

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

**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**WESTMORELAND RESOURCE PARTNERS, LP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**77-0695453**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**9540 South Maroon Circle, Suite 300**  
**Englewood, CO 80112**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**WESTMORELAND RESOURCE PARTNERS, LP LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN**

(Full title of the plan)

**Jennifer S. Grafton, Esq.**  
**Chief Legal Officer**

**Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP**  
**9540 South Maroon Circle, Suite 300**  
**Englewood, CO 80112**

**(303) 922-6463**

(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

**Large accelerated filer**  **Accelerated filer**   
**Non-accelerated filer**  **Smaller Reporting Company**   
**(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)** **Emerging Growth Company**

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed maximum offering price per unit	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common Units, representing limited partner interests	500,000 units	\$3.55 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$1,775,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$205.72

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this registration statement shall also cover an indeterminate number of common units representing limited partner interests in Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP ("Common Units") which may hereinafter be offered or issued pursuant to the Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") or option agreements to prevent dilution resulting from unit dividends, unit splits, recapitalizations or certain other capital adjustments.
- (2) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rules 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act. The price for the 500,000 Common Units being registered hereby is based on a price of \$3.55, which is the average of the high and low trading prices per Common Unit of Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on May 12, 2017.

## **PART I.**

### **INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

#### **Item 1. Plan Information. \***

#### **Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information. \***

- \* In accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act, and the instructional Note to Part I of Form S-8, the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 has been omitted from this Registration Statement. The documents containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 have been or will be sent or given to participating employees as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act. Such documents and the documents incorporated by reference herein pursuant to Item 3 of Part II, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act. Such documents are not required to be, and are not, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") either as a part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act.

## **PART II.**

### **INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

#### **Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The Registrant hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents filed by the Registrant with the Commission:

- (a) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016; filed March 16, 2017.
- (b) The Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017; filed May 15, 2017.
- (c) The Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 15, 2017; and excepting all such current reports furnished under Item 2.01 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and exhibits filed on such form that are related to such items unless such Form 8-K expressly provides to the contrary.
- (d) Description of the Registrant's Common Units which is contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-34815) filed with the Commission on July 12, 2010, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of amending such description, in which there is described the terms, rights and provisions applicable to the Registrant's Common Units.

In addition, all documents subsequently filed pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or that deregisters all of the securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a

statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document that is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such previous statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed to constitute a part of this Registration Statement, except as so modified or superseded.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

None.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Section 7.7 of the Registrant's Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, as amended (the "Partnership Agreement"), provides that the Registrant will indemnify and hold harmless (1) its general partner (the "GP"), (2) any departing general partner of the Registrant (a "Departing GP"), (3) any person who is or was an affiliate of the Company or a Departing GP, (4) any person who is or was a director, officer, partner, member, manager, fiduciary or trustee of the Registrant or a subsidiary (other than any person who is or was a limited partner of the Registrant in such person's capacity as such), the Company, any Departing GP or any of their affiliates, (5) any person who is or was serving at the request of the Company or a Departing GP or any affiliate of the Company or a Departing GP as an officer, director, member, manager, partner, fiduciary, or trustee of another person; provided that a person is not an indemnitee by reason of providing, on a fee-for-services basis, trustee, fiduciary or custodial services, and (6) any person the Company designates as an indemnitee for purposes of the Partnership Agreement to the fullest extent permitted by law (subject to any limitations expressed in the Partnership Agreement) (each an "Indemnitee") from and against all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts arising from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, in which any Indemnitee may be involved, or is threatened to be involved. Any indemnification described above will only be made out of the assets of the Registrant. Unless the GP otherwise agrees, in its sole discretion, the GP will not be personally liable for or have any obligation to contribute or lend funds or assets to the Registrant to enable the Registrant to effectuate indemnification.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, expenses (including legal fees and expenses) incurred by an Indemnitee in defending any claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding will, from time to time, be advanced by the Registrant, subject to certain conditions. Section 7.7 of the Partnership Agreement also permits the Registrant to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of the Company, its affiliates and any other person as the GP may determine in its discretion, against any liability that may be asserted against, or expense that may be incurred by, such person in connection with the Registrant's activities or such person's activities on behalf of the Registrant, regardless of whether the Registrant would have the power to indemnify such person against such liabilities under the Partnership Agreement.

Subject to any terms, conditions, or restrictions set forth in the Partnership Agreement, Section 17-108 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act empowers a Delaware limited partnership to indemnify and hold harmless any partner or other persons from and against all claims and demands whatsoever.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

The list of exhibits is set forth under "Index to Exhibits" at the end of this Registration Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*Provided, however,* that Paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-8, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Englewood, state of Colorado, on this 15 day of May, 2017.

**WESTMORELAND RESOURCE PARTNERS, LP**

by its general partner, Westmoreland Resources GP, LLC

By: /s/ Kevin A. Paprzycki

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Kevin A. Paprzycki

Chief Executive Officer

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Kevin A. Paprzycki and Nathan M. Troup, and each or any one of them, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his substitutes or substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>/s/ Kevin A. Paprzycki</u> Kevin A. Paprzycki	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director	May 15, 2017
<u>/s/ Nathan M. Troup</u> Nathan M. Troup	Interim Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	May 15, 2017
<u>Michael J. Meyer</u> Michael J. Meyer	Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	May 15, 2017
<u>/s/ Jennifer S. Grafton</u> Jennifer S. Grafton	Chief Legal Officer and Director	May 15, 2017
<u>/s/ Charles C. Ungurean</u> Charles C. Ungurean	Director	May 15, 2017
<u>/s/ Keith D. Horton</u> Keith D. Horton	Director	May 15, 2017
<u>/s/ Robert T. Clutterbuck</u> Robert T. Clutterbuck	Director	May 15, 2017
<u>/s/ Gerald A. Tywoniuk</u> Gerald A. Tywoniuk	Director	May 15, 2017
<u>/s/ Kurt D. Kost</u> Kurt D. Kost	Director	May 15, 2017

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference				Filed Herewith
		Form	File Number	Exhibit	Filing Date	
3.1	Certificate of Limited Partnership of Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP	S-1	333-165662	3.1	3/24/2010	
3.2	Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP	10-K	001-34815	3.2	3/6/2015	
3.3	Amendment No. 1 to Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP	8-K	001-34815	3.1	8/6/2015	
3.4	Amendment No. 2 to Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP	10-Q	001-34815	3.4	11/1/2016	
3.5	Certificate of Formation of Westmoreland Resources GP, LLC	S-1	333-165662	3.3	4/21/2010	
3.6	Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Westmoreland Resources GP, LLC (f/k/a Oxford Resources GP, LLC)	8-K	001-34815	3.2	1/4/2011	
3.7	First Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Westmoreland Resources GP, LLC	8-K	001-34815	3.2	6/25/2013	
3.8	First Amendment to Third Limited Liability Company Agreement of Westmoreland Resources GP, LLC executed as of March 12, 2014 to be effective as of June 24, 2013, entered into to correct, clarify, supersede and replace in its entirety the First Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Westmoreland Resources GP, LLC dated June 24, 2013	10-Q	001-34815	3.4B	5/6/2014	

5.1	Legal opinion of Jennifer S. Grafton, Chief Legal Officer	X
10.1	Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP Long Term Incentive Plan	X
23.1	Consent of Jennifer S. Grafton (included in Exhibit 5.1)	X
23.2	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP	X
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on signature page)	

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May 15, 2017

Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP  
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RE: Registration Statement on Form S-8 for Westmoreland Resource Partners LP Long-Term Incentive Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am the Chief Legal Officer of Westmoreland Resources GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "General Partner") and the general partner of Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"), and an attorney duly admitted to practice in the State of Colorado. I am familiar with the registration statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") in connection with the registration by the Partnership under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), of the sale of up to 500,000 common units representing limited partner interests (the "Units") in the Partnership which may be issued pursuant to the Westmoreland Resource Partners LP Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

As the basis for the opinion hereinafter expressed, I have examined and relied on originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to my satisfaction, of the following: (i) the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership; (ii) the Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership, as amended (the "Partnership Agreement"); (iii) the Certificate of Formation of the General Partner; (iv) the Limited Liability Company Agreement of the General Partner, as amended (the "LLC Agreement"); (v) the Plan; (vi) this Registration Statement; and (vii) such other instruments and other certificates of public officials, officers and representatives of the Partnership and such other persons as I have deemed appropriate as a basis for the opinions set forth herein.

In rendering the opinions expressed below, I have assumed and have not verified (i) the genuineness of the signatures on all documents that I have examined, (ii) the legal capacity of all natural persons, (iii) the authenticity of all documents supplied to us as originals and (iv) the conformity to the authentic originals of all documents supplied to us as certified, photostatic or faxed copies. In conducting my examination of documents, I have assumed the power, corporate or other, of all parties thereto other than the Partnership to enter into and perform all obligations thereunder and have also assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, corporate or other, and the due execution and delivery by such parties of such documents and that, except as set forth in the numbered opining paragraphs below, to the extent such documents purport to constitute agreements, such documents constitute valid and binding obligations of such parties.

I have also assumed that (A) the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership and the Partnership Agreement and the Certificate of Formation of the General Partner and the LLC Agreement, in each case as amended to date, will not have been amended in any manner that would affect any legal

conclusion set forth herein, and (B) all Units will be issued and sold in the manner described in the prospectus related to the Plan and in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the limitations and assumptions set forth herein, and having due regard for such legal considerations as I have deemed relevant, I am of the opinion that:

1. The issuance of the Units by the Partnership has been duly authorized by the General Partner.
2. Upon the issuance and delivery of the Units from time to time in accordance with the terms of the Plan for the consideration established by the Plan and the satisfaction of any performance conditions associated therewith and any requisite determinations by or pursuant to the authority of the Board of Directors of the General Partner or a duly constituted and acting committee thereof as provided in the Plan, such Units will be validly issued, fully paid (to the extent required under the Partnership Agreement) and non-assessable, except as such non-assessability may be affected by the following: (a) if a court were to determine that the right or exercise of the right provided under the Partnership Agreement by the holders of Units (the "Limited Partners") of the Partnership as a group (i) to remove or replace the General Partner, (ii) to approve certain amendments to the Partnership Agreement or (iii) to take certain other actions under the Partnership Agreement pursuant to which a Limited Partner "participates in the control" of the Partnership's business for purposes of Section 17-303 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, as amended (the "Delaware LP Act"), then such Limited Partner could be held personally liable for the Partnership's obligations under the laws of Delaware, to the same extent as the General Partner with respect to persons who transact business with the Partnership and reasonably believe that such Limited Partner is a general partner and (b) Sections 17-303, 17-607 and 17-804 of the Delaware LP Act.

I express no opinion other than as to the Delaware LP Act (which is deemed to include the applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial opinions interpreting those laws) and the federal laws of the United States of America, and I am expressing no opinion as to the effect of the laws of any other jurisdiction, domestic or foreign.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, I do not admit to being an "expert" under the Securities Act, or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, with respect to any part of the Registration Statement, including this exhibit. This opinion is expressed as of the date hereof, and I disclaim any undertaking to advise you of any subsequent changes of the facts stated or assumed herein or any subsequent changes in applicable law, and have assumed that at no future time would any such subsequent change of fact or law affect adversely my ability to render at such time an opinion (a) containing the same legal conclusions set forth herein and (b) subject only to such (or fewer) assumptions, limitations and qualifications as are contained herein.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jennifer S. Grafton

Jennifer S. Grafton  
Chief Legal Officer

**Westmoreland Resource Partners, L.P.****LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN**

**Section 1. Purpose of the Plan.** The Westmoreland Resource Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “*Plan*”) has been adopted by Westmoreland Resources GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the general partner (the “*General Partner*”) of Westmoreland Resource Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the “*Partnership*”). The Plan is intended to promote the interests of the General Partner, the Partnership and their Affiliates by providing to Employees, Consultants, and Directors incentive compensation awards to encourage superior performance. The Plan is also contemplated to enhance the ability of the General Partner, the Partnership and their Affiliates to attract and retain the services of individuals who are essential for the growth and profitability of the Partnership and to encourage them to devote their best efforts to advancing the business of the Partnership.

**Section 2. Definitions.** As used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

- (a) “**409A Award**” means an Award that constitutes a “deferral of compensation” within the meaning of the 409A Regulations, whether by design, due to a subsequent modification in the terms and conditions of such Award, or as a result of a change in applicable law following the date of grant of such Award, and that is not exempt from section 409A of the Code pursuant to an applicable exemption.
- (b) “**409A Regulations**” means the applicable Treasury regulations and other interpretive guidance promulgated pursuant to section 409A of the Code.
- (c) “**Affiliate**” means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Person in question. As used herein, the term “control” means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise.
- (d) “**Award**” means an Option, Unit Appreciation Right, Restricted Unit, Phantom Unit, Unit Award, Performance Award, Substitute Award, Other Unit Based Award, or Cash Award granted under the Plan and includes, as appropriate, any tandem DERs granted with respect to an Award (other than a Restricted Unit or Unit Award).
- (e) “**Award Agreement**” means the written or electronic agreement by which an Award shall be evidenced.
- (f) “**Board**” means the Board of Directors of the General Partner.
- (g) “**Cash Award**” means an award denominated in cash.
- (h) “**Change of Control**” means, and shall be deemed to have occurred upon, one or more of the following events:

- (i) any “person” or “group” within the meaning of those terms as used in sections 13(d) and 14(d) (2) of the Exchange Act, other than members of the General Partner, the Partnership, or an Affiliate of either the General Partner or the Partnership, shall become the beneficial owner, by way of merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reorganization, or otherwise, of 50% or more of the voting power of the voting securities of the General Partner or the Partnership;
- (ii) the limited partners of the General Partner or the Partnership approve, in one transaction or a series of transactions, a plan of complete liquidation of the General Partner or the Partnership;
- (iii) the sale or other disposition by either the General Partner or the Partnership of all or substantially all of its assets in one or more transactions to any Person other than an Affiliate;
- (iv) the General Partner or an Affiliate of the General Partner or the Partnership ceases to be the general partner of the Partnership; or
- (v) any other event specified as a “**Change of Control**” in an applicable Award Agreement.

Notwithstanding the above, with respect to a 409A Award, a “Change of Control” shall not occur unless that Change of Control also constitutes a “change in the ownership of a corporation,” a “change in the effective control of a corporation,” or a “change in the ownership of a substantial portion of a corporation’s assets,” in each case, within the meaning of section 1.409A-3(i)(5) of the 409A Regulations, as applied to non-corporate entities.

- (i) “**Code**” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.
- (j) “**Committee**” means the Board or such committee as may be appointed by the Board to administer the Plan, which alternative committee may be the board of directors or managers of any Affiliate or a committee thereof.
- (k) “**Consultant**” means an individual who renders consulting or advisory services to the General Partner, the Partnership, or an Affiliate of either.
- (l) “**Director**” means a member of the Board or the board of directors of an Affiliate of the General Partner who is not an Employee or a Consultant (other than in that individual’s capacity as a Director).
- (m) “**Distribution Equivalent Right**” or “**DER**” means a contingent right, granted alone or in tandem with a specific Award (other than a Restricted Unit or Unit Award), to receive with respect to each Unit subject to the Award an amount in cash, Units and/or Phantom Units, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, equal in value to the distributions made by the Partnership with respect to a Unit during the period such Award is outstanding.
- (n) “**Effective Date**” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.
- (o) “**Employee**” means an employee of the General Partner or of an Affiliate of the General Partner.

- (p) “**Exchange Act**” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (q) “**Fair Market Value**” means, on any relevant date, the closing sales price of a Unit on the principal national securities exchange or other market in which trading in Units occurs, on the last market trading day prior to the applicable day (or, if there is no trading in the Units on such date, on the next preceding day on which there was trading) as reported in The Wall Street Journal (or other reporting service approved by the Committee). If Units are not traded on a national securities exchange or other market at the time a determination of Fair Market Value is required to be made hereunder, the determination of Fair Market Value shall be made by the Committee in good faith using a “reasonable application of a reasonable valuation method” within the meaning of the 409A Regulations (specifically, section 1.409A-1(b)(5)(iv)(B) of the 409A Regulations).
- (r) “**General Partner**” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.
- (s) “**Option**” means an option to purchase Units granted under the Plan.
- (t) “**Other Unit Based Award**” means an Award granted to an Employee, Director, or Consultant pursuant to Section 6(f).
- (u) “**Participant**” means an Employee, Consultant, or Director granted an Award under the Plan.
- (v) “**Partnership**” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.
- (w) “**Performance Award**” means a right granted to an Employee, Director, or Consultant pursuant to Section 6(i), to receive an Award based upon performance criteria specified by the Committee.
- (x) “**Person**” means an individual or a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, unincorporated organization, association, governmental agency or political subdivision thereof, or other entity.
- (y) “**Phantom Unit**” means a notional Unit granted under the Plan which upon vesting entitles the Participant to receive, at the time of settlement, a Unit or an amount of cash equal to the Fair Market Value of a Unit, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.
- (z) “**Plan**” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.
- (aa) “**Qualified Member**” means a member of the Committee who is a “nonemployee director” within the meaning of paragraph (b)(3) of Rule 16b-3.
- (bb) “**Restricted Period**” means the period established by the Committee with respect to an Award during which the Award remains subject to forfeiture and is either not exercisable by or payable to the Participant, as the case may be.
- (cc) “**Restricted Unit**” means a Unit granted under the Plan that is subject to a Restricted Period.

- (dd) “*Rule 16b-3*” means Rule 16b-3 promulgated by the SEC under the Exchange Act or any successor rule or regulation thereto as in effect from time to time.
- (ee) “*SEC*” means the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any successor thereto.
- (ff) “*Substitute Award*” means an award granted pursuant to Section 6(h) of the Plan.
- (gg) “*Unit Distribution Right*” or “*UDR*” means a distribution made by the Partnership with respect to a Restricted Unit.
- (hh) “*Unit*” means a common unit of the Partnership.
- (ii) “*Unit Appreciation Right*” means a contingent right granted under the Plan that entitles the holder to receive, in cash or Units, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, an amount equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of a Unit on the exercise date of the Unit Appreciation Right (or another specified date) over the exercise price of the Unit Appreciation Right.
- (jj) “*Unit Award*” means a grant of a Unit that is not subject to a Restricted Period.

### **Section 3.     Administration**

- (a) Authority of the Committee. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, and the acts of the members of the Committee who are present at any meeting thereof at which a quorum is present, or acts unanimously approved by the members of the Committee in writing, shall be the acts of the Committee. Subject to the terms of the Plan and applicable law, and in addition to other express powers and authorizations conferred on the Committee by the Plan, the Committee shall have full power and authority to: (i) designate Participants; (ii) determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to a Participant; (iii) determine the number of Units to be covered by Awards; (iv) determine the terms and conditions of any Award, consistent with the terms of the Plan, which terms may include any provision regarding the acceleration of vesting or waiver of forfeiture restrictions or any other condition or limitation regarding an Award, based on such factors as the Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion; (v) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances Awards may be vested, settled, exercised, canceled, or forfeited; (vi) interpret and administer the Plan and any instrument or agreement relating to an Award made under the Plan; (vii) establish, amend, suspend, or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as it shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan; and (viii) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan. The Committee may correct any defect or supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or an Award Agreement in such manner and to such extent as the Committee deems necessary or appropriate. The determinations of the Committee on the matters referred to in this Section 3 (a) shall be final and conclusive.
- (b) Manner and Exercise of Committee Authority. At any time that a member of the Committee is not a Qualified Member, any action of the Committee relating to an Award granted or to be granted to a Participant

who is then subject to section 16 of the Exchange Act in respect of the Partnership may be taken either (i) by a subcommittee, designated by the Committee, composed solely of two or more Qualified Members, (ii) by the Committee but with each such member who is not a Qualified Member abstaining or recusing himself or herself from such action; provided, however, that upon such abstention or recusal the Committee remains composed solely of two or more Qualified Members, or (iii) if the Committee is the Board, by the full Board. Such action, authorized by such a subcommittee, by the Committee upon the abstention or recusal of such non-Qualified Member(s), or by the full Board, as applicable, shall be the action of the Committee for all purposes of the Plan. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, all designations, determinations, interpretations, and other decisions under (or with respect to) the Plan or any Award shall be within the sole discretion of the Committee, may be made at any time, and shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon all Persons, including, without limitation, the General Partner, the Partnership, any Affiliate, any Participant, and any beneficiary of a Participant. The express grant of any specific power to the Committee, and the taking of any action by the Committee, shall not be construed as limiting the power or authority of the Committee. Subject to the Plan and any applicable law, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may delegate any or all of its powers and duties under the Plan, including the power to grant Awards under the Plan, to the Chief Executive Officer of the General Partner, subject to such limitations on such delegated powers and duties as the Committee may impose, if any, and provided that the Committee may not delegate its duties where such delegation would violate state corporate law, or with respect to making Awards to, or otherwise with respect to Awards granted to, Participants who are subject to section 16(b) of the Exchange Act. Upon any such delegation, all references in the Plan to the "Committee," other than in Section 7, shall be deemed to include the Chief Executive Officer. Any such delegation shall not limit the Chief Executive Officer's right to receive Awards under the Plan; provided, however, the Chief Executive Officer may not grant Awards to himself, a Director, or any executive officer of the General Partner or an Affiliate, or take any action with respect to any Award previously granted to himself, an individual who is an executive officer, or a Director. Under no circumstances shall any such delegation result in the loss of an exemption under paragraph (d)(1) of Rule 16b-3 for Awards granted to Participants subject to section 16 of the Exchange Act in respect of the Partnership.

(c) Limitation of Liability. The Committee and each member thereof shall be entitled to, in good faith, rely or act upon any report or other information furnished to him or her by any officer or employee of the General Partner, the Partnership, any Affiliates of either the General Partner or the Partnership, or the General Partner's or the Partnership's legal counsel, independent auditors, consultants, or any other agents assisting in the administration of the Plan. Members of the Committee and any officer or employee of the General Partner, the Partnership, or any of their Affiliates acting at the direction or on behalf of the Committee shall not be personally liable for any action or determination taken or made in good faith with respect to this Plan and shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be indemnified and held harmless by the General Partner with respect to any such action or determination.

(d) Exemptions from Section 16(b) Liability. It is the intent of the General Partner that the grant of any Awards to, or other transaction by, a Participant who is subject to section 16 of the Exchange Act shall be exempt from section 16(b) of the Exchange Act pursuant to Rule 16b-3 or another applicable exemption (except for transactions acknowledged by the Participant in writing to be non-exempt). Accordingly, if any provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement does not comply with the requirements of Rule 16b-3 or such other exemption as then applicable to any such transaction, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to the applicable requirements of Rule 16b-3 so that such Participant shall avoid liability under section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

#### **Section 4.     Units.**

(a) Limits on Units Deliverable. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4(c) and Section 7, the number of Units that may be delivered with respect to Awards under the Plan is 500,000. Units withheld from an Award or surrendered by a Participant to satisfy the Partnership's or an Affiliate's tax withholding obligations (including the withholding of Units with respect to Restricted Units) or to satisfy the payment of any exercise price with respect to the Award shall not be considered to be Units delivered under the Plan for this purpose. If any Award is forfeited, cancelled, exercised, settled in cash, or otherwise terminates or expires without the actual delivery of Units pursuant to such Award (the grant of Restricted Units is not a delivery of Units for this purpose), the Units subject to such Award shall again be available for Awards under the Plan (including Units not delivered in connection with the exercise of an Option or Unit Appreciation Right). There shall not be any limitation on the number of Awards that may be granted and paid in cash.

(b) Sources of Units Deliverable Under Awards. Any Units delivered pursuant to an Award shall consist, in whole or in part, of Units acquired in the open market, from any Affiliate, the Partnership, or any other Person, or any combination of the foregoing, as determined by the Committee in its discretion.

(c) Anti-Dilution Adjustments. Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 7, with respect to any "equity restructuring" event that could result in an additional compensation expense to the General Partner or the Partnership pursuant to the provisions of FASB Accounting Standards Codification, Topic 718 if adjustments to Awards with respect to such event were discretionary, the Committee shall equitably adjust the number and type of Units covered by each outstanding Award and the terms and conditions, including the exercise price and performance criteria (if any), of such Award to equitably reflect such restructuring event and shall adjust the number and type of Units (or other securities or property) with respect to which Awards may be granted after such event. With respect to any other similar event that would not result in an accounting charge under FASB Accounting Standards Codification, Topic 718 if the adjustment to Awards with respect to such event were subject to discretionary action, the Committee shall have complete discretion to adjust Awards in such manner as it deems appropriate with respect to such other event. In the event the Committee makes any adjustment pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 4(c), the Committee shall make a corresponding and proportionate adjustment with respect to the maximum number of Units that

may be delivered with respect to Awards under the Plan as provided in Section 4(a) and the kind of Units or other securities available for grant under the Plan.

(d) Additional Issuances. Except as hereinbefore expressly provided, the issuance by the General Partner or the Partnership of Units for cash, property, labor or services, upon direct sale, or upon the conversion of Units or obligations of the General Partner or the Partnership convertible into such Units, and in any case whether or not for fair value, shall not affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number of Units subject to Awards theretofore granted pursuant to the Plan.

**Section 5.** Eligibility. Any Employee, Consultant, or Director shall be eligible to be designated a Participant and receive an Award under the Plan. If the Units issuable pursuant to an Award are intended to be registered with the SEC on Form S-8, then only Employees, Consultants, and Directors of the Partnership or a parent or subsidiary of the Partnership (within the meaning of General Instruction A.1(a) to Form S-8) will be eligible to receive such an Award.

**Section 6.** Awards.

(a) General. Awards may be granted on the terms and conditions set forth in this Section 6. In addition, the Committee may impose on any Award or the exercise thereof, at the date of grant or thereafter (subject to Section 7(a)), such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee shall determine, including terms requiring forfeiture of Awards in the event of termination of employment by the Participant, or termination of the Participant's service relationship with the General Partner, the Partnership, or their Affiliates, and terms permitting a Participant to make elections relating to his or her Award. The Committee shall retain full power and discretion to accelerate, waive or modify, at any time, any term or condition of an Award that is not mandatory under the Plan; provided, however, that the Committee shall not have any discretion to accelerate the terms of payment of any Award that provides for a deferral of compensation under section 409A the Code and the 409A Regulations if such acceleration would subject a Participant to additional taxes under section 409A the Code and the 409A Regulations.

(b) Options. The Committee may grant Options that are intended to comply with section 1.409A-1(b)(5)(i)(A) of the 409A Regulations only to Employees, Consultants, or Directors performing services on the date of grant for the Partnership or a corporation or other type of entity in a chain of corporations or other entities in which each corporation or other entity has a "controlling interest" in another corporation or entity in the chain, starting with the Partnership and ending with the corporation or other entity for which the Employee, Consultant, or Director performs services. For purposes of this Section 6(b), "controlling interest" means (i) in the case of a corporation, ownership of stock possessing at least 50% of total combined voting power of all classes of stock of such corporation entitled to vote or at least 50% of the total value of shares of all classes of stock of such corporation; (ii) in the case of a partnership, ownership of at least 50% of the profits interest or capital interest of such partnership; (iii) in the case of a sole proprietorship, ownership of the sole proprietorship; or (iv) in the case of a trust or estate, ownership of an actuarial interest (as defined in section

1.414(c)-2(b)(2)(ii) of the treasury regulations) of at least 50% of such trust or estate. The Committee may grant Options that are otherwise exempt from or compliant with section 409A of the Code to any eligible Employee, Consultant, or Director. The Committee shall have the authority to determine the number of Units to be covered by each Option, the purchase price therefor, and the conditions and limitations applicable to the exercise of the Option, including the following terms and conditions and such additional terms and conditions, as the Committee shall determine, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan.

(i) Exercise Price. The exercise price per Unit purchasable under an Option that does not provide for the deferral of compensation under the 409A Regulations shall be determined by the Committee at the time the Option is granted but, except with respect to Substitute Awards and Options described in the last sentence of this Section 6(b)(i), may not be less than the Fair Market Value of a Unit as of the date of grant of the Option. For purposes of this Section 6(b)(i), the Fair Market Value of a Unit shall be determined as of the date of grant. The exercise price per Unit purchasable under an Option that does not provide for the deferral of compensation by reason of satisfying the short-term deferral rule set forth in the 409A Regulations or that is compliant with section 409A of the Code shall be determined by the Committee at the time the Option is granted.

(ii) Time and Method of Exercise. The Committee shall determine the exercise terms and any Restricted Period with respect to an Option grant, which may include, without limitation, a provision for accelerated vesting upon the achievement of specified performance goals or other events, and the method or methods by which payment of the exercise price with respect thereto may be made or deemed to have been made, which may include, without limitation, cash, check acceptable to the General Partner, withholding Units from an Award, a “cashless-broker” exercise through procedures approved by the General Partner, or any combination of the above methods, having a Fair Market Value on the exercise date equal to the relevant exercise price.

(iii) Forfeitures. Except as otherwise provided in the terms of the Award Agreement, upon termination of a Participant’s employment or service to the General Partner and its Affiliates or membership on the Board or the board of directors of an Affiliate, whichever is applicable, for any reason during any applicable Restricted Period, all unvested Options shall be forfeited by the Participant. The Committee may, in its discretion, waive in whole or in part such forfeiture with respect to a Participant’s Options; provided that the waiver contemplated under this Section 6(b)(iii) shall be effective only to the extent that such waiver will not cause the Participant’s Options that are designed to satisfy section 409A of the Code to fail to satisfy such Code section.

(c) Unit Appreciation Rights. The Committee may grant Unit Appreciation Rights that are intended to comply with section 1.409A-1(b)(5)(i)(B) of the 409A Regulations only to Employees, Consultants, or Directors performing services on the date of grant for the Partnership or a corporation or other type of entity in a chain of corporations or other entities in which each corporation or other entity has a “controlling interest” in another corporation or entity in the chain, starting with the Partnership and ending with the corporation

or other entity for which the Employee, Consultant, or Director performs services. For purposes of this Section 6(c), “controlling interest” means (i) in the case of a corporation, ownership of stock possessing at least 50% of total combined voting power of all classes of stock of such corporation entitled to vote or at least 50% of the total value of shares of all classes of stock of such corporation; (ii) in the case of a partnership, ownership of at least 50% of the profits interest or capital interest of such partnership; (iii) in the case of a sole proprietorship, ownership of the sole proprietorship; or (iv) in the case of a trust or estate, ownership of an actuarial interest (as defined in section 1.414(c)-2(b)(2)(ii) of the treasury regulations) of at least 50% of such trust or estate. The Committee may grant Unit Appreciation Rights that are otherwise exempt from or compliant with section 409A of the Code to any eligible Employee, Consultant, or Director. The Committee shall have the authority to determine the Employees, Consultants, and Directors to whom Unit Appreciation Rights shall be granted, the number of Units to be covered by each grant, whether Units or cash shall be delivered upon exercise, the exercise price therefor, and the conditions and limitations applicable to the exercise of the Unit Appreciation Rights, including the following terms and conditions and such additional terms and conditions, as the Committee shall determine, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan.

- (i) Exercise Price. The exercise price per Unit Appreciation Right that does not provide for the deferral of compensation under the 409A Regulations shall be determined by the Committee at the time the Unit Appreciation Right is granted but, except with respect to Substitute Awards and Unit Appreciation Rights described in the last sentence of this Section 6(c)(i), may not be less than the Fair Market Value of a Unit as of the date of grant of the Unit Appreciation Right. For purposes of this Section 6(c)(i), the Fair Market Value of a Unit shall be determined as of the date of grant. The exercise price per Unit Appreciation Right that does not provide for the deferral of compensation by reason of satisfying the short-term deferral rule set forth in the 409A Regulations or that is compliant with section 409A of the Code shall be determined by the Committee at the time the Unit Appreciation Right is granted.
- (ii) Time of Exercise. The Committee shall determine any Restricted Period and the time or times at which a Unit Appreciation Right may be exercised in whole or in part, which may include, without limitation, accelerated vesting upon the achievement of specified performance goals or other events.
- (iii) Forfeitures. Except as otherwise provided in the terms of the Award Agreement, upon termination of a Participant’s employment with or service to the General Partner, the Partnership, and their Affiliates or membership on the Board or the board of directors of an Affiliate, whichever is applicable, for any reason during any applicable Restricted Period, all outstanding Unit Appreciation Rights awarded to the Participant shall be automatically forfeited on such termination. The Committee may, in its discretion, waive in whole or in part such forfeiture with respect to a Participant’s Unit Appreciation Rights.
- (d) Restricted Units and Phantom Units. The Committee shall have the authority to determine the Employees, Consultants, and Directors to whom Restricted Units or Phantom Units shall be granted, the

number of Restricted Units or Phantom Units to be granted to each such Participant, the Restricted Period, the conditions under which the Restricted Units or Phantom Units may become vested or forfeited, and such other terms and conditions as the Committee may establish with respect to such Awards.

(i) UDRs. To the extent provided by the Committee, in its discretion, a grant of Restricted Units may provide that the distributions made by the Partnership with respect to the Restricted Units shall be subject to the same forfeiture and other restrictions as the Restricted Unit and, if restricted, such distributions shall be held, without interest, until the Restricted Unit vests or is forfeited with the UDR being paid or forfeited at the same time, as the case may be. In addition, the Committee may provide that such distributions be used to acquire additional Restricted Units for the Participant. Such additional Restricted Units may be subject to such vesting and other terms as the Committee may prescribe. Absent such a restriction on the UDRs in the Award Agreement, UDRs shall be paid to the holder of the Restricted Unit without restriction at the same time as cash distributions are paid by the Partnership to its unitholders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, UDRs shall only be paid in a manner that is either exempt from or in compliance with section 409A of the Code.

(ii) Forfeitures. Except as otherwise provided in the terms of the applicable Award Agreement, upon termination of a Participant's employment with or services to the General Partner and its Affiliates or membership on the Board or the board of directors of an Affiliate, whichever is applicable, for any reason during the applicable Restricted Period, all outstanding, unvested Restricted Units and Phantom Units awarded to the Participant shall be automatically forfeited on such termination. The Committee may, in its discretion, waive in whole or in part such forfeiture with respect to a Participant's Restricted Units and/or Phantom Units; provided that the waiver contemplated under this Section 6(d)(ii) shall be effective only to the extent that such waiver will not cause the Participant's Restricted Units and/or Phantom Units that are designed to satisfy section 409A of the Code to fail to satisfy such Code section.

(iii) Lapse of Restrictions.

(A) Phantom Units. No later than the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day following the vesting of each Phantom Unit, subject to the provisions of Section 8(b), the Participant shall be entitled to settlement of such Phantom Unit and shall receive one Unit or an amount in cash equal to the Fair Market Value of a Unit (for purposes of this Section 6(f)(iii), as calculated on the last day of the Restricted Period), as determined by the Committee in its discretion.

(B) Restricted Units. Upon the vesting of each Restricted Unit, subject to satisfying the tax withholding obligations of Section 8(b), the Participant shall be entitled to have the restrictions removed from his or her Award so that the Participant then holds an unrestricted Unit.

(e) Unit Awards. The Committee shall have the authority to grant a Unit Award under the Plan to any Employee, Consultant, or Director in a number determined by the Committee in its discretion, as a bonus

or additional compensation or in lieu of cash compensation the individual is otherwise entitled to receive, in such amounts as the Committee determines to be appropriate.

(f) Other Unit Based Awards. The Committee is authorized, subject to limitations under applicable law, to grant to Participants such other Awards that may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to Units, as deemed by the Committee to be consistent with the purposes of this Plan, including, without limitation, convertible or exchangeable debt securities, other rights convertible or exchangeable into Units, purchase rights for Units, Awards with value and payment contingent upon performance of the Partnership or any other factors designated by the Committee, and Awards valued by reference to the book value of Units or the value of securities of or the performance of specified Affiliates of the General Partner or the Partnership. The Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such Awards. Units delivered pursuant to an Award in the nature of a purchase right granted under this Section 6(f) shall be purchased for such consideration, paid for at such times, by such methods, and in such forms, including, without limitation, cash, Units, other Awards, or other property, as the Committee shall determine. Cash awards, as an element of or supplement to, or independent of any other Award under this Plan, may also be granted pursuant to this Section 6(f).

(g) DERs. To the extent provided by the Committee, in its discretion, an Award (other than a Restricted Unit or Unit Award) may include a tandem DER grant, which may provide that such DERs shall be paid directly to the Participant, be reinvested into additional Awards, be credited to a bookkeeping account (with or without interest in the discretion of the Committee) subject to the same vesting restrictions as the tandem Award, or be subject to such other provisions or restrictions as determined by the Committee in its discretion. Absent a contrary provision in the Award Agreement, DERs shall be paid to the Participant without restriction at the same time as ordinary cash distributions are paid by the Partnership to its unitholders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, DERs shall only be paid in a manner that is either exempt from or in compliance with section 409A of the Code.

(h) Substitute Awards. Awards may be granted under the Plan in substitution for similar awards held by individuals who become Employees, Consultants, or Directors as a result of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition by the Partnership or an Affiliate of another entity or the assets of another entity. Such Substitute Awards that are Options or Unit Appreciation Rights may have exercise prices less than the Fair Market Value of a Unit on the date of the substitution if such substitution complies with section 409A of the Code and the 409A Regulations and other applicable laws and exchange rules.

(i) Performance Awards. The right of a Participant to receive a grant, and the right of a Participant to exercise or receive a grant or settlement of any Award, and the timing thereof, may be subject to such performance conditions as may be specified by the Committee. The Committee may use such business criteria and other measures of performance as it may deem appropriate in establishing any performance conditions and may exercise its discretion to reduce or increase the amounts payable under any Award subject to performance conditions.

(i) Performance Goals Generally. The performance goals for such Performance Awards shall consist of one or more business criteria or individual performance criteria and a targeted level or levels of performance with respect to each of such criteria, as specified by the Committee consistent with this Section 6(i). The Committee may determine that such Performance Awards shall be granted, exercised, and/or settled upon achievement of any one performance goal or that two or more of the performance goals must be achieved as a condition to the grant, exercise, and/or settlement of such Performance Awards. The Committee shall establish any such performance conditions and goals based on one or more business criteria for the General Partner and/or the Partnership, on a consolidated basis, and/or for specified Affiliates or business or geographical units of the Partnership (and such performance conditions or goals may be applied in total or on a per Unit, per barrel, or percentage basis, if applicable), all as determined by the Committee in its discretion, which may include (but are not limited to) one or more of the following: (A) earnings per Unit, (B) revenues, (C) cash flow, (D) cash flow from operations, (E) cash flow return, (F) return on assets or on net assets, (G) return on investment, (H) return on capital, (I) return on equity, (J) economic value added, (K) operating margin, contribution margin, gross margin, or other margin capture, (L) net income, (M) pretax earnings, (N) pretax earnings before interest or before interest, depreciation and amortization, (O) pretax operating earnings after interest expense and before incentives, service fees, and extraordinary or special items, (P) total unitholder return, (Q) debt reduction, (R) increase in market share, (S) change in the Fair Market Value of the Units, (T) operating income (before or after tax), (U) expenses, (V) assets or capital employed, (W) working capital, (X) operating capacity utilized, (Y) production or sales volumes, (Z) cost of processing, (AA) completion or acquisition of a new plant; (BB) environmental and/or safety metrics, or (CC) any of the above goals determined on an absolute or relative basis or as compared to the performance of a published or special index deemed applicable by the Committee including, but not limited to, the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index or a group of comparable companies. Performance goals may differ for Performance Awards granted to any one Participant or to different Participants.

(ii) Performance Periods. Achievement of performance goals in respect of such Performance Awards shall be measured over a performance period of up to ten years, as specified by the Committee. Performance goals shall be established by the Committee not later than 90 days after the beginning of any performance period applicable to such Performance Awards.

(iii) Settlement. At the end of each performance period, the Committee shall determine the amount, if any, of the amount of the potential Performance Award otherwise payable to each Participant, and such amount shall be paid to the Participant no later than 74 days after such award is scheduled to vest. Settlement of such Performance Awards shall be in cash, Units, other Awards, or other property, in the discretion of the Committee. The Committee may, in its discretion, reduce or increase the amount of a settlement otherwise to be made in connection with such Performance Awards. The Committee shall specify the circumstances in which such Performance Awards shall be paid or forfeited in the event of

termination of employment by the Participant prior to the end of a performance period or settlement of Performance Awards.

(j) Certain Provisions Applicable to Awards.

(i) Stand-Alone, Additional, Tandem, and Substitute Awards. Awards may, in the discretion of the Committee, be granted either alone or in addition to, in tandem with, or in substitution for any other Award granted under the Plan or any award granted under any other plan of the Partnership or any Affiliate. Awards granted in addition to, in substitution for, or in tandem with other Awards or awards granted under any other plan of the Partnership or any Affiliate may be granted either at the same time as or at a different time from the grant of such other Awards or awards. If an Award is granted in substitution or exchange for another Award, the Committee shall require the surrender of such other Award in consideration for the grant of the new Award. Awards under the Plan may be granted in lieu of cash compensation, including in lieu of cash amounts payable under other plans of the General Partner, the Partnership, or any Affiliate, in which the value of Units subject to the Award is equivalent in value to the cash compensation, or in which the exercise price, grant price, or purchase price of the Award in the nature of a right that may be exercised is equal to the Fair Market Value of the underlying Units minus the value of the cash compensation surrendered. Awards granted pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be designed, awarded, and settled in a manner that does not result in additional taxes under section 409A the Code and the 409A Regulations.

(ii) Limits on Transfer of Awards.

(A) Except as provided in Section 6(j)(ii)(C) below, each Option and Unit Appreciation Right shall be exercisable only by the Participant during the Participant's lifetime, or by the Person to whom the Participant's rights shall pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution.

(B) Except as provided in Section 6(j)(ii)(C) below, no Award and no right under any such Award may be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold, or otherwise transferred or encumbered by a Participant, and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer, or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against the General Partner, the Partnership, or any Affiliate.

(C) To the extent specifically provided by the Committee with respect to an Option or Unit Appreciation Right, an Option or Unit Appreciation Right may be transferred by a Participant without consideration to immediate family members or related family trusts, limited partnerships, or similar entities or on such terms and conditions as the Committee may from time to time establish.

(iii) Term of Awards. The term of each Award shall be for such period as may be determined by the Committee.

(iv) Form and Timing of Payment under Awards; Deferrals. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award agreement, payments to be made by the General Partner, the Partnership, or any Affiliate upon the exercise of an Option or other Award or upon settlement of an Award may be made in such forms as the Committee shall determine, including without limitation cash, Units, other Awards, or other property, and may be made in a single payment or transfer, in installments, or on a deferred basis; provided, however, that any such deferred payment will be set forth in the agreement evidencing such Award and/or otherwise made in a manner that will not result in additional taxes under section 409A the Code and the 409A Regulations. Except as otherwise provided herein, the settlement of any Award may be accelerated, and cash paid in lieu of Units in connection with such settlement, in the discretion of the Committee or upon occurrence of one or more specified events (in addition to a Change of Control). Installment or deferred payments may be required by the Committee (subject to Section 7(a) of the Plan, including the consent provisions thereof in the case of any deferral of an outstanding Award not provided for in the original Award Agreement) or permitted at the election of the Participant on terms and conditions established by the Committee and in compliance with section 409A the Code and the 409A Regulations. Payments may include, without limitation, provisions for the payment or crediting of reasonable interest on installment or deferred payments or the grant or crediting of DERs or other amounts in respect of installment or deferred payments denominated in Units. This Plan shall not constitute an “employee benefit plan” for purposes of section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

(v) Issuance of Units. The Units or other securities of the Partnership delivered pursuant to an Award may be evidenced in any manner deemed appropriate by the Committee in its sole discretion, including, but not limited to, in the form of a certificate issued in the name of the Participant or by book entry, electronic or otherwise, and shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the Plan or under the rules, regulations, and other requirements of the SEC, any stock exchange upon which such Units or other securities are then listed, and any applicable federal or state laws. The Committee may cause a legend or legends to be inscribed on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.

(vi) Consideration for Grants. Awards may be granted for such consideration, including services, as the Committee shall determine.

(vii) Exemptions from Section 16(b) Liability. It is the intent of the General Partner that the grant of any Awards to, or other transaction by, a Participant who is subject to section 16 of the Exchange Act shall be exempt from such section pursuant to an applicable exemption (except for transactions acknowledged in writing to be non-exempt by such Participant). Accordingly, if any provision of this Plan or any Award Agreement does not comply with the requirements of Rule 16b-3 as then applicable to any such transaction, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to the extent necessary

to conform to the applicable requirements of Rule 16b-3 so that such Participant shall avoid liability under section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

(viii) Delivery of Units or other Securities and Payment by Participant of Consideration. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan or any Award Agreement to the contrary, delivery of Units pursuant to the exercise, vesting, and/or settlement of an Award may be deferred for any period during which, in the good faith determination of the Committee, the General Partner is not reasonably able to obtain Units to deliver pursuant to such Award without violating applicable law or the applicable rules or regulations of any governmental agency or authority or securities exchange. No Units or other securities shall be delivered pursuant to any Award until payment in full of any amount required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the applicable Award Agreement (including, without limitation, any exercise price or tax withholding) is received by the General Partner.

(ix) Additional Agreements. Each Employee, Consultant, or Director to whom an Award is granted under this Plan may be required to agree in writing, as a condition to the grant of such Award or otherwise, to subject an Award that is exercised or settled following such Person's termination of services with the General Partner, the Partnership, or their Affiliates to a general release of claims and/or a noncompetition agreement in favor of the General Partner, the Partnership, and their Affiliates, with the terms and conditions of such agreement(s) to be determined in good faith by the Committee.

(x) Termination of Employment. Except as provided herein, the treatment of an Award upon a termination of employment or any other service relationship by and between a Participant and the General Partner, the Partnership, or any Affiliate shall be specified in the Award Agreement controlling such Award.

**Section 7. Amendment and Termination.** Except to the extent prohibited by applicable law:

(a) Amendments to the Plan and Awards. Except as required by applicable law or the rules of the principal securities exchange, if any, on which the Units are traded, the Board or the Committee may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate the Plan in any manner, including increasing the number of Units available for Awards under the Plan, without the consent of any partner, Participant, other holder or beneficiary of an Award, or any other Person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or alter any Award theretofore granted, provided that no change, other than pursuant to Section 7(b), 7(c), 7(d), 7(e), or 7(g) below, in any Award shall materially reduce the rights or benefits of a Participant with respect to an Award without the consent of such Participant.

(b) Subdivision or Consolidation of Units. The terms of an Award and the number of Units authorized pursuant to Section 4 for issuance under the Plan shall be subject to adjustment from time to time, in accordance with the following provisions:

- (i) If at any time, or from time to time, the Partnership shall subdivide as a whole (by reclassification, by a Unit split, by the issuance of a distribution on Units payable in Units, or otherwise) the number of Units then outstanding into a greater number of Units, or in the event the Partnership distributes an extraordinary cash dividend, then, as appropriate, (A) the maximum number of Units available for the Plan as provided in Sections 4 shall be increased proportionately, and the kind of other securities available for the Plan shall be appropriately adjusted, (B) the number of Units (or other kind of securities) that may be acquired under any then outstanding Award shall be increased proportionately, and (C) the price (including the exercise price) for each Unit (or other kind of securities) subject to then outstanding Awards shall be reduced proportionately, all without changing the aggregate purchase price or value as to which outstanding Awards remain exercisable or subject to restrictions.
- (ii) If at any time, or from time to time, the Partnership shall consolidate as a whole (by reclassification, by reverse Unit split, or otherwise) the number of Units then outstanding into a lesser number of Units, (A) the maximum number of Units available for the Plan as provided in Sections 4 shall be decreased proportionately, and the kind of other securities available for the Plan shall be appropriately adjusted, (B) the number of Units (or other kind of securities) that may be acquired under any then outstanding Award shall be decreased proportionately, and (C) the price (including the exercise price) for each Unit (or other kind of securities) subject to then outstanding Awards shall be increased proportionately, without changing the aggregate purchase price or value as to which outstanding Awards remain exercisable or subject to restrictions.
- (iii) Whenever the number of Units subject to outstanding Awards and the price for each Unit subject to outstanding Awards are required to be adjusted as provided in this Section 7(b), the Committee shall promptly prepare a notice setting forth, in reasonable detail, the event requiring adjustment, the amount of the adjustment, the method by which such adjustment was calculated, and the change in price and the number of Units, other securities, cash, or property purchasable subject to each Award after giving effect to the adjustments. The Committee shall promptly provide each affected Participant with such notice.
- (iv) Adjustments under Sections 7(b)(i) and (ii) shall be made by the Committee, and its determination as to what adjustments shall be made and the extent thereof shall be final, binding, and conclusive. No fractional interest shall be issued under the Plan on account of any such adjustments.
- (c) Recapitalizations. If the Partnership recapitalizes, reclassifies its equity securities, or otherwise changes its capital structure (a “*recapitalization*”) without a Change of Control, the number and class of Units covered by an Award theretofore granted shall be adjusted so that such Award shall thereafter cover the number and class of Units and securities to which the holder would have been entitled pursuant to the terms of the recapitalization if, immediately prior to the recapitalization, the holder had been the holder of record of the number of Units then covered by such Award, and the Unit limitations provided in Section 4 shall be adjusted in a manner consistent with the recapitalization.

(d) Additional Issuances. Except as expressly provided herein, the issuance by the Partnership of units of any class or securities convertible into units of any class, for cash, property, labor or services, upon direct sale, upon the exercise of rights or warrants to subscribe therefor, or upon conversion of units or obligations of the Partnership convertible into such units or other securities, and in any case whether or not for fair value, shall not affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number of Units subject to Awards theretofore granted or the purchase price per Unit, if applicable.

(e) Change of Control. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan or any Award Agreement to the contrary, upon a Change of Control the Committee, acting in its sole discretion without the consent or approval of any holder, may affect one or more of the following alternatives, which may vary among individual holders and which may vary among Awards: (i) remove any applicable forfeiture restrictions on any Award; (ii) accelerate the time of exercisability or the time at which the Restricted Period shall lapse to a specific date, before or after such Change of Control, specified by the Committee; (iii) require the mandatory surrender to the General Partner or the Partnership by selected holders of some or all of the outstanding Awards held by such holders (irrespective of whether such Awards are then subject to a Restricted Period or other restrictions pursuant to the Plan) as of a date, before or after such Change of Control, specified by the Committee, in which event the Committee shall thereupon cancel such Awards and pay to each holder an amount of cash per Unit equal to the amount calculated in Section 7(f) (the “**Change of Control Price**”) less the exercise price, if any, applicable to such Awards; provided, however, that to the extent the exercise price of an Option or a Unit Appreciation Right exceeds the Change of Control Price, no consideration will be paid with respect to that Award; (iv) cancel Awards that remain subject to a Restricted Period as of the date of a Change of Control without payment of any consideration to the Participant for such Awards; or (v) make such adjustments to Awards then outstanding as the Committee deems appropriate to reflect such Change of Control (including, but not limited to, the substitution of Awards for new awards); provided, however, that the Committee may determine in its sole discretion that no adjustment is necessary to Awards then outstanding.

(f) Change of Control Price. The “**Change of Control Price**” shall equal the amount determined in clause (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v), whichever is applicable, as follows: (i) the per Unit price offered to Unit holders in any merger or consolidation, (ii) the per Unit value of the Units immediately before the Change of Control without regard to assets sold in the Change of Control and assuming the General Partner or the Partnership, as applicable, has received the consideration paid for the assets in the case of a sale of the assets, (iii) the amount distributed per Unit in a dissolution transaction, (iv) the price per Unit offered to Unit holders in any tender offer or exchange offer whereby a Change of Control takes place, or (v) if such Change of Control occurs other than pursuant to a transaction described in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of this Section 7(f), the Fair Market Value per Unit of the Units that may otherwise be obtained with respect to such Awards or to which such Awards track, as determined by the Committee as of the date determined by the Committee to be the date of cancellation and surrender of such Awards. In the event that the consideration offered to unitholders of the Partnership in any Change of Control transaction consists of anything other than cash, the

Committee shall determine the fair cash equivalent of the portion of the consideration offered which is other than cash.

(g) Impact of Corporate Events on Awards Generally. In the event of changes in the outstanding Units by reason of a recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, combination, exchange or other relevant change in capitalization occurring after the date of the grant of any Award and not otherwise provided for by this Section 7, any outstanding Awards and any Award Agreements evidencing such Awards shall be subject to adjustment by the Committee at its discretion, which adjustment may, in the Committee's discretion, be described in the Award Agreement and may include, but not be limited to, adjustments as to the number and price of Units or other consideration subject to such Awards, accelerated vesting (in full or in part) of such Awards, conversion of such Awards into awards denominated in the securities or other interests of any successor Person, or the cash settlement of such Awards in exchange for the cancellation thereof. In the event of any such change in the outstanding Units, the aggregate number of Units available under this Plan may be appropriately adjusted by the Committee, whose determination shall be conclusive.

**Section 8. General Provisions.**

(a) No Rights to Award. No Person shall have any claim to be granted any Award under the Plan, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Participants. The terms and conditions of Awards need not be the same with respect to each recipient.

(b) Tax Withholding. Unless other arrangements have been made that are acceptable to the General Partner or an Affiliate, the Partnership or Affiliate is authorized to deduct, withhold, or cause to be deducted or withheld, from any Award, from any payment due or transfer made under any Award, or from any compensation or other amount owing to a Participant the amount (in cash, Units, Units that would otherwise be issued pursuant to such Award, or other property) of any applicable taxes payable in respect of the grant or settlement of an Award, its exercise, the lapse of restrictions thereon, or any other payment or transfer under an Award or under the Plan and to take such other action as may be necessary in the opinion of the General Partner or Affiliate to satisfy its withholding obligations for the payment of such taxes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any Participant who is subject to Rule 16b-3, such tax withholding automatically shall be effected by the General Partner either by (i) "netting" or withholding Units otherwise deliverable to the Participant on the vesting or payment of such Award, or (ii) requiring the Participant to pay an amount equal to the applicable taxes payable in cash. Withholding on a net-settled Award intended to be given equity classification for accounting purpose is required to be performed in manner consistent with accounting standards for equity classification pursuant to FASB Accounting Standards Codification, Topic 718.

(c) No Right to Employment or Services. The grant of an Award shall not be construed as giving a Participant the right to be retained in the employ of the General Partner or any Affiliate, to continue providing consulting services, or to remain on the Board, as applicable. Furthermore, the General Partner or an Affiliate may at

any time dismiss a Participant from employment or his or her service relationship free from any liability or any claim under the Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, any Award Agreement, or other agreement.

(d) Governing Law. The validity, construction, and effect of the Plan and any rules and regulations relating to the Plan shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to its conflicts of laws principles.

(e) Severability. If any provision of the Plan or any Award is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any Person or Award, or would disqualify the Plan or any Award under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to the applicable law or, if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of the Plan or the Award, such provision shall be stricken as to such jurisdiction, Person or Award, and the remainder of the Plan and any such Award shall remain in full force and effect. If any of the terms or provisions of the Plan or any Award Agreement conflict with the requirements of Rule 16b-3 (as those terms or provisions are applied to Participants who are subject to section 16(b) of the Exchange Act), then those conflicting terms or provisions shall be deemed inoperative to the extent they so conflict with the requirements of Rule 16b-3 (unless the Board or the Committee, as appropriate, has expressly determined that the Plan or such Award should not comply with Rule 16b-3).

(f) Other Laws. The Committee may refuse to issue or transfer any Units or other consideration under an Award if, in its sole discretion, it determines that the issuance or transfer of such Units or such other consideration might violate any applicable law or regulation, the rules of the principal securities exchange on which the Units are then traded, or entitle the Partnership or an Affiliate to recover the same under section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, and any payment tendered to the General Partner by a Participant, other holder, or beneficiary in connection with the exercise of such Award shall be promptly refunded to the relevant Participant, holder, or beneficiary.

(g) No Trust or Fund Created. Neither the Plan nor any Award shall create or be construed to create a trust or separate fund of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between the General Partner or any Affiliate and a Participant or any other Person. To the extent that any Person acquires a right to receive payments from the General Partner or any Affiliate pursuant to an Award, such right shall be no greater than the right of any general unsecured creditor of the General Partner or such Affiliate.

(h) No Fractional Units. No fractional Units shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award, and the Committee shall determine in its sole discretion whether cash, other securities, or other property shall be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Units or whether such fractional Units or any rights thereto shall be canceled, terminated, or otherwise eliminated with or without consideration.

- (i) Headings. Headings are given to the Sections and subsections of the Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. Such headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction or interpretation of the Plan or any provision thereof.
- (j) Facility of Payment. Any amounts payable hereunder to any individual under legal disability or who, in the judgment of the Committee, is unable to manage properly his financial affairs may be paid to the legal representative of such individual or may be applied for the benefit of such individual in any manner that the Committee may select, and the General Partner shall be relieved of any further liability for payment of such amounts.
- (k) Allocation of Costs. Nothing herein shall be deemed to override, amend, or modify any cost sharing arrangement, omnibus agreement, or other arrangement between the General Partner, the Partnership, and any Affiliate regarding the sharing of costs between those entities.
- (l) Gender and Number. Words in the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender, the plural shall include the singular, and the singular shall include the plural.
- (m) Compliance with Section 409A. Nothing in the Plan or any Award Agreement shall operate or be construed to cause the Plan or an Award to fail to comply with the requirements of section 409A of the Code and the Plan will be interpreted to the maximum extent permitted to be in compliance with section 409A of the Code. The applicable provisions of section 409A of the Code and the 409A Regulations are hereby incorporated by reference and shall control over any Plan or Award Agreement provision in conflict therewith. All 409A Awards shall be designed to comply with section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board, the Committee, the Partnership, and the General Partner will have any obligation to take any action to prevent the assessment of any excise tax or penalty to any Participant or beneficiary under Section 409A of the Code and will have no liability to any Participant or beneficiary for such tax or penalty.
- (n) Specified Employee under Section 409A of the Code. Subject to any other restrictions or limitations contained herein, in the event that a “specified employee” (as defined under section 409A of the Code and the 409A Regulations) becomes entitled to a payment under an Award that is a 409A Award on account of a “separation from service” (as defined under section 409A of the Code and the 409A Regulations), to the extent required by the Code, such payment shall not occur until the date that is six months plus one day from the date of such separation from service. Any amount that is otherwise payable within the six-month period described herein will be aggregated and paid in a lump sum without interest.
- (o) No Guarantee of Tax Consequences. None of the Board, the Committee, the Partnership, nor the General Partner makes any commitment or guarantee that any federal, state, or local tax treatment will (or will not) apply or be available to any Participant.

**Section 9. Term of the Plan**. The Plan shall be effective on the earliest possible date under the rules of the SEC and Delaware law (the “*Effective Date*”), which shall be 20 days after the Partnership sends an

information statement on Schedule 14C to all unitholders for unitholder approval of this Plan, and shall continue until the earliest of (i) the date terminated by the Board, (ii) all Units available under the Plan have been delivered to Participants, or (iii) the 10th anniversary of the Effective Date. However, any Award granted prior to such termination, and the authority of the Board or Committee to amend, alter, adjust, suspend, discontinue, or terminate any such Award or to waive any conditions or rights under such Award, shall extend beyond such termination date.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) of Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP of our report dated March 16, 2017, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP  
Grandview Heights, Ohio  
May 15, 2017