TRANSFEROR]

by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*/ Please check applicable box.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2011

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ELEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF AUGUST 30, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as successor Trustee to

United States Trust Company of New York

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THIS ELEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of August 30, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as successor to United States Trust Company of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of April 6, 2001, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$800,000,000 in principal amount of 8 1/8% Senior Notes due 2011 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect: (a) the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture, and (b) the release of any Subsidiary Guarantor as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has designated Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Company has taken all actions required to effect the release, pursuant to Sections 10.02 and 10.04 of the Indenture, of Gothic Energy, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company ("GELLC") and The Ames Company, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company ("Ames"), as Subsidiary Guarantors;

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Eleventh Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

*Section 1.01.* This Eleventh Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This Eleventh Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

## ARTICLE 2

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake BNR Corp., an Oklahoma corporation, Chesapeake NFW, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, and Chesapeake LNG, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

## ARTICLE 3

*Section 3.01.* As a result of the merger of GELLC, with and into Gothic Production, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company (“GPLLC”), which constitutes a merger with a Subsidiary Guarantor under Section 10.02(a) of the Indenture, GELLC shall for all purposes be released as a Subsidiary Guarantor from all of its Guarantee and related obligations in the Indenture, pursuant to Section 10.04 of the Indenture. The notation on the Securities relating to the Guarantee shall be deemed to exclude the name of GELLC and the signature of an Officer of GELLC on its behalf.

*Section 3.02.* As the surviving entity in its merger with GELLC and a Subsidiary Guarantor, GPLLC hereby agrees to assume all of the obligations of GELLC.

*Section 3.03.* As a result of the dissolution of Ames, the Company has taken all actions required to effect the release, pursuant to Section 10.04 of the Indenture, of Ames as a Subsidiary Guarantor. The notation on the Securities relating to the Guarantee shall be deemed to exclude the name of Ames and the signature of an Officer of Ames on its behalf.

## ARTICLE 4

*Section 4.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 4.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Eleventh Supplemental Indenture. This Eleventh Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 4.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. have each been designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 4.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS ELEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 4.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this Eleventh Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

[NEXT PAGE IS SIGNATURE PAGE]

COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS:

CHESAPEAKE SOUTH TEXAS CORP.  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY LOUISIANA  
CORPORATION  
CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.  
NOMAC DRILLING CORPORATION  
CHESAPEAKE BNR CORP.  
CARMEN ACQUISITION, L.L.C.  
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EP, L.L.C.  
CHESAPEAKE FOCUS, L.L.C.  
CHESAPEAKE KNAN ACQUISITION, L.L.C.  
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CHESAPEAKE ORC, L.L.C.  
CHESAPEAKE ROYALTY, L.L.C.  
GOTHIC PRODUCTION, L.L.C.  
SAP ACQUISITION, L.L.C.  
MC MINERAL COMPANY, L.L.C.  
JOHN C. OXLEY, L.L.C.  
OXLEY PETROLEUM CO.  
CHESAPEAKE PRH CORP.  
CHESAPEAKE PERMIAN ACQUISITION, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

CHESAPEAKE EXPLORATION LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP  
CHESAPEAKE LOUISIANA, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE PANHANDLE LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP  
CHESAPEAKE-STAGHORN ACQUISITION L.P.  
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CHESAPEAKE PERMIAN, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE ZAPATA, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE LNG, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE NFW, L.P.

By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of each  
representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as successor to United States  
Trust Company of New York, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2011

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TWELFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as successor Trustee to

United States Trust Company of New York

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THIS TWELFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of September 27, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as successor to United States Trust Company of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of April 6, 2001, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$800,000,000 in principal amount of 8 1/8% Senior Notes due 2011 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has redesignated the following Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture: (a) Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., (b) Mayfield Processing, LLC and (c) MidCon Compression, L.P.; and

WHEREAS, after giving effect to the redesignation of Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company, the Company could incur at least \$1.00 in additional Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.09(a); and

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Twelfth Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

*Section 1.01.* This Twelfth Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This Twelfth Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

## ARTICLE 2

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Twelfth Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation, Mayfield Processing, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, and MidCon Compression, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

## ARTICLE 3

*Section 3.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 3.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Twelfth Supplemental Indenture. This Twelfth Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 3.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. have each been redesignated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 3.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS TWELFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 3.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this Twelfth Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Twelfth Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed, all as of the date first written above.

COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon

Title: Chief Executive Officer

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY LOUISIANA  
CORPORATION

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY MARKETING, INC.

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

CHESAPEAKE PRH CORP.

CHESAPEAKE SOUTH TEXAS CORP.

NOMAC DRILLING CORPORATION

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GOTHIC PRODUCTION, L.L.C.

JOHN C. OXLEY, L.L.C.

MC MINERAL COMPANY, L.L.C.

MAYFIELD PROCESSING, LLC

SAP ACQUISITION, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon

Title: Chief Executive Officer

CHESAPEAKE EXPLORATION LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP  
CHESAPEAKE LOUISIANA, L.P.  
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PARTNERSHIP  
CHESAPEAKE PERMIAN, L.P.  
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CHESAPEAKE ZAPATA, L.P.  
MIDCON COMPRESSION, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE LNG, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE NFW, L.P.

By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of each  
representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as successor to United States  
Trust Company of New York, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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8.375% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2008

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EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF AUGUST 30, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of August 30, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of November 5, 2001, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$250,000,000 in principal amount of 8.375% Senior Notes due 2008 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect: (a) the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture, and (b) the release of any Subsidiary Guarantor as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has designated Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Company has taken all actions required to effect the release, pursuant to Sections 10.02 and 10.04 of the Indenture, of Gothic Energy, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company ("GELLC") and The Ames Company, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company ("Ames"), as Subsidiary Guarantors;

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Eighth Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

*Section 1.01.* This Eighth Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This Eighth Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

## ARTICLE 2

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Eighth Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake BNR Corp., an Oklahoma corporation, Chesapeake NFW, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, and Chesapeake LNG, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

## ARTICLE 3

*Section 3.01.* As a result of the merger of GELLC, with and into Gothic Production, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company (“GPLLC”), which constitutes a merger with a Subsidiary Guarantor under Section 10.02(a) of the Indenture, GELLC shall for all purposes be released as a Subsidiary Guarantor from all of its Guarantee and related obligations in the Indenture, pursuant to Section 10.04 of the Indenture. The notation on the Securities relating to the Guarantee shall be deemed to exclude the name of GELLC and the signature of an Officer of GELLC on its behalf.

*Section 3.02.* As the surviving entity in its merger with GELLC and a Subsidiary Guarantor, GPLLC hereby agrees to assume all of the obligations of GELLC.

*Section 3.03.* As a result of the dissolution of Ames, the Company has taken all actions required to effect the release, pursuant to Section 10.04 of the Indenture, of Ames as a Subsidiary Guarantor. The notation on the Securities relating to the Guarantee shall be deemed to exclude the name of Ames and the signature of an Officer of Ames on its behalf.

## ARTICLE 4

*Section 4.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 4.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Eighth Supplemental Indenture. This Eighth Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 4.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. have each been designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 4.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 4.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this Eighth Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Eighth Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed, all as of the date first written above.

COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon

Title: Chief Executive Officer

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS:

CHESAPEAKE SOUTH TEXAS CORP.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY LOUISIANA  
CORPORATION

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

NOMAC DRILLING CORPORATION

CHESAPEAKE BNR CORP.

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JOHN C. OXLEY, L.L.C.

OXLEY PETROLEUM CO.

CHESAPEAKE PRH CORP.

CHESAPEAKE PERMIAN ACQUISITION, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon

Title: Chief Executive Officer

CHESAPEAKE EXPLORATION LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP  
CHESAPEAKE LOUISIANA, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE PANHANDLE LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP  
CHESAPEAKE-STAGHORN ACQUISITION L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE SIGMA, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE PERMIAN, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE ZAPATA, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE LNG, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE NFW, L.P.

By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of each  
representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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8.375% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2008

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NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of September 27, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of November 5, 2001, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$250,000,000 in principal amount of 8.375% Senior Notes due 2008 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has redesignated the following Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture: (a) Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., (b) Mayfield Processing, LLC and (c) MidCon Compression, L.P.; and

WHEREAS, after giving effect to the redesignation of Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company, the Company could incur at least \$1.00 in additional Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.09(a); and

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Ninth Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

*Section 1.01.* This Ninth Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This Ninth Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

**ARTICLE 2**

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Ninth Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation, Mayfield Processing, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, and MidCon Compression, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

**ARTICLE 3**

*Section 3.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 3.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Ninth Supplemental Indenture. This Ninth Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 3.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. have each been redesignated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 3.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 3.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this Ninth Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

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COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY LOUISIANA CORPORATION  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY MARKETING, INC.  
CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.  
CHESAPEAKE PRH CORP.  
CHESAPEAKE SOUTH TEXAS CORP.  
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CHESAPEAKE PERMIAN ACQUISITION, L.L.C.  
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JOHN C. OXLEY, L.L.C.  
MC MINERAL COMPANY, L.L.C.  
MAYFIELD PROCESSING, LLC  
SAP ACQUISITION, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

CHESAPEAKE EXPLORATION LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP  
CHESAPEAKE LOUISIANA, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE PANHANDLE LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP  
CHESAPEAKE PERMIAN, L.P.  
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CHESAPEAKE ZAPATA, L.P.  
MIDCON COMPRESSION, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE LNG, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE NFW, L.P.

By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of each  
representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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9% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2012

FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF AUGUST 30, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of August 30, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of August 12, 2002, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$250,000,000 in principal amount of 9% Senior Notes due 2012 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect: (a) the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture, and (b) the release of any Subsidiary Guarantor as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has designated Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Company has taken all actions required to effect the release, pursuant to Sections 10.02 and 10.04 of the Indenture, of Gothic Energy, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company ("GELLC") and The Ames Company, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company ("Ames"), as Subsidiary Guarantors;

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Fifth Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

*Section 1.01.* This Fifth Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This Fifth Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

## ARTICLE 2

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Fifth Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake BNR Corp., an Oklahoma corporation, Chesapeake NFW, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, and Chesapeake LNG, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

## ARTICLE 3

*Section 3.01.* As a result of the merger of GELLC, with and into Gothic Production, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company (“GPLLC”), which constitutes a merger with a Subsidiary Guarantor under Section 10.02(a) of the Indenture, GELLC shall for all purposes be released as a Subsidiary Guarantor from all of its Guarantee and related obligations in the Indenture, pursuant to Section 10.04 of the Indenture. The notation on the Securities relating to the Guarantee shall be deemed to exclude the name of GELLC and the signature of an Officer of GELLC on its behalf.

*Section 3.02.* As the surviving entity in its merger with GELLC and a Subsidiary Guarantor, GPLLC hereby agrees to assume all of the obligations of GELLC.

*Section 3.03.* As a result of the dissolution of Ames, the Company has taken all actions required to effect the release, pursuant to Section 10.04 of the Indenture, of Ames as a Subsidiary Guarantor. The notation on the Securities relating to the Guarantee shall be deemed to exclude the name of Ames and the signature of an Officer of Ames on its behalf.

## ARTICLE 4

*Section 4.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 4.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Fifth Supplemental Indenture. This Fifth Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 4.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. have each been designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 4.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 4.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this Fifth Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

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COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS:

CHESAPEAKE SOUTH TEXAS CORP.  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY LOUISIANA  
CORPORATION  
CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.  
NOMAC DRILLING CORPORATION  
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CHESAPEAKE PRH CORP.  
CHESAPEAKE PERMIAN ACQUISITION, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
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CHESAPEAKE LNG, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE NFW, L.P.

By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of each  
representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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9% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2012

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SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of September 27, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of August 12, 2002, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$250,000,000 in principal amount of 9% Senior Notes due 2012 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has redesignated the following Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture: (a) Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., (b) Mayfield Processing, LLC and (c) MidCon Compression, L.P.; and

WHEREAS, after giving effect to the redesignation of Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company, the Company could incur at least \$1.00 in additional Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.09(a); and

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Sixth Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

*Section 1.01.* This Sixth Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This Sixth Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

## ARTICLE 2

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Sixth Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation, Mayfield Processing, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, and MidCon Compression, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

## ARTICLE 3

*Section 3.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 3.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Sixth Supplemental Indenture. This Sixth Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 3.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. have each been redesignated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 3.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 3.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this Sixth Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

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COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY LOUISIANA CORPORATION  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY MARKETING, INC.  
CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.  
CHESAPEAKE PRH CORP.  
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MAYFIELD PROCESSING, LLC  
SAP ACQUISITION, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
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CHESAPEAKE NFW, L.P.

By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of  
each representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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7.75% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2015

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FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF AUGUST 30, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of August 30, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of December 20, 2002, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$150,000,000 in principal amount of 7.75% Senior Notes due 2015 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect: (a) the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture, and (b) the release of any Subsidiary Guarantor as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has designated Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Company has taken all actions required to effect the release, pursuant to Sections 10.02 and 10.04 of the Indenture, of Gothic Energy, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company ("GELLC") and The Ames Company, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company ("Ames"), as Subsidiary Guarantors;

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Fifth Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

*Section 1.01.* This Fifth Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This Fifth Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

## ARTICLE 2

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Fifth Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake BNR Corp., an Oklahoma corporation, Chesapeake NFW, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, and Chesapeake LNG, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

## ARTICLE 3

*Section 3.01.* As a result of the merger of GELLC, with and into Gothic Production, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company (“GPLLC”), which constitutes a merger with a Subsidiary Guarantor under Section 10.02(a) of the Indenture, GELLC shall for all purposes be released as a Subsidiary Guarantor from all of its Guarantee and related obligations in the Indenture, pursuant to Section 10.04 of the Indenture. The notation on the Securities relating to the Guarantee shall be deemed to exclude the name of GELLC and the signature of an Officer of GELLC on its behalf.

*Section 3.02.* As the surviving entity in its merger with GELLC and a Subsidiary Guarantor, GPLLC hereby agrees to assume all of the obligations of GELLC.

*Section 3.03.* As a result of the dissolution of Ames, the Company has taken all actions required to effect the release, pursuant to Section 10.04 of the Indenture, of Ames as a Subsidiary Guarantor. The notation on the Securities relating to the Guarantee shall be deemed to exclude the name of Ames and the signature of an Officer of Ames on its behalf.

## ARTICLE 4

*Section 4.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 4.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Fifth Supplemental Indenture. This Fifth Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 4.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. have each been designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 4.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 4.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this Fifth Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

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COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc.  
as general partner of each  
representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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7.75% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2015

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SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of September 27, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of December 20, 2002, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$150,000,000 in principal amount of 7.75% Senior Notes due 2015 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has redesignated the following Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture: (a) Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., (b) Mayfield Processing, LLC and (c) MidCon Compression, L.P.; and

WHEREAS, after giving effect to the redesignation of Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company, the Company could incur at least \$1.00 in additional Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.09(a); and

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Sixth Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

*Section 1.01.* This Sixth Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This Sixth Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

## ARTICLE 2

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Sixth Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation, Mayfield Processing, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, and MidCon Compression, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

## ARTICLE 3

*Section 3.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 3.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Sixth Supplemental Indenture. This Sixth Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 3.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. have each been redesignated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 3.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 3.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this Sixth Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

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COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of each  
representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF AUGUST 30, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of August 30, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of March 5, 2003, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$300,000,000 in principal amount of 7.5% Senior Notes due 2013 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect: (a) the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture, and (b) the release of any Subsidiary Guarantor as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has designated Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Company has taken all actions required to effect the release, pursuant to Sections 10.02 and 10.04 of the Indenture, of Gothic Energy, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company ("GELLC") and The Ames Company, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company ("Ames"), as Subsidiary Guarantors;

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Fourth Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

*Section 1.01.* This Fourth Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This Fourth Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

## ARTICLE 2

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Fourth Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake BNR Corp., an Oklahoma corporation, Chesapeake NFW, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, and Chesapeake LNG, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

## ARTICLE 3

*Section 3.01.* As a result of the merger of GELLC, with and into Gothic Production, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company (“GPLLC”), which constitutes a merger with a Subsidiary Guarantor under Section 10.02(a) of the Indenture, GELLC shall for all purposes be released as a Subsidiary Guarantor from all of its Guarantee and related obligations in the Indenture, pursuant to Section 10.04 of the Indenture. The notation on the Securities relating to the Guarantee shall be deemed to exclude the name of GELLC and the signature of an Officer of GELLC on its behalf.

*Section 3.02.* As the surviving entity in its merger with GELLC and a Subsidiary Guarantor, GPLLC hereby agrees to assume all of the obligations of GELLC.

*Section 3.03.* As a result of the dissolution of Ames, the Company has taken all actions required to effect the release, pursuant to Section 10.04 of the Indenture, of Ames as a Subsidiary Guarantor. The notation on the Securities relating to the Guarantee shall be deemed to exclude the name of Ames and the signature of an Officer of Ames on its behalf.

## ARTICLE 4

*Section 4.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 4.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Fourth Supplemental Indenture. This Fourth Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 4.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. have each been designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 4.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 4.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this Fourth Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

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COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS:

CHESAPEAKE SOUTH TEXAS CORP.  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY LOUISIANA  
CORPORATION  
CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.  
NOMAC DRILLING CORPORATION  
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JOHN C. OXLEY, L.L.C.  
OXLEY PETROLEUM CO.  
CHESAPEAKE PRH CORP.  
CHESAPEAKE PERMIAN ACQUISITION, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

CHESAPEAKE EXPLORATION LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP  
CHESAPEAKE LOUISIANA, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE PANHANDLE LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP  
CHESAPEAKE-STAGHORN ACQUISITION L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE SIGMA, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE PERMIAN, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE ZAPATA, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE LNG, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE NFW, L.P.

By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of  
each representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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7.5% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2013

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FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of September 27, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of March 5, 2003, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$300,000,000 in principal amount of 7.5% Senior Notes due 2013 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has redesignated the following Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture: (a) Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., (b) Mayfield Processing, LLC and (c) MidCon Compression, L.P.; and

WHEREAS, after giving effect to the redesignation of Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company, the Company could incur at least \$1.00 in additional Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.09(a); and

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Fifth Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

*Section 1.01.* This Fifth Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This Fifth Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

**ARTICLE 2**

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Fifth Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation, Mayfield Processing, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, and MidCon Compression, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

**ARTICLE 3**

*Section 3.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 3.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Fifth Supplemental Indenture. This Fifth Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 3.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. have each been redesignated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 3.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 3.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this Fifth Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

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COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY LOUISIANA  
CORPORATION  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY MARKETING, INC.  
CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.  
CHESAPEAKE PRH CORP.  
CHESAPEAKE SOUTH TEXAS CORP.  
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JOHN C. OXLEY, L.L.C.  
MC MINERAL COMPANY, L.L.C.  
MAYFIELD PROCESSING, LLC  
SAP ACQUISITION, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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MIDCON COMPRESSION, L.P.  
CHESAPEAKE LNG, L.P.

CHESAPEAKE NFW, L.P.

By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of each  
representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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6.875% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2016

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF AUGUST 30, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of August 30, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of November 26, 2003, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$200,000,000 in principal amount of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2016 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(1) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency therein; and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect: (a) the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture, and (b) the release of any Subsidiary Guarantor as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has designated Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Company has taken all actions required to effect the release, pursuant to Sections 10.02 and 10.04 of the Indenture, of Gothic Energy, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company ("GELLC") and The Ames Company, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company ("Ames"), as Subsidiary Guarantors;

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Second Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

*Section 1.01.* This Second Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This Second Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

**ARTICLE 2**

*Section 2.01.* Pursuant to section 9.01(1) of the Indenture, the second sentence of Section 3.07 is hereby amended by deleting the second sentence of such Section and replacing such sentence with the following to correct the second date referenced in such Section from “September 15” to “January 15”:

“The Securities may be redeemed at the option of the Company, in whole or from time to time in part, at any time on or after January 15, 2009, at the redemption prices set forth below (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of the Securities to be redeemed), together with accrued and unpaid interest on the Securities so redeemed to the redemption date, if redeemed during the 12-month period commencing on January 15 of the years indicated below:

| <u>Year</u>         | <u>Redemption Price</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 2009                | 103.438%                |
| 2010                | 102.292%                |
| 2011                | 101.146%                |
| 2012 and thereafter | 100.000%”               |

**ARTICLE 3**

*Section 3.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Second Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake BNR Corp., an Oklahoma corporation, Chesapeake NFW, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, and Chesapeake LNG, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

#### ARTICLE 4

*Section 4.01.* As a result of the merger of GELLC, with and into Gothic Production, L.L.C., an Oklahoma limited liability company (“GPLLC”), which constitutes a merger with a Subsidiary Guarantor under Section 10.02(a) of the Indenture, GELLC shall for all purposes be released as a Subsidiary Guarantor from all of its Guarantee and related obligations in the Indenture, pursuant to Section 10.04 of the Indenture. The notation on the Securities relating to the Guarantee shall be deemed to exclude the name of GELLC and the signature of an Officer of GELLC on its behalf.

*Section 4.02.* As the surviving entity in its merger with GELLC and a Subsidiary Guarantor, GPLLC hereby agrees to assume all of the obligations of GELLC.

*Section 4.03.* As a result of the dissolution of Ames, the Company has taken all actions required to effect the release, pursuant to Section 10.04 of the Indenture, of Ames as a Subsidiary Guarantor. The notation on the Securities relating to the Guarantee shall be deemed to exclude the name of Ames and the signature of an Officer of Ames on its behalf.

#### ARTICLE 5

*Section 5.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 5.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Second Supplemental Indenture. This Second Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 5.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. have each been designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 5.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 5.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this Second Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

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COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS:

CHESAPEAKE SOUTH TEXAS CORP.  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY LOUISIANA  
CORPORATION  
CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.  
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By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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CHESAPEAKE NFW, L.P.

By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of each  
representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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6.875% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2016

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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF September 27, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of September 27, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of November 26, 2003, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$200,000,000 in principal amount of 6.875% Senior Notes due 2016 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has redesignated the following Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture: (a) Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., (b) Mayfield Processing, LLC and (c) MidCon Compression, L.P.; and

WHEREAS, after giving effect to the redesignation of Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company, the Company could incur at least \$1.00 in additional Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.09(a); and

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Third Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

*Section 1.01.* This Third Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This Third Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

**ARTICLE 2**

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Third Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation, Mayfield Processing, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, and MidCon Compression, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

**ARTICLE 3**

*Section 3.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 3.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Third Supplemental Indenture. This Third Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 3.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. have each been redesignated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 3.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 3.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this Third Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

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COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY LOUISIANA  
CORPORATION  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY MARKETING, INC.  
CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.  
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By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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CHESAPEAKE NFW, L.P.

By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of  
each representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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7.5% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2014

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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF AUGUST 30, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of August 30, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of May 27, 2004 (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$300,000,000 in principal amount of 7.5% Senior Notes due 2014 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect: (a) the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture, and (b) the release of any Subsidiary Guarantor as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has designated Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this First Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1

*Section 1.01.* This First Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This First Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

## ARTICLE 2

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this First Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake BNR Corp., an Oklahoma corporation, Chesapeake NFW, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, and Chesapeake LNG, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

## ARTICLE 3

*Section 3.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 3.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this First Supplemental Indenture. This First Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 3.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake BNR Corp., Chesapeake NFW, L.P. and Chesapeake LNG, L.P. have each been designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 3.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

*Section 3.05.* The parties may sign any number of copies of this First Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of such executed copies together shall represent the same agreement.

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COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon

Title: Chief Executive Officer

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS:

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By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of  
each representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of September 27, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of May 27, 2004, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$300,000,000 in principal amount of 7.5% Senior Notes due 2014 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has redesignated the following Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture: (a) Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., (b) Mayfield Processing, LLC and (c) MidCon Compression, L.P.; and

WHEREAS, after giving effect to the redesignation of Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company, the Company could incur at least \$1.00 in additional Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.09(a); and

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Second Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

*Section 1.01.* This Second Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

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## ARTICLE 2

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this Second Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation, Mayfield Processing, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, and MidCon Compression, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, are subject to the provisions of the Indenture as Subsidiary Guarantors to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

## ARTICLE 3

*Section 3.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 3.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Second Supplemental Indenture. This Second Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 3.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. have each been redesignated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

*Section 3.04.* THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE AND ENFORCE THIS SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

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CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of  
each representative entity

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

and

the Subsidiary Guarantors named herein

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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF AUGUST 30, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of August 30, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of August 2, 2004, (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$300,000,000 in principal amount of 7.00% Senior Notes due 2014 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect: (a) the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture, and (b) the release of any Subsidiary Guarantor as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has designated Chesapeake NFW, L.P. as a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company and desires to add such entity as a Subsidiary Guarantor under the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this First Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

*Section 1.01.* This First Supplemental Indenture is supplemental to the Indenture and does and shall be deemed to form a part of, and shall be construed in connection with and as part of, the Indenture for any and all purposes.

*Section 1.02.* This First Supplemental Indenture shall become effective immediately upon its execution and delivery by each of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

**ARTICLE 2**

*Section 2.01.* From this date, in accordance with Section 10.03 of the Indenture and by executing this First Supplemental Indenture, Chesapeake NFW, L.P., an Oklahoma limited partnership, is subject to the provisions of the Indenture as a Subsidiary Guarantor to the extent provided for in Article Ten thereunder.

**ARTICLE 3**

*Section 3.01.* Except as specifically modified herein, the Indenture and the Notes are in all respects ratified and confirmed (*mutatis mutandis*) and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms with all capitalized terms used herein without definition having the same respective meanings ascribed to them as in the Indenture.

*Section 3.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this First Supplemental Indenture. This First Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 3.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake NFW, L.P. has been designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

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COMPANY:

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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By: Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as general partner of  
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By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

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Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

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THIS SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of September 27, 2004, is among Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), each of the parties identified under the caption "Subsidiary Guarantors" on the signature page hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors a party thereto and the Trustee entered into an Indenture, dated as of August 2, 2004, as supplemented prior to the date hereof (the "Indenture"), pursuant to which the Company has originally issued \$300,000,000 in principal amount of 7.00% Senior Notes due 2014 (the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, Section 9.01(3) of the Indenture provides that the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture without notice to or consent of any Holder to reflect the addition of any Subsidiary Guarantor, as provided for in the Indenture; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company has redesignated the following Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and desires to add such entities as Subsidiary Guarantors under the Indenture: (a) Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., (b) Mayfield Processing, LLC and (c) MidCon Compression, L.P.; and

WHEREAS, after giving effect to the redesignation of Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. as Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company, the Company could incur at least \$1.00 in additional Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.09(a); and

WHEREAS, all acts and things prescribed by the Indenture, by law and by the charter and the bylaws (or comparable constituent documents) of the Company, of the Subsidiary Guarantors and of the Trustee necessary to make this Third Supplemental Indenture a valid instrument legally binding on the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, in accordance with its terms, have been duly done and performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, to comply with the provisions of the Indenture and in consideration of the above premises, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Holders of the Notes as follows:

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*Section 3.02.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no duties, responsibilities or liabilities are assumed, or shall be construed to be assumed, by the Trustee by reason of this Second Supplemental Indenture. This Second Supplemental Indenture is executed and accepted by the Trustee subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture with the same force and effect as if those terms and conditions were repeated at length herein and made applicable to the Trustee with respect hereto.

*Section 3.03.* The Company hereby notifies the Trustee that Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Mayfield Processing, LLC and MidCon Compression, L.P. have each been redesignated by the Board of Directors of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Indenture).

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By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

Name: Aubrey K. McClendon

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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Name: Aubrey K. McClendon  
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TRUSTEE:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: /s/ Steven D. Torgeson

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Name: Steven. D. Torgeson  
Title: Vice President

**INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT  
UNDER CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
1996 STOCK OPTION PLAN**

THIS INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT (the "Option Agreement"), made as of the grant date set forth on the cover page of this Option Agreement (the "Cover Page") at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by and between the participant named on the Cover Page (the "Participant") and CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION (the "Company"):

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Participant is an employee of the Company or any "Subsidiary" (as defined in Section 2.19 of the Plan) of the Company, and it is important to the Company that the Participant be encouraged to remain in the employ of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such facts, the Company desires to provide to the Participant an opportunity to purchase shares of the common stock of the Company, as hereinafter provided, pursuant to "Chesapeake Energy Corporation 1996 Stock Option Plan" (the "Plan"), a copy of which has been provided to the Participant.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth and for good and valuable consideration, the Participant and the Company hereby agree as follows:

1. GRANT OF ISO OPTION. The Company hereby grants to the Participant an incentive stock option (the "ISO Option") intended to qualify under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), to purchase all or any part of the number of shares of its voting common stock, par value \$.01 (the "Stock") set forth on the Cover Page, under and subject to the terms and conditions of this Option Agreement and the Plan which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes. The purchase price for each share to be purchased hereunder shall be the option price set forth on the Cover Page (the "ISO Price").

2. TIMES OF EXERCISE OF ISO OPTION. After, and only after, the conditions of Section 9 hereof have been satisfied and the Company's shareholders have approved the Plan in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.2 of the Plan, the Participant shall be eligible to exercise the ISO Option pursuant to the "Vesting Schedule" set forth on the Cover Page. If the Participant's employment with the Company (or of any one or more of the Subsidiaries of the Company) remains full-time and continuous at all times prior to any of the "Exercise Dates" specified, then the Participant shall be entitled, subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement having been satisfied, to exercise on or after the applicable Exercise Date, on a cumulative basis, the number of shares of Stock determined by multiplying the aggregate number of shares set forth on the Cover Page by the designated percentage set forth on the Cover Page.

3. **TERM OF ISO OPTION.** Subject to earlier termination as hereafter provided, the ISO Option shall expire at the close of business on the expiration date set forth on the Cover Page and may not be exercised after such expiration date, which in no event shall be more than ten years from the Date of Grant. At all times during the period commencing with the date the ISO Option is granted to the Participant and ending on the earlier of the expiration of the ISO Option or the date which is three months prior to the date the ISO Option is exercised by the Participant, the Participant must be an employee of either (i) the Company, (ii) a Subsidiary of the Company, or (iii) a corporation or a parent or a Subsidiary of such corporation issuing or assuming an ISO Option in a transaction to which Section 424(a) of the Code applies.

4. **NONTRANSFERABILITY OF ISO OPTION.** Except as otherwise herein provided, the ISO Option shall not be transferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and the ISO Option may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant. More particularly (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing), the ISO Option may not be assigned, transferred (except as provided above), pledged or hypothecated in any way, shall not be assignable by operation of law and shall not be subject to execution, attachment, or similar process. Any attempted assignment, transfer, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of the ISO Option contrary to the provisions hereof shall be null and void and without effect.

5. **EMPLOYMENT.** So long as the Participant shall continue to be a full-time and continuous employee of the Company or one or more of the Subsidiaries of the Company, the ISO Option shall not be affected by any change of duties or position. Nothing in the Plan or in this Option Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the employ of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries of the Company, or interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries of the Company to terminate the Participant's employment at any time.

6. **SPECIAL RULES WITH RESPECT TO ISO OPTIONS.** With respect to the ISO Option granted hereunder, the following special rules shall apply:

(a) **Annual Limitation on Exercise of ISO Options.** Except as provided in Section 8 herein, in no event during any calendar year will the aggregate "Fair Market Value" (as defined in Section 2.9 of the Plan), determined as of the time the ISO Option is granted, of the Stock for which the Participant may first have the right to exercise under the ISO Option and any other "incentive stock options" granted under all plans qualified under Section 422 of the Code which are sponsored by the Company and its Subsidiary corporations exceed \$100,000.

(b) **Acceleration of Otherwise Unexercisable ISO Options on Death, Disability or Other Special Circumstances.** The Committee, in its sole discretion, may permit (i) a Participant who terminates employment due to a Disability, (ii) the personal representative of a deceased Participant, or (iii) any other Participant who

terminates employment upon the occurrence of special circumstances (as determined by the Committee) to purchase all or any part of the shares subject to the ISO Option for which the applicable Exercise Date(s) has not yet occurred on the date of the Participant's death, termination of his employment due to a Disability, or as the Committee otherwise so determines. With respect to shares subject to the ISO Option for which the applicable Exercise Dates has occurred or for which the Committee has permitted purchase in accordance with the foregoing provision, the Participant shall automatically have the right to purchase such shares within three months of such date of termination employment or one year in the case of a Participant suffering a Disability or three years in the case of a deceased Participant.

**7. METHOD OF EXERCISING ISO OPTION.**

(a) Procedures for Exercise. The manner of exercising the ISO Option herein granted shall be by written notice to the Compliance Manager of the Company at the time the ISO Option, or part thereof, is to be exercised, and in any event prior to the expiration of the ISO Option. Such notice shall state the election to exercise the ISO Option, the number of shares of Stock to be purchased upon exercise, and the form of payment to be used, and shall be signed by the person so exercising the ISO Option.

(b) Form of Payment. Payment in full for shares of Stock purchased under this Option Agreement shall accompany the Participant's notice of exercise, together with payment for any applicable withholding taxes. Payment shall be made (i) in cash or by check, draft or money order payable to the order of the Company; (ii) by delivering Stock having a Fair Market Value on the date of payment equal to the amount of the exercise price; (iii) by directing the Company to withhold from the shares of Stock to be delivered to the Participant upon exercise of the ISO Option shares of Stock having a Fair Market Value at the date of payment equal to the amount of the exercise price; or (iv) a combination thereof. In addition to the foregoing procedure which may be available for the exercise of the ISO Option, the Participant may deliver to the Company a notice of exercise which includes an irrevocable instruction to the Company to deliver the stock certificate representing the shares of Stock being purchased, issued in the name of the Participant, to a broker approved by the Company and authorized to trade in the common stock of the Company. Upon receipt of such notice, the Company shall acknowledge receipt of the executed notice of exercise and forward this notice to the broker. Upon receipt of the copy of the notice which has been acknowledged by the Company, and without waiting for issuance of the actual stock certificate with respect to the exercise of the ISO Option, the broker may sell the Stock or any portion thereof. The broker shall deliver directly to the Company that portion of the sales proceeds sufficient to cover the ISO Price and withholding taxes, if any. Further, the broker may also facilitate a loan to the Participant upon receipt of the notice of exercise in advance of the issuance of the actual stock certificate as an alternative means of financing and facilitating the exercise of the ISO Option. For all purposes of effecting the exercise of the ISO Option, the date on which the Participant gives the notice of exercise to the Company, together with payment for the shares of Stock being purchased and any applicable withholding

taxes, shall be the “date of exercise.” If a notice of exercise and payment are delivered at different times, the date of exercise shall be the date the Company first has in its possession both the notice and full payment as provided herein.

(c) Further Information. In the event the ISO Option is exercised, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 7, by any person other than the Participant due to the death of the Participant, such notice shall also be accompanied by appropriate proof of the right of such person to exercise the ISO Option. The notice so required shall be given by personal delivery to the Compliance Manager of the Company or by registered or certified mail, addressed to the Company at 6104 N. Western, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, and it shall be deemed to have been given when it is so personally delivered or when it is deposited in the United States mail in an envelope addressed to the Company, as aforesaid, properly stamped for delivery as a registered or certified letter.

8. ACCELERATION OF ISO OPTION UPON CORPORATE EVENT. If the Company shall, pursuant to action by its Board, at any time propose to dissolve or liquidate or merge into, consolidate with, or sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of its assets to another corporation and provision is not made pursuant to the terms of such transaction for the assumption by the surviving, resulting or acquiring corporation of outstanding ISO Options under this Option Agreement, or for the substitution of new options therefor, the Committee shall cause written notice of the proposed transaction to be given to the Participant not less than forty days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, and the ISO Option shall become 100% vested and, prior to a date specified in such notice, which shall be not more than ten days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, the Participant shall have the right to exercise the ISO Option to purchase any or all of the Stock then subject to the ISO Option. The Participant, by so notifying the Company in writing, may, in exercising the ISO Option, condition such exercise upon, and provide that such exercise shall become effective at the time of, but immediately prior to, the consummation of the transaction, in which event the Participant need not make payment for the Stock to be purchased upon exercise of the ISO Option until five days after written notice by the Company to the Participant that the transaction has been consummated. If the transaction is consummated, the ISO Option, to the extent not previously exercised prior to the date specified in the foregoing notice, shall terminate on the effective date of such consummation. If the transaction is abandoned, (i) any Stock not purchased upon exercise of the ISO Option shall continue to be available for purchase in accordance with the other provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement and (ii) to the extent that any portion of the ISO Option not exercised prior to such abandonment shall have vested solely by operation of this Section 8, such vesting shall be deemed annulled, and the Vesting Schedule set forth on the Cover Page shall be reinstated, as of the date of such abandonment.

9. SECURITIES LAW RESTRICTIONS. The ISO Option shall be exercised and Stock issued only upon compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Act”), and any other applicable securities law, or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. If deemed necessary by the Company to comply with the Act or any

applicable laws or regulations relating to the sale of securities, the Participant, at the time of exercise and as a condition imposed by the Company, shall represent, warrant and agree that the shares of Stock subject to the ISO Option are being purchased for investment and not with any present intention to resell the same and without a view to distribution, and the Participant shall, upon the request of the Company, execute and deliver to the Company an agreement to such effect. The Participant acknowledges that any stock certificate representing Stock purchased under such circumstances will be issued with a restricted securities legend.

10. DISQUALIFYING DISPOSITION OF STOCK. If the Participant shall make a disposition (within the meaning of Section 424(c) of the Code and the rules and regulations thereunder) of any shares of Stock covered by the ISO Option within one year after the date of exercise of the ISO Option or within two years after the date of grant of the ISO Option, then in either such event the Participant shall promptly notify the Company, by delivery of written notice to the Compliance Manager of the Company, of (i) the date of such disposition, (ii) the number of shares of Stock covered by the ISO Option which were disposed of and (iii) the price at which such shares of Stock were disposed of or the amount of any other consideration received on such disposition. The Company may make such provision as it may deem appropriate for the withholding of any applicable federal, state or local taxes that it determines it may be obligated to withhold or pay in connection with the exercise of the ISO Option or the disposition of shares of Stock acquired upon exercise of the ISO Option.

11. NOTICES. All notices or other communications relating to the Plan and this Option Agreement as it relates to the Participant shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or mailed (U.S. Mail) by the Company to the Participant at the then current address as maintained by the Company or such other address as the Participant may advise the Company in writing.

12. DEFINITIONS. Any capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

**NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT  
UNDER CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
1996 STOCK OPTION PLAN**

THIS NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT (the "Option Agreement"), made as of the grant date set forth on the cover page of this Option Agreement (the "Cover Page") at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by and between the participant named on the Cover Page (the "Participant") and CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION (the "Company"):

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Participant is an employee of the Company, any "Subsidiary" (as defined in Section 2.19 of the Plan) of the Company or a partnership or limited liability company controlled by the Company, and it is important to the Company that the Participant be encouraged to remain in the employ of the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company or a partnership or limited liability company controlled by the Company; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such facts, the Company desires to provide to the Participant an opportunity to purchase shares of the common stock of the Company, as hereinafter provided, pursuant to "Chesapeake Energy Corporation 1996 Stock Option Plan" (the "Plan"), a copy of which has been provided to the Participant.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth and for good and valuable consideration, the Participant and the Company hereby agree as follows:

1. **GRANT OF STOCK OPTION.** The Company hereby grants to the Participant a stock option (the "Stock Option") to purchase all or any part of the number of shares of its voting common stock, par value \$.01 (the "Stock") set forth on the Cover Page, under and subject to the terms and conditions of this Option Agreement and the Plan which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes. The purchase price for each share to be purchased hereunder shall be the option price set forth on the Cover Page (the "Option Price").

2. **TIMES OF EXERCISE OF STOCK OPTION.** After, and only after, the conditions of Section 9 hereof have been satisfied and the Company's shareholders have approved the Plan in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.2 of the Plan, the Participant shall be eligible to exercise the Stock Option pursuant to the Vesting Schedule set forth on the Cover Page. If the Participant's employment with the Company (or of any one or more of the Subsidiaries of the Company or any partnership or limited liability company controlled by the Company) remains full-time and continuous at all times prior to any of the "Exercise Dates" specified on the Cover Page, then the Participant shall be entitled, subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement having

been satisfied, to exercise on or after the applicable Exercise Date, on a cumulative basis, the number of shares of Stock determined by multiplying the aggregate number of shares set forth on the Cover Page by the designated percentage set forth on the Cover Page.

3. TERM OF STOCK OPTION. Subject to earlier termination as hereafter provided, the Stock Option shall expire at the close of business on the expiration date set forth on the Cover Page and may not be exercised after such expiration date, which in no event shall be more than ten years from the Date of Grant. At all times during the period commencing with the date the Stock Option is granted to the Participant and ending on the earlier of the expiration of the Stock Option or the date which is three months prior to the date the Stock Option is exercised by the Participant, the Participant must be an employee of either (i) the Company, (ii) a subsidiary of the Company, (iii) a partnership or limited liability company controlled by the Company; or (iv) a corporation or a parent or a subsidiary of such corporation issuing or assuming a Stock Option in a transaction to which Section 424(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), applies.

4. NONTRANSFERABILITY OF STOCK OPTION. Except as otherwise herein provided, the Stock Option shall not be transferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and the Stock Option may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant. More particularly (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing), the Stock Option may not be assigned, transferred (except as provided above), pledged or hypothecated in any way, shall not be assignable by operation of law and shall not be subject to execution, attachment, or similar process. Any attempted assignment, transfer, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of the Stock Option contrary to the provisions hereof shall be null and void and without effect.

5. EMPLOYMENT. So long as the Participant shall continue to be a full-time and continuous employee of the Company, one or more of the Subsidiaries of the Company or of a partnership or limited liability company controlled by the Company, the Stock Option shall not be affected by any change of duties or position. Nothing in the Plan or in this Option Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the employ of the Company, any of the Subsidiaries of the Company or of a partnership or limited liability company controlled by the Company, or interfere in any way with the right of the Company, any of the Subsidiaries of the Company or of a partnership or limited liability company controlled by the Company to terminate the Participant's employment at any time.

6. ACCELERATION OF OTHERWISE UNEXERCISABLE OPTIONS ON DEATH, DISABILITY OR OTHER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may permit (i) a Participant who terminates employment due to a Disability, (ii) the personal representative of a deceased Participant, or (iii) any other Participant who terminates employment upon the occurrence of special circumstances (as determined by the Committee) to purchase all or any part of the unvested shares

subject to the Stock Option on the date of the Participant's death, termination of his employment due to a Disability, or as the Committee otherwise so determines. With respect to shares subject to the Stock Option for which the applicable Exercise Date(s) has occurred or for which the Committee has permitted purchase in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the Participant shall automatically have the right to purchase such shares within three months of such date of termination of employment one year in the case of a Participant suffering a Disability or three years in the case of a deceased Participant.

#### 7. METHOD OF EXERCISING STOCK OPTION.

(a) Procedures for Exercise. The manner of exercising the Stock Option herein granted shall be by written notice to the Compliance Manager of the Company at the time the Stock Option, or part thereof, is to be exercised, and in any event prior to the expiration of the Stock Option. Such notice shall state the election to exercise the Stock Option, the number of shares of Stock to be purchased upon exercise, and the form of payment to be used, and shall be signed by the person so exercising the Stock Option.

(b) Form of Payment. Payment in full for shares of Stock purchased under this Option Agreement shall accompany the Participant's notice of exercise, together with payment for any applicable withholding taxes. Payment shall be made (i) in cash or by check, draft or money order payable to the order of the Company; (ii) by delivering Stock having a Fair Market Value on the date of payment equal to the amount of the exercise price; (iii) by directing the Company to withhold from the shares of Stock to be delivered to the Participant upon exercise of the Stock Option shares of Stock having a Fair Market Value on the date of payment equal to the amount of the exercise price or (iv) a combination thereof. In addition to the foregoing procedure which may be available for the exercise of the Stock Option, the Participant may deliver to the Company a notice of exercise which includes an irrevocable instruction to the Company to deliver the stock certificate representing the shares of Stock being purchased, issued in the name of the Participant, to a broker approved by the Company and authorized to trade in the common stock of the Company. Upon receipt of such notice, the Company shall acknowledge receipt of the executed notice of exercise and forward this notice to the broker. Upon receipt of the copy of the notice which has been acknowledged by the Company, and without waiting for issuance of the actual stock certificate with respect to the exercise of the Stock Option, the broker may sell the Stock or any portion thereof. The broker shall deliver directly to the Company that portion of the sales proceeds sufficient to cover the Option Price and withholding taxes, if any. Further, the broker may also facilitate a loan to the Participant upon receipt of the notice of exercise in advance of the issuance of the actual stock certificate as an alternative means of financing and facilitating the exercise of the Stock Option. For all purposes of effecting the exercise of the Stock Option, the date on which the Participant gives the notice of exercise to the Company, together with payment for the shares of Stock being purchased and any applicable withholding taxes, shall be the "date of exercise." If a notice of exercise and payment are delivered at different times, the date of exercise shall be the date the Company first has in its possession both the notice and full payment as provided herein.

(c) Further Information. In the event the Stock Option is exercised, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 7, by any person other than the Participant due to the death of the Participant, such notice shall also be accompanied by appropriate proof of the right of such person to exercise the Stock Option. The notice so required shall be given by personal delivery to the Compliance Manager of the Company or by registered or certified mail, addressed to the Company at 6104 N. Western, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, and it shall be deemed to have been given when it is so personally delivered or when it is deposited in the United States mail in an envelope addressed to the Company, as aforesaid, properly stamped for delivery as a registered or certified letter.

8. ACCELERATION OF STOCK OPTION UPON CORPORATE EVENT. If the Company shall, pursuant to action by its Board, at any time propose to dissolve or liquidate or merge into, consolidate with, or sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of its assets to another corporation and provision is not made pursuant to the terms of such transaction for the assumption by the surviving, resulting or acquiring corporation of outstanding Stock Options under this Option Agreement, or for the substitution of new options therefor, the Committee shall cause written notice of the proposed transaction to be given to the Participant not less than forty days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, and the Stock Option shall become 100% vested and, prior to a date specified in such notice, which shall be not more than ten days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, the Participant shall have the right to exercise the Stock Option to purchase any or all of the Stock then subject to the Stock Option. The Participant, by so notifying the Company in writing, may, in exercising the Stock Option, condition such exercise upon, and provide that such exercise shall become effective at the time of, but immediately prior to, the consummation of the transaction, in which event the Participant need not make payment for the Stock to be purchased upon exercise of the Stock Option until five days after written notice by the Company to the Participant that the transaction has been consummated. If the transaction is consummated, the Stock Option, to the extent not previously exercised prior to the date specified in the foregoing notice, shall terminate on the effective date of such consummation. If the transaction is abandoned, (i) any Stock not purchased upon exercise of the Stock Option shall continue to be available for purchase in accordance with the other provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement and (ii) to the extent that any portion of the Stock Option not exercised prior to such abandonment shall have vested solely by operation of this Section 8, such vesting shall be deemed annulled, and the Vesting Schedule set forth on the Cover Page shall be reinstated, as of the date of such abandonment.

9. SECURITIES LAW RESTRICTIONS. The Stock Option shall be exercised and Stock issued only upon compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and any other applicable securities law, or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. If deemed necessary by the Company to comply with the Act or any applicable laws or regulations relating to the sale of securities, the Participant, at the time

of exercise and as a condition imposed by the Company, shall represent, warrant and agree that the shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option are being purchased for investment and not with any present intention to resell the same and without a view to distribution, and the Participant shall, upon the request of the Company, execute and deliver to the Company an agreement to such effect. The Participant acknowledges that any stock certificate representing Stock purchased under such circumstances will be issued with a restricted securities legend.

10. PAYMENT OF WITHHOLDING TAXES. No exercise of any Stock Option may be effected until the Company receives full payment for any required state and federal withholding taxes. Payment for withholding taxes shall be made in cash or by check unless the Committee otherwise provides. The Committee may permit payment to be made in the form of Stock either by the Participant surrendering, or the Company retaining from the shares of Stock to be issued upon exercise of the Stock Option, that number of shares of Stock (based on Fair Market Value) that would be necessary to satisfy the requirements for withholding any amounts of taxes due upon the exercise of the Stock Option. For the purpose of calculating the fair market value of shares surrendered or retained to pay withholding taxes, the relevant date shall be the date of exercise. In the event the Participant uses the "cashless" exercise/same-day sale procedure set forth in Section 7(b) hereof to pay withholding taxes, the actual sale price of shares sold to satisfy payment shall be used to determine the amount of withholding taxes payable. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed as requiring payment of withholding taxes at the time of exercise if payment of taxes is deferred pursuant to any provision of the Code, and actions satisfactory to the Company are taken which are designed to reasonably insure payment of withholding taxes when due.

11. NOTICES. All notices or other communications relating to the Plan and this Option Agreement as it relates to the Participant shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or mailed (U.S. Mail) by the Company to the Participant at the then current address as maintained by the Company or such other address as the Participant may advise the Company in writing.

12. DEFINITIONS. Any capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

**NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT  
UNDER CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
1999 STOCK OPTION PLAN**

THIS NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT (the "Option Agreement"), made as of the grant date set forth on the Notice of Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement attached to this Option Agreement (the "Notice") at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by and between the participant named on the Notice (the "Participant") and Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company"):

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Participant is an employee of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, and it is important to the Company that the Participant be encouraged to remain in the employ of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such facts, the Company desires to provide to the Participant an opportunity to purchase shares of the common stock of the Company, as hereinafter provided, pursuant to "Chesapeake Energy Corporation 1999 Stock Option Plan" (the "Plan"), a copy of which has been provided to the Participant; and

WHEREAS, any capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the Participant and the Company hereby agree as follows:

**Section 1. Grant of Stock Option.** The Company hereby grants to the Participant a nonqualified stock option (the "Stock Option") to purchase all or any part of the number of shares of its common stock, par value \$.01 (the "Stock") as set forth on the Notice, under and subject to the terms and conditions of this Option Agreement and the Plan which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes. The purchase price for each share to be purchased hereunder shall be the option price set forth on the Notice (the "Option Price").

**Section 2. Times of Exercise of Stock Option.** After, and only after, the conditions of Section 9 hereof have been satisfied, the Participant shall be eligible to exercise the Stock Option pursuant to the vesting schedule set forth on the Notice (the "Vesting Schedule"). If the Participant's employment with the Company (or of any one or more of the Subsidiaries of the Company) remains full-time and continuous at all times prior to any of the exercise dates specified on the Notice (the "Exercise Dates"), then the Participant shall be entitled, subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement having been satisfied, to exercise the Stock Option and purchase on or after the applicable Exercise Date, on a cumulative basis, the number of shares of Stock determined by multiplying the aggregate number of shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option set forth on the Notice by the designated percentage set forth on the Notice.

**Section 3. Term of Stock Option.** Subject to earlier termination as hereafter provided, the Stock Option shall expire at the close of business on the expiration date set forth on the Notice and may not be exercised after such expiration date; provided, however, in no event shall the term of the Stock Option be longer than ten years from the Date of Grant. At all times during the period commencing with the date the Stock Option is granted to the Participant and ending on the earlier of the expiration of the Stock Option or the date which is three months prior to the date the Stock Option is exercised by the Participant, the Participant must be an employee of either (i) the Company, (ii) a Subsidiary of the Company, or (iii) a corporation or a parent or a Subsidiary of such corporation issuing or assuming a Stock Option in a transaction to which Section 424(a) of the Code applies.

**Section 4. Nontransferability of Stock Option.** The Stock Option is not transferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and the Stock Option may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant. More particularly (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing), the Stock Option may not be assigned, transferred (except as provided above), pledged or hypothecated in any way, shall not be assignable by operation of law and shall not be subject to execution, attachment, or similar process. Any attempted assignment, transfer, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of, or the levy of execution, attachment or similar process upon, the Stock Option contrary to the provisions hereof shall be null and void without effect, shall give no right to any purported transferee and may, in the Committee's sole discretion, result in the forfeiture of the Stock Option.

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**Section 5. *Employment.*** So long as the Participant shall continue to be a full-time and continuous employee of the Company, a subsidiary, a partnership or a limited liability company which the Company controls, the Stock Option shall not be affected by any change of duties or position. Nothing in the Plan or in this Option Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in such employment, or interfere in any way with the right of the employee to terminate the Participant's employment at any time.

**Section 6. *Acceleration of Otherwise Unexercisable Stock Option on Death, Disability or Other Special Circumstances.*** The Committee, in its sole discretion, may permit (i) a Participant who terminates employment due to a Disability, (ii) the personal representative of a deceased Participant, or (iii) any other Participant who terminates employment upon the occurrence of special circumstances (as determined by the Committee) to purchase all or any part of the unvested shares subject to the Stock Option on the date of the Participant's termination of employment due to a Disability, death or special circumstance, or as the Committee otherwise so determines. With respect to shares subject to the Stock Option for which the applicable Exercise Date(s) has occurred or for which the Committee has permitted purchase in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the Participant, or the representative of a deceased Participant, shall automatically have the right to purchase such shares within three months of such date of termination of employment, one year in the case of a Participant suffering a Disability or three years in the case of a deceased Participant.

**Section 7. *Method of Exercising Stock Option.***

(a) *Procedures for Exercise.* The manner of exercising the Stock Option shall be by written notice to the Secretary of the Company at the time the Stock Option, or part thereof, is to be exercised, and in any event prior to the expiration of the Stock Option. Such notice shall state the election to exercise the Stock Option, the number of shares of Stock to be purchased upon exercise, the form of payment to be used, and shall be signed by the person so exercising the Stock Option.

(b) *Form of Payment.* Payment in full for shares of Stock purchased under this Option Agreement shall accompany the Participant's notice of exercise, together with payment for any applicable withholding taxes. Payment shall be made (i) in cash or by check, bank draft or money order payable to the order of the Company; (ii) by tendering, by either actual delivery of shares or by attestation, shares of Stock acceptable to the Committee having a Fair Market Value on the date of payment equal to the amount of the Option Price; or (iii) a combination thereof. In addition to the foregoing, the Committee may permit a Participant to elect to pay the Option Price by irrevocably authorizing a third party to sell shares of Stock (or a sufficient portion of the shares) acquired upon exercise of the Stock Option and remit to the Company a sufficient portion of the sale proceeds to pay the entire Option Price and any tax withholding resulting from such exercise.

(c) *Further Information.* In the event the Stock Option is exercised, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 7, by any person other than the Participant due to the death of the Participant, such notice shall also be accompanied by appropriate proof of the right of such person to exercise the Stock Option. The notice so required shall be given by personal delivery to the Secretary of the Company or by registered or certified mail, addressed to the Company at 6100 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, and it shall be deemed to have been given when it is so personally delivered or when it is deposited in the United States mail in an envelope addressed to the Company, as aforesaid, properly stamped for delivery as a registered or certified letter.

**Section 8. *Acceleration of Stock Option Upon Corporate Event.*** If the Company shall, pursuant to action by the Board, at any time propose to dissolve or liquidate or merge into, consolidate with, or sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of its assets to another corporation and provision is not made pursuant to the terms of such transaction for the assumption by the surviving, resulting or acquiring corporation of outstanding options under the Plan, or for the substitution of new options therefor, the Committee shall cause written notice of the proposed transaction to be given to each Participant no less than 40 days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, and the Participant's Stock Option shall become 100% vested. Prior to a date specified in such notice, which shall be not more than ten days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, each Participant shall have the right to exercise his or her Stock Option to purchase any or all of the Stock then subject to such Stock Option. Each Participant,

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by so notifying the Company in writing, may, in exercising his or her Stock Option, condition such exercise upon, and provide that such exercise shall become effective immediately prior to the consummation of the transaction, in which event such Participant need not make payment for the Stock to be purchased upon exercise of such Stock Option until five days after receipt of written notice by the Company to such Participant that the transaction has been consummated. If the transaction is consummated, each Stock Option, to the extent not previously exercised prior to the date specified in the foregoing notice, shall terminate on the effective date such transaction is consummated. If the transaction is abandoned, (i) any Stock not purchased upon exercise of such Stock Option shall continue to be available for purchase in accordance with the other provisions of the Plan and (ii) to the extent that any Stock Option not exercised prior to such abandonment shall have vested solely by operation of this Section 8, such vesting shall be deemed voided as of the time such acceleration otherwise occurred pursuant to Section 8, and the Vesting Schedule set forth in the Notice shall be reinstated as of the date of such abandonment.

**Section 9. Securities Law Restrictions.** The Stock Option shall be exercised and Stock issued only upon compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and any other applicable securities law, or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. If deemed necessary by the Company to comply with the Act or any applicable laws or regulations relating to the sale of securities, the Participant, at the time of exercise and as a condition imposed by the Company, shall represent, warrant and agree that the shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option are being purchased for investment and not with any present intention to resell the same and without a view to distribution, and the Participant shall, upon the request of the Company, execute and deliver to the Company an agreement to such effect. The Participant acknowledges that any stock certificate representing Stock purchased under such circumstances will be issued with a restricted securities legend.

**Section 10. Payment of Withholding Taxes.** A Participant must pay the amount of taxes required by law upon the exercise of an Option in cash.

**Section 11. Notices.** All notices or other communications relating to the Plan and this Option Agreement as it relates to the Participant shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or mailed (U.S. Mail) by the Company to the Participant at the then current address as maintained by the Company or such other address as the Participant may advise the Company in writing.

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**NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT  
UNDER CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
2000 EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION PLAN**

THIS NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT (the "Option Agreement"), made as of the grant date set forth on the Notice of Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement attached to this Option Agreement (the "Notice") at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by and between the participant named on the Notice (the "Participant") and Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company"):

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Participant is an employee of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, and it is important to the Company that the Participant be encouraged to remain in the employ of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such facts, the Company desires to provide to the Participant an opportunity to purchase shares of the common stock of the Company, as hereinafter provided, pursuant to "Chesapeake Energy Corporation 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan" (the "Plan"), a copy of which has been provided to the Participant; and

WHEREAS, any capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the Participant and the Company hereby agree as follows:

**Section 1. *Grant of Stock Option.*** The Company hereby grants to the Participant a nonqualified stock option (the "Stock Option") to purchase all or any part of the number of shares of its common stock, par value \$.01 (the "Stock") as set forth on the Notice, under and subject to the terms and conditions of this Option Agreement and the Plan which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes. The purchase price for each share to be purchased hereunder shall be the option price set forth on the Notice (the "Option Price").

**Section 2. *Times of Exercise of Stock Option.*** After, and only after, the conditions of Section 9 hereof have been satisfied, the Participant shall be eligible to exercise the Stock Option pursuant to the vesting schedule set forth on the Notice (the "Vesting Schedule"). If the Participant's employment with the Company (or of any one or more of the Subsidiaries of the Company) remains full-time and continuous at all times prior to any of the exercise dates specified on the Notice (the "Exercise Dates"), then the Participant shall be entitled, subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement having been satisfied, to exercise the Stock Option and purchase on or after the applicable Exercise Date, on a cumulative basis, the number of shares of Stock determined by multiplying the aggregate number of shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option set forth on the Notice by the designated percentage set forth on the Notice.

**Section 3. *Term of Stock Option.*** Subject to earlier termination as hereafter provided, the Stock Option shall expire at the close of business on the expiration date set forth on the Notice and may not be exercised after such expiration date; provided, however, in no event shall the term of the Stock Option be longer than ten years from the Date of Grant. At all times during the period commencing with the date the Stock Option is granted to the Participant and ending on the earlier of the expiration of the Stock Option or the date which is three months prior to the date the Stock Option is exercised by the Participant, the Participant must be an employee of either (i) the Company, (ii) a Subsidiary of the Company, or (iii) a corporation or a parent or a Subsidiary of such corporation issuing or assuming a Stock Option in a transaction to which Section 424(a) of the Code applies.

**Section 4. *Nontransferability of Stock Option.*** The Stock Option is not transferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and the Stock Option may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant. More particularly (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing), the Stock Option may not be assigned, transferred (except as provided above), pledged or hypothecated in any way, shall not be assignable by operation of law and shall not be subject to execution, attachment, or similar process. Any attempted assignment, transfer, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of, or the levy of execution, attachment or similar process upon, the Stock Option contrary to the provisions hereof shall be null and void without effect, shall give no right to any purported transferee and may, in the Committee's sole discretion, result in the forfeiture of the Stock Option.

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**Section 5. Employment.** So long as the Participant shall continue to be a full-time and continuous employee of the Company, a subsidiary, a partnership or a limited liability company which the Company controls, the Stock Option shall not be affected by any change of duties or position. Nothing in the Plan or in this Option Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in such employment, or interfere in any way with the right of the employee to terminate the Participant's employment at any time.

**Section 6. Acceleration of Otherwise Unexercisable Stock Option on Death, Disability or Other Special Circumstances.** The Committee, in its sole discretion, may permit (i) a Participant who terminates employment due to a Disability, (ii) the personal representative of a deceased Participant, or (iii) any other Participant who terminates employment upon the occurrence of special circumstances (as determined by the Committee) to purchase all or any part of the unvested shares subject to the Stock Option on the date of the Participant's termination of employment due to a Disability, death or special circumstance, or as the Committee otherwise so determines. With respect to shares subject to the Stock Option for which the applicable Exercise Date(s) has occurred or for which the Committee has permitted purchase in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the Participant, or the representative of a deceased Participant, shall automatically have the right to purchase such shares within three months of such date of termination of employment, one year in the case of a Participant suffering a Disability or three years in the case of a deceased Participant.

**Section 7. Method of Exercising Stock Option.**

(a) *Procedures for Exercise.* The manner of exercising the Stock Option shall be by written notice to the Secretary of the Company at the time the Stock Option, or part thereof, is to be exercised, and in any event prior to the expiration of the Stock Option. Such notice shall state the election to exercise the Stock Option, the number of shares of Stock to be purchased upon exercise, the form of payment to be used, and shall be signed by the person so exercising the Stock Option.

(b) *Form of Payment.* Payment in full for shares of Stock purchased under this Option Agreement shall accompany the Participant's notice of exercise, together with payment for any applicable withholding taxes. Payment shall be made (i) in cash or by check, bank draft or money order payable to the order of the Company; (ii) by tendering, by either actual delivery of shares or by attestation, shares of Stock acceptable to the Committee having a Fair Market Value on the date of payment equal to the amount of the Option Price; or (iii) a combination thereof. In addition to the foregoing, the Committee may permit a Participant to elect to pay the Option Price by irrevocably authorizing a third party to sell shares of Stock (or a sufficient portion of the shares) acquired upon exercise of the Stock Option and remit to the Company a sufficient portion of the sale proceeds to pay the entire Option Price and any tax withholding resulting from such exercise.

(c) *Further Information.* In the event the Stock Option is exercised, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 7, by any person other than the Participant due to the death of the Participant, such notice shall also be accompanied by appropriate proof of the right of such person to exercise the Stock Option. The notice so required shall be given by personal delivery to the Secretary of the Company or by registered or certified mail, addressed to the Company at 6100 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, and it shall be deemed to have been given when it is so personally delivered or when it is deposited in the United States mail in an envelope addressed to the Company, as aforesaid, properly stamped for delivery as a registered or certified letter.

**Section 8. Acceleration of Stock Option Upon Corporate Event.** If the Company shall, pursuant to action by the Board, at any time propose to dissolve or liquidate or merge into, consolidate with, or sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of its assets to another corporation and provision is not made pursuant to the terms of such transaction for the assumption by the surviving, resulting or acquiring corporation of outstanding options under the Plan, or for the substitution of new options therefor, the Committee shall cause written notice of the proposed transaction to be given to each Participant no less than 40 days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, and the Participant's Stock Option shall become 100% vested. Prior to a date specified in such notice, which shall be not more than ten days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, each Participant shall have the right to exercise his or her Stock Option to purchase any or all of the Stock then subject to such Stock Option. Each Participant,

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by so notifying the Company in writing, may, in exercising his or her Stock Option, condition such exercise upon, and provide that such exercise shall become effective immediately prior to the consummation of the transaction, in which event such Participant need not make payment for the Stock to be purchased upon exercise of such Stock Option until five days after receipt of written notice by the Company to such Participant that the transaction has been consummated. If the transaction is consummated, each Stock Option, to the extent not previously exercised prior to the date specified in the foregoing notice, shall terminate on the effective date such transaction is consummated. If the transaction is abandoned, (i) any Stock not purchased upon exercise of such Stock Option shall continue to be available for purchase in accordance with the other provisions of the Plan and (ii) to the extent that any Stock Option not exercised prior to such abandonment shall have vested solely by operation of this Section 8, such vesting shall be deemed voided as of the time such acceleration otherwise occurred pursuant to Section 8, and the Vesting Schedule set forth in the Notice shall be reinstated as of the date of such abandonment.

**Section 9. Securities Law Restrictions.** The Stock Option shall be exercised and Stock issued only upon compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and any other applicable securities law, or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. If deemed necessary by the Company to comply with the Act or any applicable laws or regulations relating to the sale of securities, the Participant, at the time of exercise and as a condition imposed by the Company, shall represent, warrant and agree that the shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option are being purchased for investment and not with any present intention to resell the same and without a view to distribution, and the Participant shall, upon the request of the Company, execute and deliver to the Company an agreement to such effect. The Participant acknowledges that any stock certificate representing Stock purchased under such circumstances will be issued with a restricted securities legend.

**Section 10. Payment of Withholding Taxes.** A Participant must pay the amount of taxes required by law upon the exercise of an Option in cash.

**Section 11. Notices.** All notices or other communications relating to the Plan and this Option Agreement as it relates to the Participant shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or mailed (U.S. Mail) by the Company to the Participant at the then current address as maintained by the Company or such other address as the Participant may advise the Company in writing.

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**INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT  
UNDER CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
2001 STOCK OPTION PLAN**

THIS STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT (the "Option Agreement"), made as of the grant date set forth on the Notice of Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement attached to this Option Agreement (the "Notice") at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by and between the participant named on the Notice (the "Participant") and Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company"):

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Participant is an employee of the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company, and it is important to the Company that the Participant be encouraged to remain in the employ of the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such facts, the Company desires to provide to the Participant an opportunity to purchase shares of the common stock of the Company, as hereinafter provided, pursuant to the Chesapeake Energy Corporation 2001 Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"), a copy of which has been provided to the Participant; and

WHEREAS, any capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the Participant and the Company hereby agree as follows:

**Section 1. *Grant of Incentive Stock Option.*** The Company hereby grants to the Participant an incentive stock option (the "Incentive Stock Option") to purchase all or any part of the number of shares of its common stock, par value \$.01 (the "Stock"), as set forth on the Notice, under and subject to the terms and conditions of this Option Agreement and the Plan which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes. The purchase price for each share to be purchased hereunder shall be the option price set forth on the Notice (the "Option Price").

**Section 2. *Times of Exercise of Incentive Stock Option.*** After, and only after, the conditions of Section 10 hereof have been satisfied, the Participant shall be eligible to exercise the Incentive Stock Option pursuant to the vesting schedule set forth on the Notice (the "Vesting Schedule"). If the Participant's employment with the Company (or of any one or more of the Subsidiaries of the Company) remains continuous at all times prior to any of the exercise dates specified on the Notice (the "Exercise Dates"), then the Participant shall be entitled, subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement having been satisfied, to exercise the Incentive Stock Option and purchase on or after the applicable Exercise Date, on a cumulative basis, the number of shares of Stock determined by multiplying the aggregate number of shares of Stock subject to the Incentive Stock Option set forth on the Notice by the designated percentage set forth on the Notice.

**Section 3. *Term of Incentive Stock Option.*** Subject to earlier termination as hereafter provided, the Incentive Stock Option shall expire at the close of business on the expiration date set forth on the Notice and may not be exercised after such expiration date; provided, however, in no event shall the term of the Incentive Stock Option be longer than ten years from the Date of Grant. At all times during the period commencing with the date the Incentive Stock Option is granted to the Participant and ending on the earlier of the expiration of the Incentive Stock Option or the date which is three months prior to the date the Incentive Stock Option is exercised by the Participant, the Participant must be an employee of either (i) the Company, (ii) a Subsidiary of the Company, or (iii) a corporation or a parent or a Subsidiary of such corporation issuing or assuming an Incentive Stock Option in a transaction to which Section 424(a) of the Code applies.

**Section 4. *Nontransferability of Incentive Stock Option.*** The Incentive Stock Option is not transferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and the Incentive Stock Option may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant. More particularly (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing), the Incentive Stock Option may not be assigned, transferred (except as provided above), pledged or hypothecated in any way, shall not be assignable by operation of law and shall not be subject to execution, attachment,

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or similar process. Any attempted assignment, transfer, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of, or the levy of execution, attachment or similar process upon, the Incentive Stock Option contrary to the provisions hereof shall be null and void and without effect, shall give no right to any purported transferee and may, in the Committee's sole discretion, result in the forfeiture of the Incentive Stock Option.

**Section 5. *Employment.*** So long as the Participant shall continue to be a continuous employee of the Company or a Subsidiary, the Incentive Stock Option shall not be affected by any change of duties or position. Nothing in the Plan or in this Option Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in such employment, or interfere in any way with the right of the employee to terminate the Participant's employment at any time.

**Section 6. *Annual Limitation on Exercise of Incentive Stock Options.*** The aggregate Fair Market Value, determined on the Date of Grant, of the Stock with respect to which incentive stock options granted under the Plan or any other plan of the Company or any Subsidiary qualified under Section 422 of the Code (including the Incentive Stock Option) are exercisable for the first time by the Participant during any calendar year will not exceed \$100,000. As provided in Section 6.3 of the Plan, the Incentive Stock Option will be recharacterized as a Nonqualified Stock Option to the extent the \$100,000 limitation is exceeded in a calendar year.

**Section 7. *Acceleration of Otherwise Unexercisable Incentive Stock Option on Death, Disability or Other Special Circumstances.*** The Committee, in its sole discretion, may permit (i) a Participant who terminates employment due to a Disability, (ii) the personal representative of a deceased Participant, or (iii) any other Participant who terminates employment upon the occurrence of special circumstances (as determined by the Committee) to purchase all or any part of the unvested shares subject to the Incentive Stock Option on the date of the Participant's termination of employment due to a Disability, death or special circumstance, or as the Committee otherwise so determines. With respect to shares subject to the Incentive Stock Option for which any applicable Exercise Date has occurred or for which the Committee has permitted purchase in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the Participant, or the representative of a deceased Participant, shall automatically have the right to purchase such shares within three months of such date of termination of employment, one year in the case of a Participant suffering a Disability or three years in the case of a deceased Participant. However, in the case of a deceased Participant, incentive stock options that are not exercised within three months of the date of termination of employment will be recharacterized as nonqualified stock options.

**Section 8. *Method of Exercising Incentive Stock Option.***

(a) *Procedures for Exercise.* The manner of exercising the Incentive Stock Option shall be by written notice to the Secretary of the Company at the time the Incentive Stock Option, or part thereof, is to be exercised, and in any event prior to the expiration of the Incentive Stock Option. Such notice shall state the election to exercise the Incentive Stock Option, the number of shares of Stock to be purchased upon exercise, the form of payment to be used, and shall be signed by the person so exercising the Incentive Stock Option.

(b) *Form of Payment.* Payment in full for shares of Stock purchased under this Option Agreement shall accompany the Participant's notice of exercise. Payment shall be made (i) in cash or by check, bank draft or money order payable to the order of the Company; (ii) by tendering, by either actual delivery of shares or by attestation, shares of Stock acceptable to the Committee having a Fair Market Value on the date of payment equal to the amount of the Option Price; or (iii) a combination thereof. In addition to the foregoing, the Committee may permit a Participant to elect to pay the Option Price by irrevocably authorizing a third party to sell shares of Stock (or a sufficient portion of the shares) acquired upon exercise of the Incentive Stock Option and remit to the Company a sufficient portion of the sale proceeds to pay the entire Option Price resulting from such exercise.

(c) *Further Information.* In the event the Incentive Stock Option is exercised, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 8, by any person other than the Participant due to the death of the Participant, such notice shall also be accompanied by appropriate proof of the right of such person to exercise the Incentive Stock Option. The notice so required shall be given by personal delivery to the Secretary of the Company or by registered or certified mail, addressed to the Company at 6100 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, and it shall be deemed to have been given when it is so personally delivered or when it is deposited in the United States mail in an envelope addressed to the Company, as aforesaid, properly stamped for delivery as a registered or certified letter.

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**Section 9. Acceleration of Incentive Stock Option Upon Corporate Event.** If the Company shall, pursuant to action by the Board, at any time propose to dissolve or liquidate or merge into, consolidate with, or sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of its assets to another corporation and provision is not made pursuant to the terms of such transaction for the assumption by the surviving, resulting or acquiring corporation of outstanding options under the Plan, or for the substitution of new options therefor, the Committee shall cause written notice of the proposed transaction to be given to each Participant no less than 40 days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, and the Participant's Incentive Stock Option shall become 100% vested. Prior to a date specified in such notice, which shall be not more than ten days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, each Participant shall have the right to exercise his or her Incentive Stock Option to purchase any or all of the Stock then subject to such Incentive Stock Option. Each Participant, by so notifying the Company in writing, may, in exercising his or her Incentive Stock Option, condition such exercise upon, and provide that such exercise shall become effective immediately prior to the consummation of the transaction, in which event such Participant need not make payment for the Stock to be purchased upon exercise of such Incentive Stock Option until five days after receipt of written notice by the Company to such Participant that the transaction has been consummated. If the transaction is consummated, each Incentive Stock Option, to the extent not previously exercised prior to the date specified in the foregoing notice, shall terminate on the effective date such transaction is consummated. If the transaction is abandoned, (i) any Stock not purchased upon exercise of such Incentive Stock Option shall continue to be available for purchase in accordance with the other provisions of the Plan and (ii) to the extent that any Incentive Stock Option not exercised prior to such abandonment shall have vested solely by operation of this Section 9, such vesting shall be deemed voided as of the time such acceleration otherwise occurred pursuant to Section 9, and the Vesting Schedule set forth in the Notice shall be reinstated as of the date of such abandonment. In the event that acceleration of vesting of any Incentive Stock Option under the Plan is subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code or any interest or penalties with respect to such excise tax (such excise tax, interest and penalties, collectively, the "Excise Tax"), the Participant shall be entitled to receive a payment (a "Gross-Up Payment") in an amount such that after payment by the Participant of all taxes (including any interest or penalties imposed with respect to such taxes), including any Excise Tax, imposed upon the Gross-Up Payment, the Participant retains an amount of the Gross-Up Payment equal to the Excise Tax imposed upon such acceleration of vesting of any Incentive Stock Option.

**Section 10. Securities Law Restrictions.** The Incentive Stock Option shall be exercised and Stock issued only upon compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and any other applicable securities law, or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. If deemed necessary by the Company to comply with the Act or any applicable laws or regulations relating to the sale of securities, the Participant, at the time of exercise and as a condition imposed by the Company, shall represent, warrant and agree that the shares of Stock subject to the Incentive Stock Option are being purchased for investment and not with any present intention to resell the same and without a view to distribution, and the Participant shall, upon the request of the Company, execute and deliver to the Company an agreement to such effect. The Participant acknowledges that any stock certificate representing Stock purchased under such circumstances will be issued with a restricted securities legend.

**Section 11. Disqualifying Disposition of Stock.** If the Participant shall make a disposition (within the meaning of Section 424(c) of the Code and the rules and regulations thereunder) of any shares of Stock covered by the Incentive stock Option within one year after the date of exercise of the Incentive Stock Option or within two years after the date of grant of the Incentive Stock Option, then in either such event the Participant shall promptly notify the Company, by delivery of written notice to the Secretary of the Company, of (i) the date of such disposition, (ii) the number of shares of Stock covered by the Incentive Stock Option which were disposed of and (iii) the price at which such shares of Stock were disposed of or the amount of any other consideration received on such disposition. The Company may make such provision as it may deem appropriate for the withholding of any applicable federal, state or local taxes that it determines it may be obligated to withhold or pay in connection with the exercise of the Incentive Stock Option or the disposition of shares of Stock acquired upon exercise of the Incentive Stock Option.

**Section 12. Notices.** All notices or other communications relating to the Plan and this Option Agreement as it relates to the Participant shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or mailed (U.S. Mail) by the Company to the Participant at the then current address as maintained by the Company or such other address as the Participant may advise the Company in writing.

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2001 STOCK OPTION PLAN**

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WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Participant is an employee of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, and it is important to the Company that the Participant be encouraged to remain in the employ of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such facts, the Company desires to provide to the Participant an opportunity to purchase shares of the common stock of the Company, as hereinafter provided, pursuant to "Chesapeake Energy Corporation 2001 Stock Option Plan" (the "Plan"), a copy of which has been provided to the Participant; and

WHEREAS, any capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the Participant and the Company hereby agree as follows:

**Section 1. Grant of Stock Option.** The Company hereby grants to the Participant a nonqualified stock option (the "Stock Option") to purchase all or any part of the number of shares of its common stock, par value \$.01 (the "Stock") as set forth on the Notice, under and subject to the terms and conditions of this Option Agreement and the Plan which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes. The purchase price for each share to be purchased hereunder shall be the option price set forth on the Notice (the "Option Price").

**Section 2. Times of Exercise of Stock Option.** After, and only after, the conditions of Section 9 hereof have been satisfied, the Participant shall be eligible to exercise the Stock Option pursuant to the vesting schedule set forth on the Notice (the "Vesting Schedule"). If the Participant's employment with the Company (or of any one or more of the Subsidiaries of the Company) remains full-time and continuous at all times prior to any of the exercise dates specified on the Notice (the "Exercise Dates"), then the Participant shall be entitled, subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement having been satisfied, to exercise the Stock Option and purchase on or after the applicable Exercise Date, on a cumulative basis, the number of shares of Stock determined by multiplying the aggregate number of shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option set forth on the Notice by the designated percentage set forth on the Notice.

**Section 3. Term of Stock Option.** Subject to earlier termination as hereafter provided, the Stock Option shall expire at the close of business on the expiration date set forth on the Notice and may not be exercised after such expiration date; provided, however, in no event shall the term of the Stock Option be longer than ten years from the Date of Grant. At all times during the period commencing with the date the Stock Option is granted to the Participant and ending on the earlier of the expiration of the Stock Option or the date which is three months prior to the date the Stock Option is exercised by the Participant, the Participant must be an employee of either (i) the Company, (ii) a Subsidiary of the Company, or (iii) a corporation or a parent or a Subsidiary of such corporation issuing or assuming a Stock Option in a transaction to which Section 424(a) of the Code applies.

**Section 4. Nontransferability of Stock Option.** The Stock Option is not transferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and the Stock Option may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant. More particularly (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing), the Stock Option may not be assigned, transferred (except as provided above), pledged or hypothecated in any way, shall not be assignable by operation of law and shall not be subject to execution, attachment, or similar process. Any attempted assignment, transfer, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of, or the levy of execution, attachment or similar process upon, the Stock Option contrary to the provisions hereof shall be null and void without effect, shall give no right to any purported transferee and may, in the Committee's sole discretion, result in the forfeiture of the Stock Option.

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**Section 5. *Employment.*** So long as the Participant shall continue to be a full-time and continuous employee of the Company, a subsidiary, a partnership or a limited liability company which the Company controls, the Stock Option shall not be affected by any change of duties or position. Nothing in the Plan or in this Option Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in such employment, or interfere in any way with the right of the employee to terminate the Participant's employment at any time.

**Section 6. *Acceleration of Otherwise Unexercisable Stock Option on Death, Disability or Other Special Circumstances.*** The Committee, in its sole discretion, may permit (i) a Participant who terminates employment due to a Disability, (ii) the personal representative of a deceased Participant, or (iii) any other Participant who terminates employment upon the occurrence of special circumstances (as determined by the Committee) to purchase all or any part of the unvested shares subject to the Stock Option on the date of the Participant's termination of employment due to a Disability, death or special circumstance, or as the Committee otherwise so determines. With respect to shares subject to the Stock Option for which the applicable Exercise Date(s) has occurred or for which the Committee has permitted purchase in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the Participant, or the representative of a deceased Participant, shall automatically have the right to purchase such shares within three months of such date of termination of employment, one year in the case of a Participant suffering a Disability or three years in the case of a deceased Participant.

**Section 7. *Method of Exercising Stock Option.***

(a) *Procedures for Exercise.* The manner of exercising the Stock Option shall be by written notice to the Secretary of the Company at the time the Stock Option, or part thereof, is to be exercised, and in any event prior to the expiration of the Stock Option. Such notice shall state the election to exercise the Stock Option, the number of shares of Stock to be purchased upon exercise, the form of payment to be used, and shall be signed by the person so exercising the Stock Option.

(b) *Form of Payment.* Payment in full for shares of Stock purchased under this Option Agreement shall accompany the Participant's notice of exercise, together with payment for any applicable withholding taxes. Payment shall be made (i) in cash or by check, bank draft or money order payable to the order of the Company; (ii) by tendering, by either actual delivery of shares or by attestation, shares of Stock acceptable to the Committee having a Fair Market Value on the date of payment equal to the amount of the Option Price; or (iii) a combination thereof. In addition to the foregoing, the Committee may permit a Participant to elect to pay the Option Price by irrevocably authorizing a third party to sell shares of Stock (or a sufficient portion of the shares) acquired upon exercise of the Stock Option and remit to the Company a sufficient portion of the sale proceeds to pay the entire Option Price and any tax withholding resulting from such exercise.

(c) *Further Information.* In the event the Stock Option is exercised, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 7, by any person other than the Participant due to the death of the Participant, such notice shall also be accompanied by appropriate proof of the right of such person to exercise the Stock Option. The notice so required shall be given by personal delivery to the Secretary of the Company or by registered or certified mail, addressed to the Company at 6100 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, and it shall be deemed to have been given when it is so personally delivered or when it is deposited in the United States mail in an envelope addressed to the Company, as aforesaid, properly stamped for delivery as a registered or certified letter.

**Section 8. *Acceleration of Stock Option Upon Corporate Event.*** If the Company shall, pursuant to action by the Board, at any time propose to dissolve or liquidate or merge into, consolidate with, or sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of its assets to another corporation and provision is not made pursuant to the terms of such transaction for the assumption by the surviving, resulting or acquiring corporation of outstanding options under the Plan, or for the substitution of new options therefor, the Committee shall cause written notice of the proposed transaction to be given to each Participant no less than 40 days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, and the Participant's Stock Option shall become 100% vested. Prior to a date specified in such notice, which shall be not more than ten days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, each Participant shall have the right to exercise his or her Stock Option to purchase any or all of the Stock then subject to such Stock Option. Each Participant,

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by so notifying the Company in writing, may, in exercising his or her Stock Option, condition such exercise upon, and provide that such exercise shall become effective immediately prior to the consummation of the transaction, in which event such Participant need not make payment for the Stock to be purchased upon exercise of such Stock Option until five days after receipt of written notice by the Company to such Participant that the transaction has been consummated. If the transaction is consummated, each Stock Option, to the extent not previously exercised prior to the date specified in the foregoing notice, shall terminate on the effective date such transaction is consummated. If the transaction is abandoned, (i) any Stock not purchased upon exercise of such Stock Option shall continue to be available for purchase in accordance with the other provisions of the Plan and (ii) to the extent that any Stock Option not exercised prior to such abandonment shall have vested solely by operation of this Section 8, such vesting shall be deemed voided as of the time such acceleration otherwise occurred pursuant to Section 8, and the Vesting Schedule set forth in the Notice shall be reinstated as of the date of such abandonment.

**Section 9. Securities Law Restrictions.** The Stock Option shall be exercised and Stock issued only upon compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and any other applicable securities law, or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. If deemed necessary by the Company to comply with the Act or any applicable laws or regulations relating to the sale of securities, the Participant, at the time of exercise and as a condition imposed by the Company, shall represent, warrant and agree that the shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option are being purchased for investment and not with any present intention to resell the same and without a view to distribution, and the Participant shall, upon the request of the Company, execute and deliver to the Company an agreement to such effect. The Participant acknowledges that any stock certificate representing Stock purchased under such circumstances will be issued with a restricted securities legend.

**Section 10. Payment of Withholding Taxes.** A Participant must pay the amount of taxes required by law upon the exercise of an Option in cash.

**Section 11. Notices.** All notices or other communications relating to the Plan and this Option Agreement as it relates to the Participant shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or mailed (U.S. Mail) by the Company to the Participant at the then current address as maintained by the Company or such other address as the Participant may advise the Company in writing.

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**INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT  
UNDER CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
2002 STOCK OPTION PLAN**

THIS STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT (the "Option Agreement"), made as of the grant date set forth on the Notice of Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement attached to this Option Agreement (the "Notice") at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by and between the participant named on the Notice (the "Participant") and Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company"):

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Participant is an employee of the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company, and it is important to the Company that the Participant be encouraged to remain in the employ of the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such facts, the Company desires to provide to the Participant an opportunity to purchase shares of the common stock of the Company, as hereinafter provided, pursuant to the Chesapeake Energy Corporation 2002 Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"), a copy of which has been provided to the Participant; and

WHEREAS, any capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the Participant and the Company hereby agree as follows:

**Section 1. *Grant of Incentive Stock Option.*** The Company hereby grants to the Participant an incentive stock option (the "Incentive Stock Option") to purchase all or any part of the number of shares of its common stock, par value \$.01 (the "Stock"), as set forth on the Notice, under and subject to the terms and conditions of this Option Agreement and the Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes. The purchase price for each share to be purchased hereunder shall be the option price set forth on the Notice (the "Option Price").

**Section 2. *Times of Exercise of Incentive Stock Option.*** After, and only after, the conditions of Section 11 hereof have been satisfied, the Participant shall be eligible to exercise the Incentive Stock Option pursuant to the vesting schedule set forth on the Notice (the "Vesting Schedule"). If the Participant's employment with the Company (or any one or more of the Subsidiaries of the Company) remains continuous at all times prior to any of the exercise dates specified on the Notice (the "Exercise Dates"), then the Participant shall be entitled, subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement having been satisfied, to exercise the Incentive Stock Option and purchase on or after the applicable Exercise Date, on a cumulative basis, the number of shares of Stock determined by multiplying the aggregate number of shares of Stock subject to the Incentive Stock Option set forth on the Notice by the designated percentage set forth on the Notice.

**Section 3. *Term of Incentive Stock Option.*** Subject to earlier termination as hereafter provided, the Incentive Stock Option shall expire at the close of business on the expiration date set forth on the Notice and may not be exercised after such expiration date; provided, however, in no event shall the term of the Incentive Stock Option be longer than ten years from the Date of Grant. At all times during the period commencing with the date the Incentive Stock Option is granted to the Participant and ending on the earlier of the expiration of the Incentive Stock Option or the date which is three months prior to the date the Incentive Stock Option is exercised by the Participant, the Participant must be an employee of either (i) the Company, (ii) a Subsidiary of the Company, or (iii) a corporation or a parent or a Subsidiary of such corporation issuing or assuming an Incentive Stock Option in a transaction to which Section 424(a) of the Code applies.

**Section 4. *Nontransferability of Incentive Stock Option.*** The Incentive Stock Option is not transferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and the Incentive Stock Option may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant. More particularly (but without limiting the generality of the

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foregoing), the Incentive Stock Option may not be transferred (except as provided above), assigned, pledged or hypothecated in any way, shall not be assignable by operation of law and shall not be subject to execution, attachment or similar process. Any attempted transfer, assignment, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of, or the levy of execution, attachment or similar process upon, the Incentive Stock Option contrary to the provisions hereof shall be null and void and without effect, shall give no right to any purported transferee and may, in the Committee's sole discretion, result in the forfeiture of the Incentive Stock Option.

**Section 5. *Employment.*** So long as the Participant shall be employed continuously as an employee of the Company or any Subsidiary, the Incentive Stock Option shall not be affected by any change of duties or position. Nothing in the Plan or in this Option Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in such employment, or interfere in any way with the right of the Participant to terminate such employment at any time.

**Section 6. *Annual Limitation on Exercise of Incentive Stock Options.*** The aggregate Fair Market Value, determined on the Date of Grant, of the Stock with respect to which incentive stock options granted under the Plan or any other plan of the Company or any Subsidiary qualified under Section 422 of the Code (including the Incentive Stock Option) are exercisable for the first time by the Participant during any calendar year will not exceed \$100,000. As provided in Section 6.3 of the Plan, the Incentive Stock Option will be recharacterized as a Nonqualified Stock Option to the extent the \$100,000 limitation is exceeded in a calendar year.

**Section 7. *Acceleration of Otherwise Unexercisable Incentive Stock Option on Death, Disability or Other Special Circumstances.*** The Committee, in its sole discretion, may permit (i) a Participant who terminates employment due to a Disability, (ii) the personal representative of a deceased Participant, or (iii) any other Participant who terminates employment upon the occurrence of special circumstances (as determined by the Committee) to purchase all or any part of the unvested shares subject to the Incentive Stock Option on the date of the Participant's termination of employment due to a Disability, death or special circumstance, or as the Committee otherwise so determines. With respect to shares subject to the Incentive Stock Option for which any applicable Exercise Date has occurred or for which the Committee has permitted purchase in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the Participant, or the representative of a deceased Participant, shall automatically have the right to purchase such shares within three months of such date of termination of employment, one year in the case of a Participant suffering a Disability or three years in the case of a deceased Participant. However, in the case of a deceased Participant, any portion of the Incentive Stock Option that is not exercised within three months of the date of termination of employment will be recharacterized as a nonqualified stock option.

**Section 8. Method of Exercising Incentive Stock Option.**

(a) *Procedures for Exercise.* The manner of exercising the Incentive Stock Option shall be by written notice to the Secretary of the Company at the time the Incentive Stock Option, or part thereof, is to be exercised, and in any event prior to the expiration of the Incentive Stock Option. Such notice shall state the election to exercise the Incentive Stock Option, the number of shares of Stock to be purchased upon exercise, the form of payment to be used, and shall be signed by the person so exercising the Incentive Stock Option.

(b) *Form of Payment.* Payment in full for shares of Stock purchased under this Option Agreement shall accompany the Participant's notice of exercise. Payment shall be made (i) in cash or by check, bank draft or money order payable to the order of the Company; (ii) by tendering, by either actual delivery of shares or by attestation, shares of Stock acceptable to the Committee having a Fair Market Value as of the day of exercise equal to the amount of the Option Price; or (iii) a combination thereof. In addition to the foregoing, the Committee may permit the Participant to elect to pay the Option Price by irrevocably authorizing a third party to sell shares of Stock (or a sufficient portion of the shares) acquired upon exercise of the Incentive Stock Option and remit to the Company a sufficient portion of the sale proceeds to pay the entire Option Price resulting from such exercise.

(c) *Further Information.* In the event the Incentive Stock Option is exercised, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 8, by any person other than the Participant due to the death of the Participant, such notice shall also be accompanied by appropriate proof of the right of such person to exercise the Incentive Stock Option. The notice so required shall be given by personal delivery to the Secretary of the Company or by registered or certified mail, addressed to the Company at 6100 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, and it shall be deemed to have been given when it is so personally delivered or when it is deposited in the United States mail in an envelope addressed to the Company, as aforesaid, properly stamped for delivery as a registered or certified letter.

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**Section 9. Acceleration of Incentive Stock Option Upon Corporate Event.** If the Company shall, pursuant to action by the Board, at any time propose to dissolve or liquidate or merge into, consolidate with, or sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of its assets to another corporation and provision is not made pursuant to the terms of such transaction for the assumption by the surviving, resulting or acquiring corporation of outstanding options under the Plan, or for the substitution of new options therefor, the Committee shall cause written notice of the proposed transaction to be given to the Participant no less than forty days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, and the Incentive Stock Option shall become 100% vested. Prior to a date specified in such notice, which shall be not more than ten days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, the Participant shall have the right to exercise the Incentive Stock Option to purchase any or all of the Stock then subject to the Incentive Stock Option. The Participant, by so notifying the Company in writing, may, in exercising the Incentive Stock Option, condition such exercise upon, and provide that such exercise shall become effective immediately prior to the consummation of the transaction, in which event the Participant need not make payment for the Stock to be purchased upon such exercise until five days after receipt of written notice by the Company to the Participant that the transaction has been consummated. If the transaction is consummated, the Incentive Stock Option, to the extent not previously exercised prior to the date specified in the foregoing notice, shall terminate on the effective date such transaction is consummated. If the transaction is abandoned, (i) any Stock not purchased upon exercise of the Incentive Stock Option shall continue to be available for purchase in accordance with the other provisions of the Plan and (ii) to the extent that any portion of the Incentive Stock Option not exercised prior to such abandonment shall have vested solely by operation of this Section 9, such vesting shall be deemed voided as of the time such acceleration otherwise occurred pursuant to this Section 9, and the Vesting Schedule set forth in the Notice shall be reinstated as of the date of such abandonment. In the event that acceleration of vesting of the Incentive Stock Option is subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code or any interest or penalties with respect to such excise tax (such excise tax, interest and penalties, collectively, the "Excise Tax"), the Participant shall be entitled to receive a payment (a "Gross-Up Payment") in an amount such that after payment by the Participant of all taxes (including any interest or penalties imposed with respect to such taxes), including any Excise Tax, imposed upon the Gross-Up Payment, the Participant retains an amount of the Gross-Up Payment equal to the Excise Tax imposed upon such acceleration of vesting of the Incentive Stock Option.

**Section 10. Stock Adjustments.** Subject to the provisions of Section 9 of this Option Agreement, in the event that the shares of Stock, as presently constituted, shall be changed into or exchanged for a different number or kind or shares of stock or other securities of the Company or of another corporation (whether by reason of merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, stock split, combination of shares or otherwise), or if the number of such shares of Stock shall be increased through the payment of a stock dividend, or a dividend on the shares of Stock or rights or warrants to purchase securities of the Company shall be made, then there shall be substituted for or added to each share then subject to the Incentive Stock Option the number and kind of shares of stock or other securities into which each outstanding share of Stock shall be so changed or for which each such share shall be exchanged or to which each such share shall be entitled, as the case may be, on a fair and equivalent basis in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 424 of the Code; provided, however, in no such event will such adjustment result in a modification of the Incentive Stock Option as defined in Section 424(h) of the Code. In the event there shall be any other change in the number or kind of the outstanding shares of Stock, or any stock or other securities into which the Stock shall have been changed or for which it shall have been exchanged, then if the Committee shall, in its sole discretion, determine that such change equitably requires an adjustment in the shares subject to the Incentive Stock Option, such adjustments shall be made in accordance with such determination, except that no adjustment of the number of shares of Stock subject to the Incentive Stock Option that would otherwise be required shall be made unless and until such adjustment either by itself or with other adjustments not previously made would require an increase or decrease of at least 1% of the number of shares of Stock subject to the Incentive Stock Option immediately prior to the making of such adjustment (the "Minimum Adjustment"). Any adjustment representing a change of less than such minimum amount shall be carried forward and made as soon as such adjustment together with other adjustments required by this Section 10 and not previously made would result in a Minimum Adjustment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any adjustment required by this Section 10 which otherwise would not result in a Minimum Adjustment shall be made with respect to shares of Stock subject to the Incentive Stock Option immediately prior to its exercise. No fractional shares of Stock or units of other securities shall be issued pursuant to any such adjustment, and any fractions resulting from any such adjustment shall be eliminated in each case by rounding downward to the nearest whole share.

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**Section 11. Securities Law Restrictions.** The Incentive Stock Option shall be exercised and Stock issued only upon compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and any other applicable securities law, or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. If deemed necessary by the Company to comply with the Act or any applicable laws or regulations relating to the sale of securities, the Participant, at the time of exercise and as a condition imposed by the Company, shall represent, warrant and agree that the shares of Stock subject to the Incentive Stock Option are being purchased for investment and not with any present intention to resell the same and without a view to distribution, and the Participant shall, upon the request of the Company, execute and deliver to the Company an agreement to such effect. The Participant acknowledges that any stock certificate representing Stock purchased under such circumstances will be issued with a restricted securities legend.

**Section 12. Disqualifying Disposition of Stock.** If the Participant shall make a disposition (within the meaning of Section 424(c) of the Code and the rules and regulations thereunder) of any shares of Stock covered by the Incentive Stock Option within one year after the date of exercise of the Incentive Stock Option or within two years after the date of grant of the Incentive Stock Option, then in either such event the Participant shall promptly notify the Company, by delivery of written notice to the Secretary of the Company, of (i) the date of such disposition, (ii) the number of shares of Stock covered by the Incentive Stock Option which were disposed of and (iii) the price at which such shares of Stock were disposed of or the amount of any other consideration received on such disposition. The Company may make such provision as it may deem appropriate for the withholding of any applicable federal, state or local taxes that it determines it may be obligated to withhold or pay in connection with the exercise of the Incentive Stock Option or the disposition of shares of Stock acquired upon exercise of the Incentive Stock Option.

**Section 13. Notices.** All notices or other communications relating to the Plan and this Option Agreement as it relates to the Participant shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or mailed (U.S. Mail) by the Company to the Participant at the then current address as maintained by the Company or such other address as the Participant may advise the Company in writing.

**Section 14. Amendments.** This Option Agreement may be amended by a written agreement signed by the Company and the Participant; provided, that the Committee may modify the terms of this Option Agreement without the consent of the Participant in any manner that is not adverse to the Participant.

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**NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT  
UNDER CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
2002 STOCK OPTION PLAN**

THIS STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT (the "Option Agreement"), made as of the grant date set forth on the Notice of Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement attached to this Option Agreement (the "Notice") at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by and between the participant named on the Notice (the "Participant") and Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company"):

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Participant is an Employee, and it is important to the Company that the Participant be encouraged to remain an Employee; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such facts, the Company desires to provide to the Participant an opportunity to purchase shares of the common stock of the Company, as hereinafter provided, pursuant to "Chesapeake Energy Corporation 2002 Stock Option Plan" (the "Plan"), a copy of which has been provided to the Participant; and

WHEREAS, any capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the Participant and the Company hereby agree as follows:

**Section 1. Grant of Stock Option.** The Company hereby grants to the Participant a nonqualified stock option (the "Stock Option") to purchase all or any part of the number of shares of its common stock, par value \$.01 (the "Stock"), as set forth on the Notice, under and subject to the terms and conditions of this Option Agreement and the Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes. The purchase price for each share to be purchased hereunder shall be the option price set forth on the Notice (the "Option Price").

**Section 2. Times of Exercise of Stock Option.** After, and only after, the conditions of Section 10 hereof have been satisfied, the Participant shall be eligible to exercise the Stock Option pursuant to the vesting schedule set forth on the Notice (the "Vesting Schedule"). If the Participant is employed continuously as an Employee at all times prior to any of the exercise dates specified on the Notice (the "Exercise Dates"), then the Participant shall be entitled, subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement having been satisfied, to exercise the Stock Option and purchase on or after the applicable Exercise Date, on a cumulative basis, the number of shares of Stock determined by multiplying the aggregate number of shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option set forth on the Notice by the designated percentage set forth on the Notice.

**Section 3. Term of Stock Option.** Subject to earlier termination as hereafter provided, the Stock Option shall expire at the close of business on the expiration date set forth on the Notice and may not be exercised after such expiration date; provided, however, in no event shall the term of the Stock Option be longer than ten years from the Date of Grant. At all times during the period commencing with the date the Stock Option is granted to the Participant and ending on the earlier of the expiration of the Stock Option or the date which is three months prior to the date the Stock Option is exercised by the Participant, the Participant must be an employee of either (i) the Company, (ii) a Subsidiary of the Company, (iii) a partnership or limited liability company controlled by the Company or (iv) a corporation or a parent or a Subsidiary of such corporation issuing or assuming a Stock Option in a transaction to which Section 424(a) of the Code applies.

**Section 4. Nontransferability of Stock Option.** The Stock Option is not transferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and the Stock Option may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant. More particularly (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing), the Stock Option may not be transferred (except as provided above), assigned, pledged or hypothecated in any way, shall not be assignable by operation of law and shall not be subject to execution, attachment or similar process. Any attempted transfer, assignment,

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pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of, or the levy of execution, attachment or similar process upon, the Stock Option contrary to the provisions hereof shall be null and void and without effect, shall give no right to any purported transferee and may, in the Committee's sole discretion, result in the forfeiture of the Stock Option.

**Section 5. *Employment.*** So long as the Participant shall be employed continuously as an Employee, the Stock Option shall not be affected by any change of duties or position. Nothing in the Plan or in this Option Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in such employment, or interfere in any way with the right of the Participant to terminate such employment at any time.

**Section 6. *Acceleration of Otherwise Unexercisable Stock Option on Death, Disability or Other Special Circumstances.*** The Committee, in its sole discretion, may permit (i) a Participant who terminates employment due to a Disability, (ii) the personal representative of a deceased Participant, or (iii) any other Participant who terminates employment upon the occurrence of special circumstances (as determined by the Committee) to purchase all or any part of the unvested shares subject to the Stock Option on the date of the Participant's termination of employment due to a Disability, death or special circumstance, or as the Committee otherwise so determines. With respect to shares subject to the Stock Option for which the applicable Exercise Date(s) has occurred or for which the Committee has permitted purchase in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the Participant, or the representative of a deceased Participant, shall automatically have the right to purchase such shares within three months of such date of termination of employment, one year in the case of a Participant suffering a Disability or three years in the case of a deceased Participant.

**Section 7. *Method of Exercising Stock Option.***

(a) *Procedures for Exercise.* The manner of exercising the Stock Option shall be by written notice to the Secretary of the Company at the time the Stock Option, or part thereof, is to be exercised, and in any event prior to the expiration of the Stock Option. Such notice shall state the election to exercise the Stock Option, the number of shares of Stock to be purchased upon exercise, the form of payment to be used, and shall be signed by the person so exercising the Stock Option.

(b) *Form of Payment.* Payment in full for shares of Stock purchased under this Option Agreement shall accompany the Participant's notice of exercise, together with payment for any applicable withholding taxes. Payment shall be made (i) in cash or by check, bank draft or money order payable to the order of the Company; (ii) by tendering, by either actual delivery of shares or by attestation, shares of Stock acceptable to the Committee having a Fair Market Value as of the day of exercise equal to the amount of the Option Price; or (iii) a combination thereof. In addition to the foregoing, the Committee may permit the Participant to elect to pay the Option Price by irrevocably authorizing a third party to sell shares of Stock (or a sufficient portion of the shares) acquired upon exercise of the Stock Option and remit to the Company a sufficient portion of the sale proceeds to pay the entire Option Price and any tax withholding resulting from such exercise.

(c) *Further Information.* In the event the Stock Option is exercised, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 7, by any person other than the Participant due to the death of the Participant, such notice shall also be accompanied by appropriate proof of the right of such person to exercise the Stock Option. The notice so required shall be given by personal delivery to the Secretary of the Company or by registered or certified mail, addressed to the Company at 6100 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, and it shall be deemed to have been given when it is so personally delivered or when it is deposited in the United States mail in an envelope addressed to the Company, as aforesaid, properly stamped for delivery as a registered or certified letter.

**Section 8. *Acceleration of Stock Option Upon Corporate Event.*** If the Company shall, pursuant to action by the Board, at any time propose to dissolve or liquidate or merge into, consolidate with, or sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of its assets to another corporation and provision is not made pursuant to the terms of such transaction for the assumption by the surviving, resulting or acquiring corporation of outstanding options under the Plan, or for the substitution of new options therefor, the Committee shall cause written notice of the proposed transaction to be given to the Participant no less than forty days prior to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, and the Stock Option shall become 100% vested. Prior to a date specified in such notice, which shall be not more than ten days prior

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to the anticipated effective date of the proposed transaction, the Participant shall have the right to exercise the Stock Option to purchase any or all of the Stock then subject to the Stock Option. The Participant, by so notifying the Company in writing, may, in exercising the Stock Option, condition such exercise upon, and provide that such exercise shall become effective immediately prior to the consummation of the transaction, in which event the Participant need not make payment for the Stock to be purchased upon such exercise until five days after receipt of written notice by the Company to the Participant that the transaction has been consummated. If the transaction is consummated, the Stock Option, to the extent not previously exercised prior to the date specified in the foregoing notice, shall terminate on the effective date such transaction is consummated. If the transaction is abandoned, (i) any Stock not purchased upon exercise of the Stock Option shall continue to be available for purchase in accordance with the other provisions of the Plan and (ii) to the extent that any portion of the Stock Option not exercised prior to such abandonment shall have vested solely by operation of this Section 8, such vesting shall be deemed voided as of the time such acceleration otherwise occurred pursuant to this Section 8, and the Vesting Schedule set forth in the Notice shall be reinstated as of the date of such abandonment. In the event that acceleration of vesting of the Stock Option is subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code or any interest or penalties with respect to such excise tax (such excise tax, interest and penalties, collectively, the "Excise Tax"), the Participant shall be entitled to receive a payment (a "Gross-Up Payment") in an amount such that after payment by the Participant of all taxes (including any interest or penalties imposed with respect to such taxes), including any Excise Tax, imposed upon the Gross-Up Payment, the Participant retains an amount of the Gross-Up Payment equal to the Excise Tax imposed upon such acceleration of vesting of the Stock Option.

**Section 9. Stock Adjustments.** Subject to the provisions of Section 8 of this Option Agreement, in the event that the shares of Stock, as presently constituted, shall be changed into or exchanged for a different number or kind or shares of stock or other securities of the Company or of another corporation (whether by reason of merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, stock split, combination of shares or otherwise), or if the number of such shares of Stock shall be increased through the payment of a stock dividend, or a dividend on the shares of Stock or rights or warrants to purchase securities of the Company shall be made, then there shall be substituted for or added to each share then subject to the Stock Option the number and kind of shares of stock or other securities into which each outstanding share of Stock shall be so changed or for which each such share shall be exchanged or to which each such share shall be entitled, as the case may be, on a fair and equivalent basis in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 424 of the Code; provided, however, in no such event will such adjustment result in a modification of the Stock Option as defined in Section 424(h) of the Code. In the event there shall be any other change in the number or kind of the outstanding shares of Stock, or any stock or other securities into which the Stock shall have been changed or for which it shall have been exchanged, then if the Committee shall, in its sole discretion, determine that such change equitably requires an adjustment in the shares subject to the Stock Option, such adjustments shall be made in accordance with such determination, except that no adjustment of the number of shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option that would otherwise be required shall be made unless and until such adjustment either by itself or with other adjustments not previously made would require an increase or decrease of at least 1% of the number of shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option immediately prior to the making of such adjustment (the "Minimum Adjustment"). Any adjustment representing a change of less than such minimum amount shall be carried forward and made as soon as such adjustment together with other adjustments required by this Section 9 and not previously made would result in a Minimum Adjustment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any adjustment required by this Section 9 which otherwise would not result in a Minimum Adjustment shall be made with respect to shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option immediately prior to its exercise. No fractional shares of Stock or units of other securities shall be issued pursuant to any such adjustment, and any fractions resulting from any such adjustment shall be eliminated in each case by rounding downward to the nearest whole share.

**Section 10. Securities Law Restrictions.** The Stock Option shall be exercised and Stock issued only upon compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and any other applicable securities law, or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. If deemed necessary by the Company to comply with the Act or any applicable laws or regulations relating to the sale of securities, the Participant, at the time of exercise and as a condition imposed by the Company, shall represent, warrant and agree that the shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option are being purchased for investment and not with any present intention to resell the same and without a view to distribution, and the Participant shall, upon the request of the Company, execute and deliver to the Company an agreement to such effect. The Participant acknowledges that any stock certificate representing Stock purchased under such circumstances will be issued with a restricted securities legend.

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**Section 11. *Payment of Withholding Taxes.*** A Participant must pay the amount of taxes required by law upon the exercise of the Stock Option in cash.

**Section 12. *Notices.*** All notices or other communications relating to the Plan and this Option Agreement as it relates to the Participant shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or mailed (U.S. Mail) by the Company to the Participant at the then current address as maintained by the Company or such other address as the Participant may advise the Company in writing.

**Section 13. *Amendments.*** This Option Agreement may be amended by a written agreement signed by the Company and the Participant; provided, that the Committee may modify the terms of this Option Agreement without the consent of the Participant in any manner that is not adverse to the Participant.

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**STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT  
UNDER CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
2002 NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION PLAN**

THIS STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT (the "Option Agreement"), made as of the grant date set forth on the Notice of Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement attached to this Option Agreement (the "Notice") at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by and between the participant named on the Notice (the "Participant") and Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company"):

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Participant is a director of the Company, and it is important to the Company that the Participant be encouraged to remain a director of the Company; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such facts, the Company desires to provide to the Participant an opportunity to purchase shares of the common stock of the Company, as hereinafter provided, pursuant to the "Chesapeake Energy Corporation 2002 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan" (the "Plan"), a copy of which has been provided to the Participant; and

WHEREAS, any capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the Participant and the Company hereby agree as follows:

**Section 1. Grant of Stock Option.** The Company hereby grants to the Participant a nonqualified stock option (the "Stock Option") to purchase all or any part of the number of shares of its common stock, par value \$.01 (the "Stock"), as set forth on the Notice, under and subject to the terms and conditions of this Option Agreement and the Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes. The purchase price for each share to be purchased hereunder shall be the option price set forth on the Notice (the "Option Price").

**Section 2. Times of Exercise of Stock Option.** On and after the Date of Grant, the Participant shall be entitled, subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement having been satisfied, to exercise the Stock Option and purchase, on a cumulative basis, the number of shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option set forth on the Notice.

**Section 3. Term of Stock Option.** Subject to earlier termination as hereafter provided, the Stock Option shall expire at the close of business on the expiration date set forth on the Notice and may not be exercised after such expiration date. At all times during the period commencing with the date the Stock Option is granted to the Participant and ending on the earlier of the expiration of the Stock Option or the date which is three years prior to the date the Stock Option is exercised, the Participant must be serving as a director of the Company.

**Section 4. Limited Transferability of Stock Option.** Except as provided hereafter, the Stock Option is not transferable, and the Stock Option may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant. A Participant may transfer all or a portion of the Stock Option to (i) the ex-spouse of the Participant pursuant to the terms of a qualified domestic relations order, (ii) the spouse, children or grandchildren of the Participant ("Immediate Family Members"), (iii) a trust or trusts for the exclusive benefit of such Immediate Family Members, or (iv) a partnership in which such Immediate Family Members are the only partners. In addition, (x) there may be no consideration for any such transfer, and (y) any subsequent transfer of a transferred Stock Option is prohibited except by will or the laws of descent and distribution. However, no such transfer of a Stock Option by a Participant shall be effective to bind the Company unless the Company has been furnished with written notice of such transfer and an authenticated copy of the will and/or such other evidence as the Committee may deem necessary to establish the validity of the transfer and the acceptance by the transferee of the terms and conditions of the Stock Option. Following transfer, any transferred Stock Option shall continue to be subject to the same terms and conditions as were applicable immediately prior to transfer,

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provided that, with the exception of Sections 6.2, 6.3(c) and 6.3(e) of the Plan, the term "Participant" shall be deemed to refer to the transferee. Any other attempted assignment, transfer, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of, or the levy of execution, attachment or similar process upon, the Stock Option contrary to the provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement shall be null and void and without effect, shall give no right to any purported transferee and may, in the Committee's sole discretion, result in the forfeiture of the Stock Option.

**Section 5. Right to Continued Board Membership.** Nothing in the Plan or in this Option Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to remain on the Board of the Company.

**Section 6. Exercise of Stock Option After a Participant's Termination.** A Participant who ceases to be a director, the transferee of the Stock Option transferred by such Participant in accordance with the terms of this Option Agreement or the personal representative of a deceased Participant shall automatically have the right to exercise the Stock Option and purchase all or any part of the shares subject to the Stock Option on the date of the Participant's termination of membership on the Board until the earlier of (a) three years after termination of the Participant's service on the Board or (b) the expiration of the Stock Option unless the Participant is terminated for cause. If a Participant's membership on the Board is terminated for cause, the Stock Option will expire thirty days after such termination.

**Section 7. Method of Exercising Stock Option.**

(a) *Procedures for Exercise.* The manner of exercising the Stock Option shall be by written notice to the Secretary of the Company at the time the Stock Option, or part thereof, is to be exercised, and in any event prior to the expiration of the Stock Option. Such notice shall state the election to exercise the Stock Option, the number of shares of Stock to be purchased upon exercise, the form of payment to be used, and shall be signed by the person so exercising the Stock Option.

(b) *Form of Payment.* Payment in full for shares of Stock purchased under this Option Agreement shall accompany the Participant's notice of exercise, together with payment for any applicable withholding taxes. Payment shall be made (i) in cash or by check, bank draft or money order payable to the order of the Company; (ii) by tendering, by either actual delivery of shares or by attestation, shares of Stock acceptable to the Committee having a Fair Market Value as of the day of exercise equal to the amount of the Option Price; or (iii) a combination thereof. In addition to the foregoing, the Committee may permit the Participant to elect to pay the Option Price by irrevocably authorizing a third party to sell shares of Stock (or a sufficient portion of the shares) acquired upon exercise of the Stock Option and remit to the Company a sufficient portion of the sale proceeds to pay the entire Option Price and any tax withholding resulting from such exercise.

(c) *Further Information.* In the event the Stock Option is exercised, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 7, by any person other than the Participant, such notice shall also be accompanied by appropriate proof of the right of such person to exercise the Stock Option. The notice so required shall be given by personal delivery to the Secretary of the Company or by registered or certified mail, addressed to the Company at 6100 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, and it shall be deemed to have been given when it is so personally delivered or when it is deposited in the United States mail in an envelope addressed to the Company, as aforesaid, properly stamped for delivery as a registered or certified letter.

**Section 8. Amendments.** This Option Agreement may be amended by a written agreement signed by the Company and the Participant; provided, that the Committee may modify the terms of this Option Agreement without the consent of the Participant in any manner that is not adverse to the Participant.

**Section 9. Securities Law Restrictions.** The Stock Option shall be exercised and Stock issued only upon compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and any other applicable securities law, or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. If deemed necessary by the Company to comply with the Act or any applicable laws or regulations relating to the sale of securities, the Participant, at the time of exercise and as a condition imposed by the Company, shall represent, warrant and agree that the shares of Stock subject to the Stock Option are being purchased for investment and not with any present intention to resell the same and without a view to distribution, and the Participant

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shall, upon the request of the Company, execute and deliver to the Company an agreement to such effect. The Participant acknowledges that any stock certificate representing Stock purchased under such circumstances will be issued with a restricted securities legend.

**Section 10. *Payment of Withholding Taxes.*** A Participant must pay the amount of taxes required by law upon the exercise of the Stock Option in cash.

**Section 11. *Notices.*** All notices or other communications relating to the Plan and this Option Agreement as it relates to the Participant shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or mailed (U.S. Mail) by the Company to the Participant at the then current address as maintained by the Company or such other address as the Participant may advise the Company in writing.

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**RESTRICTED STOCK AWARD AGREEMENT FOR  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
2003 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN**

THIS RESTRICTED STOCK AWARD AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") entered into as of the grant date set forth on the attached Notice of Grant of Award and Award Agreement (the "Notice"), by and between Chesapeake Energy Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation (the "Company"), and the participant named on the Notice (the "Participant");

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Participant is an Employee, and it is important to the Company that the Participant be encouraged to remain an Employee; and

WHEREAS, the Company has previously adopted the Chesapeake Energy Corporation 2003 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Company has awarded the Participant shares of Common Stock under the Plan, as set forth on the Notice, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the Participant and the Company agree as follows:

1. The Plan. The Plan, a copy of which has been made available to the Participant, is hereby incorporated by reference herein and made a part hereof for all purposes, and when taken with this Agreement shall govern the rights of the Participant and the Company with respect to the Award (as defined below). Any capitalized terms used but not defined in this Agreement have the same meanings given to them in the Plan.

2. Grant of Award. The Company hereby grants to the Participant an award (the "Award") of shares of Common Stock, as set forth on the Notice, on the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Plan.

3. Terms of Award.

(a) Escrow of Shares. A certificate, or book-entry equivalent representing the shares of Common Stock subject to the Award (the "Restricted Stock") shall be issued in the name of the Participant and shall be escrowed with the Secretary of the Company (the "Escrow Agent") subject to removal of the restrictions placed thereon or forfeiture pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

(b) Vesting. The shares of Restricted Stock will vest based on the Participant's continuous employment with the Company, a Subsidiary or Affiliated Entity in accordance with the vesting schedule set forth on the Notice. Once vested pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the Restricted Stock shall be deemed "Vested Stock."

(c) Voting Rights and Dividends. The Participant shall not have the voting rights attributable to the shares of Restricted Stock issued under this Award. No dividends will be declared and paid by the Company with respect to shares of Restricted Stock until such Restricted Stock becomes Vested Stock.

(d) Vested Stock - Removal of Restrictions. Upon Restricted Stock becoming Vested Stock, all restrictions shall be removed from the Stock and the Secretary of the Company shall deliver to the Participant shares either in certificate form or via D.W.A.C. (delivery/withdrawal at custodian) representing such Vested Stock free and clear of all restrictions, except for any applicable securities laws restrictions or restrictions pursuant to the Company's Insider Trading Policy.

(e) Forfeiture. Restricted Stock that does not become Vested Stock pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be absolutely forfeited and the Participant shall have no future interest therein of any kind whatsoever. In the event the Participant's employment with the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliated Entity terminates prior to all shares of Restricted Stock becoming Vested Stock, then any remaining shares of Restricted Stock which have not yet vested shall be absolutely forfeited and the Participant shall have no further interest therein of any kind whatsoever. The Committee may, in its discretion, accelerate the vesting of the balance of this Award in the event of death, Disability or termination due to special circumstances (as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion).

4. Change of Control. In accordance with the terms of the Plan, all Restricted Stock that becomes Vested Stock upon a Change of Control shall be delivered to the Participant in certificate form or via D.W.A.C. free and clear of all restrictions, except for any applicable securities law restrictions. In the event that acceleration of vesting of this Award is subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code or any interest or penalties with respect to such excise tax (collectively the "Excise Tax"), the Participant shall be entitled to receive a payment (a "Gross-Up Payment") in an amount such that after payment by the Participant of all taxes, including any Excise Tax, imposed upon the Gross-Up Payment, the Participant retains an amount of the Gross-Up Payment equal to the Excise Tax imposed upon such acceleration of vesting of this Award. Any determination concerning the amount of Gross-Up Payment payable shall be made by an outside auditor selected by the Company and shall be binding on the Participant.

5. Nontransferability of Award. The Participant shall not have the right to sell, assign, transfer, convey, dispose, pledge, hypothecate, burden, encumber or charge any shares of Restricted Stock or any interest therein in any manner whatsoever. Any attempted assignment, transfer, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of the Restricted Stock contrary to the provisions hereof shall be null and void and without effect.

6. Withholding. The Company may make such provision as it may deem appropriate for the withholding of any applicable federal, state or local taxes that it determines it may be obligated to withhold or pay in connection with the vesting of the Restricted Stock or any election made by the Participant. Required withholding taxes as determined by the Company associated with this Award must be paid in cash unless the Committee permits the Participant to

pay such required withholding taxes by directing the Company to withhold from the Award the number of shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value on the date of vesting equal to the amount of required withholding taxes.

7. Notification of 83(b) Election. In the event the Participant elects to make an 83(b) election with respect to this Award, the Participant must provide the Company notice of such election at the same time the election is filed with the Internal Revenue Service. The Participant must also tender to the Company payment of the required withholding taxes associated with such election. In the event the Participant makes an 83(b) election without consulting with the Company as to the payment of required withholding taxes, the Company may withhold from other payments to the Participant amounts necessary to effect the required withholding.

8. Amendments. This Award Agreement may be amended by a written agreement signed by the Company and the Participant; provided that the Committee may modify the terms of this Award Agreement without the consent of the Participant in any manner that is not adverse to the Participant.

9. Securities Law Restrictions. This Award shall be vested and common stock issued only in compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and any other applicable securities law, or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. If deemed necessary by the Company to comply with the Act or any applicable laws or regulations relating to the sale of securities, the Participant at the time of vesting and as a condition imposed by the Company, shall represent, warrant and agree that the shares of Common Stock subject to the Award are being acquired for investment and not with any present intention to resell the same and without a view to distribution, and the Participant shall, upon the request of the Company, execute and deliver to the Company an agreement to such a fact. The Participant acknowledges that any stock certificate representing Common Stock acquired under such circumstances will be issued with a restricted securities legend.

10. Notices. All notices or other communications relating to the Plan and this Agreement as it relates to the Participant shall be in writing, shall be deemed to have been made if personally delivered in return for a receipt, or if mailed, by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, by the Company to the Participant at his last known address evidenced on the payroll records of the Company.

11. Binding Effect and Governing Law. This Agreement shall be (i) binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors and assigns except as may be limited by the Plan and (ii) governed and construed under the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

12. Captions. The captions of specific provisions of this Agreement are for convenience and reference only, and in no way define, describe, extend or limit the scope of this Agreement or the intent of any provision hereof.

13. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of identical counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes, but all of which taken together shall form but one agreement.

**Chesapeake Energy Corporation**

**Notice of Grant of Award**

ID: 73-1395733

**and Award Agreement**

6100 N. Western Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK 73118

<NAME>  
<ADDRESS>  
<ADDRESS>

**Award Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Plan:** 2003  
**ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

Effective <date>, you have been granted an award of <number> shares of Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the Company) common stock. These shares are restricted until the vest date(s) shown below.

The current total value of the award is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

The award will vest in increments on the date(s) shown. [four equal annual installments]

| <u>Shares</u> | <u>Full Vest</u> |
|---------------|------------------|
| _____         | mm/dd/yyyy       |
| _____         | mm/dd/yyyy       |
| _____         | mm/dd/yyyy       |
| _____         | mm/dd/yyyy       |

By your signature and the Company's signature below, you and the Company agree that this award is granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Company's Award Plan as amended and the Award Agreement, all of which are attached and made a part of this document.

Chesapeake Energy Corporation

Date

<NAME>

Date

**Chesapeake Energy Corporation**

**Notice of Grant of Stock**

ID: 73-1395733

**Options  
and Option Agreement**

6100 N. Western Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK 73118

<Name>  
<Address>  
<Address>

**Option Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Plan:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

Effective <date>, you have been granted a(n) Incentive Stock Option <Nonqualified Stock Option> to buy \_\_\_\_\_ shares of Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the Company) stock at \$\_\_\_\_\_ per share.

The total option price of the shares granted is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Shares in each period will become fully vested on the date shown. [four equal annual installments]

| <u>Shares</u> | <u>Vest Type</u> | <u>Full Vest</u> | <u>Expiration</u>          |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| _____         | On Vest Date     | mm/dd/yyyy       | <10 years from grant date> |
| _____         | On Vest Date     | mm/dd/yyyy       | <10 years from grant date> |
| _____         | On Vest Date     | mm/dd/yyyy       | <10 years from grant date> |
| _____         | On Vest Date     | mm/dd/yyyy       | <10 years from grant date> |

By your signature and the Company's signature below, you and the Company agree that these options are granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Company's Stock Option Plan as amended and the Option Agreement, all of which are attached and made a part of this document.

Chesapeake Energy Corporation

Date

<NAME>

Date

**CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION**  
**RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED DIVIDENDS**  
(dollars in 000's)

|   | Year<br>Ended<br>December 31,<br>1999 | Year<br>Ended<br>December 31,<br>2000 | Year<br>Ended<br>December 31,<br>2001 | Year<br>Ended<br>December 31,<br>2002 | Year<br>Ended<br>December 31,<br>2003 | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2004 |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>EARNINGS:</b>  |                                       |                                       |                                       |                                       |                                       |   |
| Income before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change           | \$ 35,030                             | \$ 196,162                            | \$ 361,698                            | \$ 67,140                             | \$ 500,952                            | \$ 479,087                                    |
| Interest expense (a)  | 81,052                                | 86,256                                | 98,321                                | 111,280                               | 147,817                               | 118,151                                       |
| (Gain)/loss on investment in equity investees in excess of distributed earnings | —                                     | —                                     | —                                     | —                                     | 409                                   | (583)   |
| Amortization of capitalized interest  | 1,047                                 | 1,226                                 | 1,784                                 | 1,804                                 | 2,519                                 | 3,119   |
| Bond discount amortization (b)  | —                                     | —                                     | —                                     | —                                     | —                                     | —   |
| Loan cost amortization  | 3,338                                 | 3,669                                 | 4,022                                 | 4,962                                 | 4,254                                 | 3,987   |
| <b>Earnings</b>   | <b>\$ 120,467</b>                     | <b>\$ 287,313</b>                     | <b>\$ 465,825</b>                     | <b>\$ 185,186</b>                     | <b>\$ 655,951</b>                     | <b>\$ 603,761</b>                             |
| <b>FIXED CHARGES:</b>   |                                       |                                       |                                       |                                       |                                       |   |
| Interest expense  | \$ 81,052                             | \$ 86,256                             | \$ 98,321                             | \$ 111,280                            | \$ 147,817                            | \$ 118,151                                    |
| Capitalized interest  | 3,356                                 | 2,452                                 | 4,719                                 | 4,976                                 | 13,041                                | 23,186  |
| Bond discount amortization (b)  | —                                     | —                                     | —                                     | —                                     | —                                     | —   |
| Loan cost amortization  | 3,338                                 | 3,669                                 | 4,022                                 | 4,962                                 | 4,254                                 | 3,987   |
| <b>Fixed Charges</b>  | <b>\$ 87,746</b>                      | <b>\$ 92,377</b>                      | <b>\$ 107,062</b>                     | <b>\$ 121,218</b>                     | <b>\$ 165,112</b>                     | <b>\$ 145,324</b>                             |
| <b>Preferred Stock Dividends</b>  |                                       |                                       |                                       |                                       |                                       |   |
| Preferred Dividend Requirements   | \$ 16,711                             | \$ 8,484                              | \$ 2,050                              | \$ 10,117                             | \$ 22,469                             | \$ 30,799                                     |
| Ratio of income before provision for taxes to net income (c)                    | 1.05                                  | N/A                                   | 1.66                                  | 1.67                                  | 1.61                                  | 1.56  |
| <b>Subtotal – Preferred Dividends</b>   | <b>\$ 17,597</b>                      | <b>\$ 8,484</b>                       | <b>\$ 3,411</b>                       | <b>\$ 16,861</b>                      | <b>\$ 36,240</b>                      | <b>\$ 48,046</b>                              |
| <b>Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends</b>                           | <b>\$ 105,343</b>                     | <b>\$ 100,861</b>                     | <b>\$ 110,473</b>                     | <b>\$ 138,079</b>                     | <b>\$ 201,352</b>                     | <b>\$ 193,370</b>                             |
| <b>Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges</b>                                       | <b>1.4</b>                            | <b>3.1</b>                            | <b>4.4</b>                            | <b>1.5</b>                            | <b>4.0</b>                            | <b>4.2</b>                                    |
| Insufficient coverage   | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                  | \$ —  |
| <b>Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends</b>      | <b>1.1</b>                            | <b>2.8</b>                            | <b>4.2</b>                            | <b>1.3</b>                            | <b>3.3</b>                            | <b>3.1</b>                                    |
| Insufficient coverage   | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                  | \$ —                                  | \$ —  |

(a) Excludes the effect on unrealized gains or losses on interest rate derivatives.

(b) Amortization of bond discount is excluded since it is included in interest expense.

(c) Amounts of income before provision for taxes and of net income exclude the cumulative effect of accounting change.



## CERTIFICATION

I, Aubrey K. McClendon, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Chesapeake Energy Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (c) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2004

/s/ AUBREY K. MCCLENDON

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Aubrey K. McClendon  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

## CERTIFICATION

I, Marcus C. Rowland certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Chesapeake Energy Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (c) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2004

/s/ MARCUS C. ROWLAND

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Marcus C. Rowland  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2004 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Aubrey K. McClendon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C § 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ AUBREY K. MCCLENDON

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Aubrey K. McClendon  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 9, 2004

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Chesapeake Energy Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2004 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Marcus C. Rowland, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C § 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ MARCUS C. ROWLAND

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Marcus C. Rowland  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 9, 2004